



## Children's Eye Health and Safety Awareness Month Resources

### Resources for Parents and Caregivers

We have no better opportunity to educate parents and caregivers on school-readiness, vision screening, injury protection, sports eye safety, and signs of eye problems than during August as kids head back to school. Here is an example of resources we offer for parents and caregivers:

- Getting children ready for school: <https://www.preventblindness.org/getting-your-child-ready-school>
- Signs of eye problems: <https://www.preventblindness.org/signs-possible-eye-problems-children>
- Vision screening and eye exams: <https://www.preventblindness.org/understanding-vision-screenings-and-eye-examinations>
- Injury protection: <https://www.preventblindness.org/protect-your-child-eye-injuries>.
- Sports eye safety: <https://www.preventblindness.org/sports-eye-safety>
- Financial Assistance for Eye Care: <https://www.preventblindness.org/vision-care-financial-assistance-information>

### Resources for Professionals

The [National Center for Children's Vision and Eye Health](https://www.preventblindness.org) offers:

- **Educational workshops, [conference presentations](#), webinars, training programs, and campaigns** to spread knowledge about children's vision and eye health to targeted stakeholders. The Prevent Blindness **Focus on Eye Health National Summit's** children's vision panel can be viewed [here](#). **[Prevent Blindness Children's Vision Screening Certification Course](#)** using evidence-based vision screening and eye health best practices. The course is taught on-line or in-person.
- Educational resources for professionals, including the **[Vision and Eye Health Toolkit](#)** developed for the National Association of School Nurses, the **[Children's Vision and Eye Health: A Snapshot of Current National Issues](#)** report, and **[evidence-based guidelines](#)** for vision screening, data collection, and performance measures.
- Empowering parents and caregivers through education, public awareness campaigns and parent-focused tool kits, including the development of a **family vision resource kit for early childhood education and care programs** (coming soon), and public awareness messaging during Children's Vision Month in August.

- **Finding Eye Care** and **7 Answers to Parent Questions About Myopia** fact sheets for parents and caregivers. English and Spanish versions will be available soon.

Finally, for Children's Eye Health and Safety Month **infographics**, scroll to "Children's Vision" on [this page](#).

Please visit our websites [www.preventblindness.org](http://www.preventblindness.org) and [nationalcenter.preventblindness.org](http://nationalcenter.preventblindness.org) for more information and to keep updated on news and events. Contact Donna Fishman, Director, at [dfishman@preventblindness.org](mailto:dfishman@preventblindness.org) or 1-800-331-2020.

### **About the National Center for Children's Vision and Eye Health**

Prevent Blindness established our National Center for Children's Vision and Eye Health (NCCVEH) in 2009 to strengthen the nation's public health system for children's vision. All young children deserve an improved system to ensure that vision problems are identified early and treated in a timely manner, standards for screening and care are uniform across the country, and that appropriate surveillance and preventive interventions are in place.

In order to improve the system, the NCCVEH has provided national leadership, education, training, and coordination to support the development of a unified public health infrastructure. This approach encompasses uniform implementation of successful screening and referral programs, increased follow-up to care, improved surveillance, reduced vision care disparities, stakeholder engagement, and, ultimately, improved vision health for children.

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