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## The Ohio Affiliate of Prevent Blindness Vision Care Outreach Program for Central/Columbus Region

### Goal

The goal of the Vision Care Outreach (VCO) Program is to reduce the incidence of unnecessary vision loss and impairment by providing access to a donated system of comprehensive vision care for uninsured and underinsured families in Ohio.

### Referring Participating Partner Agencies

Referring partner agencies benefit from the vision care outreach program so they can offer valuable eye care service to their clients. Partner agencies are typically social service organizations and schools such as homeless shelters, detention centers, drug/alcohol rehabilitation services, free clinics and health departments – that serve clients with multiple challenges in their lives. Often, the receipt of eye care can be the key that unlocks potential to secure employment or accelerate learning in school:

Access Health Stark County  
Adrienne B. Chatters, OD  
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Alpine Elementary  
Alvis House - Career Pathways  
Arcanum Butler Local Schools  
Ashtabula County Health Department  
Asian American Community Services  
Athens City - County Health Department  
Barnesville High School  
Barnesville Middle School  
Belmont County Health Department  
Blacklick Elementary (Gahanna)  
Calumet Christian School  
Canal Fulton Lions Club  
Carrollton Middle/High School  
Center Street Community Clinic  
Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging Senior Options  
Columbus North International School  
Columbus Spanish Immersion Academy  
Community Properties of Ohio Management Services  
CompDrug  
Dominion Middle School  
Dublin Coffman High School  
Dublin Scioto High School  
East Clinton Local Schools (GC)  
Eastland Preparatory Academy  
Equitas Health - Athens  
Equitas Health - Canton  
Equitas Health - Columbus

Equitas Health - Columbus Medical Clinic and Pharm  
Equitas Health - Lima  
Equitas Health - Newark  
Equitas Health - Portsmouth  
ESOP - Warren  
Etna Road Elementary School  
Family Health Services of Darke County  
Family Health Services of Darke County, Inc.  
Fostoria City Schools  
Franklin County Community Based Correctional Facility  
Franklin County Office on Aging Senior Options  
Franklin County Public Defender  
Franklin Elementary School/Massillon City Schools  
Fulton County Health Dept  
Gallia County Health Department  
Godman Guild  
Hamilton Elementary School  
Harrison District Health Department  
Helping Hands Health and Wellness Center, Inc.  
Henry County Health Department  
Highland County Health Department  
Hocking County Health Department  
Holmes County Health District  
Hope Clinic of Ross County Inc.  
IMPACTCA  
Knox County Community Health Center and Knox County  
Liberty Union - Thurston Schools  
Logan Place  
Madison County Public Health  
Madison Local Schools

Marion Evening Lions Club  
 Marion Public Health  
 Meigs County Health Dept.  
 Midwest Regional Educational Service Center  
 Morrow County Health District  
 Nationwide Children's Hospital/Faces Clinic  
 Noble County Health Department  
 North Linden Elementary School  
 Ohio Link Lima  
 Ohio Valley Health Center (OVHC)  
 OhioMeansJobs Center - Franklin County  
 Olde Sawmill Elementary School (Dublin City School  
 Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Columb  
 OSU Eye Physicians and Surgeons  
 Ottawa Glandorf High School  
 Our Lady of Guadalupe  
 PBO-NOEH  
 Physicians CareConnection  
 Portage County Health District  
 Primary One - East & West  
 Reynoldsburg Lions Club  
 RG Drage Career & Technical School  
 Richland Public Health  
 Righteous Resources Consulting & Coaching LLC  
 Rittman Exempted Village Schools  
 Ross County Community Action Agency  
 Sells Middle School

Southeast Healthcare  
 Southeast, Inc.  
 Southwest Licking Schools  
 Stark County Community Action Agency - Hunter Loca  
 Stark County Health Department  
 Stowe Mission of Central Ohio  
 The Charles School at Ohio Dominican University  
 The Salvation Army (Unit 104, Athens/Meigs)  
 The Salvation Army, Marion Corps.  
 Thomas Elementary School  
 Trumbull County Combined Health District  
 Tuscarawas Clinic for the Working Uninsured  
 United States Probation  
 Urban Mission Ministries, Inc.  
 Victory Ministries Free Medical Clinic  
 Vineyard Free Health Clinic  
 Vineyard Free Medical and Pregnancy Center  
 Vinton County Local School District  
 Washington County Health Department  
 Wayne County Health Department  
 Western Ohio Regional Treatment and Habilitation C  
 Whitehall Area Lions  
 Whittier Elementary School  
 Wyandot County General Health District  
 Wyandot Elementary School  
 Zanesville Muskingum County Health Dept

**Participating Eye Care Providers**

Eye care providers that donate a comprehensive eye exam (and surgery), at their practice for Prevent Blindness vision care outreach clients:

Dr. James B. Albright  
 Dr. Jacob Boroff  
 Dr. Adrienne B. Chatters  
 Dr. Jack Dingle  
 Dr. Thomas J. Dingle  
 Dr. Kenneth H. Kling  
 Jason Kunsman, O.D.

Dr. Barbara Mihalik  
 Dr. Joan Nerderman  
 Dr. Gail L. Sanderson  
 Dr. Stephen E. Schnulo  
 Dr. Chassie Schwemer  
 Michael Weber, O. D.

**Participating Optical Companies**

The Vision Industry and Optical Companies donate dispensing, fabrication, frames, lenses and shipping for VCO clients that need glasses. The VCO program standards for eyewear include frames (no more than 5 years dated), uncoated, polycarbonate lenses (safety material), single and lined bifocal lenses:

National Vision Incorporated/America's Best  
 OneSight<sup>SM</sup> – A Luxottica Group Foundation  
 VSP – Mobile Eyes

VSP - Sight for Students  
 VSP Lab-Columbus

**Number of Central Ohio Area Residents Served**

Las year, Prevent Blindness coordinated access to donated eye exams, eyeglasses and follow up surgical care to 1,045 Central Ohio area residents that would have not been able to access vision services otherwise.

## Success Stories

It is important to us to hear from our clients and how the Vision Care Outreach Program has changed their lives. We ask all of our participating referring partner agencies for adults and children to encourage their clients to complete a success story and send them to Prevent Blindness. We have made a difference to these Central Ohio residents:

Dave wrote...

*“I was 37 years old when I arrived at the House of Hope. I never really took care of myself and just thought squinting was normal in order to focus. As I started to read and do paperwork, I would find myself constantly squinting and finally getting to the point of frustration and would quit whatever I was doing. My program manager talked to me about it and in no time I had an appointment with an eye doctor. I received prompt and courteous service and within 10 days I received my eyeglasses. Now I can see what I am reading and writing and I am more enthused about my work. No more frustration and squinting. Thank you!”*

Jeffrey wrote...

*“When I was diagnosed with diabetes about two ago I was left to deal with it on my own. I seemed to have gotten used to that...Since being involved with Prevent Blindness Ohio I feel and know that I not alone in dealing with my eye care and health. Because of this program I had one of the best eye exams I have ever had in my life. The very same day I received the eye exam my glasses were chosen, fitted and ordered. Thank you.”*