



Prevent Blindness
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The Ohio Affiliate of Prevent Blindness Vision Care Outreach Program for the Northwest 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.

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:

Adelante
AHEPA 118 Apartments
CommunityCare Free Medical Clinic (CCFMC)
Equitas Health - Toledo
Glendale-Feilbach School (Toledo Public Schools)
Grace Community Center
Greater Grace Christian Church
Halim Clinic
McTigue Elementary School
Neighborhood Health Association
NeighborWorks - Financial Opportunity Center
OptiGo Mobile Vision Program
Perrysburg Lions Club

ProMedica Ebeid Institute FOC
Promedica's Community Care Hub
Rogers High School
Rossford School District
Senior Centers, Inc.
St. Benedict School
St. Paul's United Methodist Church
That Neighborhood Free Health Clinic
The Area Office on Aging of Northwest Ohio, Inc
The Tabernacle
The University of Toledo Medical Center
Toledo-Lucas County Health Dept
Wood County Committee on Aging, Inc.
Wood County Health District
Zepf CMHC - Nebraska

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. John Archer

Dr. David L. Bejot

Dr. Kristopher J. Kelly
Dr. John A. Kruszewski
Dr. Jay Meents
Dr. Lisa L. Nirode

Dr. Jason C. Rasor
Dr. Reed Roth
Dr. Michele Schlagheck

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
OneSightSM – A Luxottica Group Foundation
Toledo Optical
VSP – Mobile Eyes

VSP – Sight for Students

Number of Northwest Ohio Area Residents Served

Last year, Prevent Blindness coordinated access to donated eye exams, eyeglasses and follow up surgical care to 133 Northwest 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 Northwest Ohio residents:

Melanie on behalf of her daughter, Amber from Wauseon wrote...

"I want to thank you for this wonderful program! My daughter was wearing an old pair of eyeglasses that were horribly scratched and had been repaired several times. They were even taped together! We could not afford to buy her new ones [eyeglasses] due to a serious health problem in our immediate family and we have no vision insurance. She is so thrilled to have a pair of eyeglasses that not only look good, but she can see, that after we left the eye doctor's office she was pointing everything in detail on the way home! My daughter isn't having severe headaches anymore and isn't embarrassed about looking "silly" in her old pair of eyeglasses. Again, thank you so much!"

Dawn from Toledo wrote...

"I was working at Wendy's and couldn't see the screen to put out orders. Now I am about to start school and I wouldn't be able to see to read or read instruments that are vital to the patient's care. I want to thank you so much for making this possible."