Emerging Sight – Vision and the Young Child

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Mission:
To improve Children’s Vision through strong partners, sound science, and targeted public policy

Vision:
Develop a full continuum of care for young children by identifying conditions in children early, linking them to appropriate care, and ensuring they receive the care they need.
Comprehensive Approach:

Current Approach to Children's Vision Screening & Surveillance
- All Children aged 36 to <72 months
- Children with Vision Problems
- Received Valid Vision Screening or Eye Exam*

New Approach to Children's Vision Screening & Surveillance
- All Children aged 36 to <72 months
- Children with Vision Problems
- Received Valid Vision Screening or Eye Exam*

* Children aged 36 to <72 months completing at least one valid vision screening in a primary care, public health or school/community setting and receive appropriate follow up or received a comprehensive eye exam by an optometrist or ophthalmologist.
Inaugural Meeting of Expert Partners Chicago, July 2009

• Initially members of the Center who had an interest, expertise and knowledge related to children’s vision and eye health were invited to participate.

• Included eye care providers/researchers, pediatricians, nurses, educators, head start and public health representatives

• At the same time, five Prevent Blindness state affiliate were identified to work towards the same mission.
Achievements: Leadership and Collaboration

• HRSA’s role – collaboration, coordination, 10 yrs funding
• National Expert Panel
• Creating partnerships and collaborations have developed with stakeholders who have common goals and interests
• Government partners have forged to support the vision.
Key Achievements: Evidence and Guidelines

• 3 articles authored by the expert panel in refereed journals. These have become the gold standard for vision screening and surveillance.

• The Center reviews the evidence for new tools and guidelines and updates them regularly.
Key Achievements: Evidence and Guidelines

• Snapshot Report was developed to reflect on the current state of children’s vision in US.
• Many resources and consensus documents have been developed to support screening efforts, education and advocacy.
Key Achievements: Advancing the Field/Practice

- Pilot projects: PB Affiliates
- Year of Children’s Vision
- Bonnie Strickland Award
- Quality Improvement project
- Community of Practice
National Impacts

Guidance

Prevent Blindness
Bringing Americans to Eye Care

Focus on Eye Health National Summit

A Lifetime of Vision
July 17, 2019 | National Press Club | Washington D.C.
Achievements in Education: Reaching Families and Caregivers

- Fact sheets and guidance
- Family Vision Resource Kit
- Myopia Fact Sheet
- Infant and Toddler brochure
Kay Achievements: Technical Assistance and Education

- Guidelines – Creation, review for national/professional organizations
- Technical assistance in 30 states
- Presentations in 40 states
- Articles in professional journals
- Vision Screening Certification Course: 4,000 certified
- Laws: Newest win – Arizona passed vision screening legislation
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