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## The Ohio Affiliate of Prevent Blindness Vision Care Outreach Program for the Northeast Region

### Goal

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

### Participating Referring 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:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Akron's Children's Hospital School Health</li> <li>Avon East Elementary School</li> <li>Avon Middle School (Avon Local Schools)</li> <li>Beacon Health</li> <li>Bishop William M. Cosgrove Center</li> <li>Care Alliance-St. Clair</li> <li>Career Transformation</li> <li>Catholic Charities Community Services of Medina Co</li> <li>Clearview Local School District</li> <li>Cleveland Clinic Ophthalmology</li> <li>Cleveland School for the Arts (CMSD)</li> <li>Cuyahoga Health Access Partnership (CHAP)</li> <li>Cuyhoga Health Access Partnership (CHAP)</li> <li>Dr. Corrie Weitzel</li> <li>Ely Elementary School</li> <li>Elyria Early Childhood Village (Elyria City School)</li> <li>Elyria High School</li> <li>Equitas Health - Akron</li> <li>ESOP - Cleveland</li> <li>Franklin Elementary School (Elyria City Schools)</li> <li>Geauga County Health Department</li> <li>Ginn Academy (Cleveland Metropolitan School Distri</li> <li>Holy Redeemer Senior Facility</li> <li>Lake County Free Medical Clinic</li> <li>Lake Erie International High School</li> <li>Lorain County Health &amp; Dentistry</li> <li>Lorain County General Health District</li> <li>Lorain County Office on Aging</li> <li>McKinley Elementary School</li> <li>Medina County Health Department</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Metro Health Medical Clinic</li> <li>MetroHealth Bedford Family Medicine</li> <li>MetroHealth Brooklyn Heights</li> <li>MetroHealth Ophthalmology Dept.</li> <li>Mound School</li> <li>Neighborhood Family Practice-North Coast Community</li> <li>North Ridgeville City Schools</li> <li>North Ridgeville City Schools - Academic Center</li> <li>Northwest Academy</li> <li>Northwood Middle School</li> <li>OhioMeansJobs Cleveland-Cuyahoga County</li> <li>Open M Free Clinic</li> <li>Oriana House, Inc.</li> <li>Partners for Success and Innovation (PSI)</li> <li>Project H.O.P.E. of Cleveland, Inc.</li> <li>Prospect Elementary School</li> <li>Salvation Army/Lake County</li> <li>Schumacher CLC (Akron Public Schools)</li> <li>South Amherst Middle School</li> <li>Summa Health System Ophthalmology Center</li> <li>Summit County Public Health</li> <li>Sunbeam Elementary</li> <li>The Westerly Apartments</li> <li>Thomas Jefferson International Newcomers Academy</li> <li>West Side Catholic Center</li> <li>Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging (WRAAA)</li> <li>Westwood Middle School</li> <li>Windsor Elementary School</li> </ul> |
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## Participating Donating 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. Christine Beiling-Sheerer  
Dr. Paul M. Dowd  
Dr. Steven Gordon

Dr. Josephine Kosunick  
Dr. Carol A. Novak  
Dr. Nicolette Scott

Dr. Lisa Wiseman  
Dr. Emmanuel Zanolidakis

## Participating Donating 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  
Geauga Vision  
OneSight<sup>SM</sup> – A Luxottica Group Foundation

Visionworks Let'sGoSee  
VSP – Mobile Eyes  
VSP – Sight for Students

## Number of Northeast Area Residents Served

Last year, Prevent Blindness coordinated access to donated eye exams, eyeglasses and follow up surgical care to 342 Northeast Ohio area residents that would have not been able to access 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 Northeast Ohio residents:

Jill on behalf of her daughter, Abigail from Wellington wrote...

*"I wanted to say how pleased I was to receive the gift certificate for an eye exam and eyeglasses for my six year old daughter. The school nurse picked up on Abigail having difficulty with her vision. She was then able to assist us with the forms to get qualified for this program. The school nurse was knowledgeable and worked quickly to get Abigail the help she needed. The Sight for Students was definitely a benefit for us. Abigail has 20/40 vision in each eye. She was extremely farsighted for a six year old. She was so excited when the doctor put on what was going to be her prescription! She realized that she was having trouble seeing, but never knew that because she didn't know any better... that had been all she knew! She was smiling from ear to ear when she was able to see with that prescription! This is a wonderful program and the system worked for my daughter! Having good vision is so important to her education and everyone involved was there for Abigail when she needed it."*

Ronald from Cleveland...

*"I'm a cosmetologist. I failed my state exams twice by 2 and 5 points. Once I received my glasses wouldn't you know it, I got a 94 out of 100. Thanks Prevent Blindness Ohio."*