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 Facil
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 Count
Liberty Union - Thurston Schools
Logan Place
Madison County Public Health
Madison Local Schools
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
OneSightSM – 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.”