



Prevent Blindness
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The Ohio Affiliate of Prevent Blindness Vision Care Outreach Program for the Southwest 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:

Brown County Health Department
Butler County Educational Service Center-Early Chi
Butler County Success
Caracole, Inc.
Central Connections
Cincinnati College Preparatory Academy
Cincinnati Hamilton County Community Action Agency
Clermont County Public Health
Clermont Senior Services
Episcopal Retirement Services - St. Paul Village
Lincoln Heights HealthCare Connections
Loveland City Schools
Madisonville Education and Assistance Center (MEAC)
Mt Healthy Healthcare Connection
Mt. Orab Elementary School
New Life Mission
Northwest Local School District
West Clermont Local School District

Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities
Our Daily Bread
Roger Bacon High School
Santa Maria East Price Hill Center
Senior Independence at Owensville Commons
Su Casa Hispanic Center Catholic Charities SW Ohio
Talbert House Pathways for Women
Talbert House Serenity Hall
Talbert House Turtlecreek Center
The Healing Center
The Oxford Free Clinic
Turpin High School
Warren County Community Services-Early Learning Ce
Warren County Health District

Participating Eye Care Providers

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

Dr. Philip Apfel
Dr. Kenneth Crawford
Dr. Jennifer Fagedes
Dr. John Garrity, III
Dr. Anna C. Hopkins
Dr. David Howard
Dr. Timothy Kenkel

Dr. Terry Leach
Dr. Michael Moorehead
Dr. Mark Orso
Dr. Kevin Prezgay
Dr. Thomas Ritter
Dr. Deborah Valido

Participating Eye Care Providers

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 – Sight for Students

VSP – Mobile Eyes

Number of Southwest Ohio Area Residents Served

Last year, Prevent Blindness coordinated access to donated eye exams, glasses and follow up surgical care to 150 Southwest Ohio 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 partner agencies for adults and children, to encourage their clients to complete a success story and send it to Prevent Blindness. We have made a difference to this Southwest Ohio resident:

Brenda from Cincinnati wrote...

"I have received services of glasses, which I was very grateful for. I am a type 2 diabetic and along with other things that this disease affects, my eye sight is one of them. To be able to focus and see, to read, to do all the normal things that one does in everyday life is a blessing and I thank Prevent Blindness Ohio for the opportunity to be able to continue to see."

Sharon from Hamilton wrote...

"Thanks for being so professional and patient about everything. I feel better about things because I really see now! Also my grandkids love it, now I can explain some homework to them."