2020 Jenny Pomeroy Award for Excellence in Vision and Public Health

Children’s Vision Rehabilitation Program, West Virginia University Eye Institute

Accepted by:
Rebecca Coakley, MA, CLVT
Director of Outreach
CVRP Mission

Provide comprehensive vision rehabilitation services to blind and visually impaired school aged children regardless of their ability to pay.

Goals

• Provide children with tools to become independent and employable by optimizing visual function both at home and school.

• Provide access to the visual environment through medical eye care, optical devices, assistive technology, educational recommendations, follow up and support to local school systems.

• Education of professionals

• To address expanded core curriculum skills
History

• Geographical make up of West Virginia
• How it all began
  • Dan Oates & Terry Schwartz, MD
  • Funding
• How CVRP evolved
CVRP Team

- Rebecca Coakley, MA, CLVT; Director
- Paula Lang, MA, CLVT; Low Vision Education Specialist
- Ellen Blaydes, MA, COMS; Outreach Specialist
- Bethanie Mateer, MA, COMS; Outreach Specialist
- Terry Schwartz, MD; Pediatric Ophthalmologist
CVRP Team

Unavailable for team picture:
Terry Schwartz, MD

Paula Lang, CLVT  Bethanie Mateer, COMS  Rebecca Coakley, CLVT  Ellen Blaydes, COMS
Components

• Comprehensive Low Vision Clinics
• Bioptic Clinic
• Orientation and Mobility Services
• Institutes of Learning
• Lending Library
• Mentor Program
• Model Project
• Humanitarian Project
Comprehensive Low Vision Clinics
Bioptic Clinic

Focus on Eye Health National Summit  I  An Eye to the Future
Orientation and Mobility Services
Institutes of Learning
James H. & Alice Teubert Lending Library
Mentor Program
Model Project

- Canada
- Egypt
- Ohio
- Missouri
Humanitarian Projects

- St. Lucia
- Panama
- Nigeria (consult)
Obstacles

• Early Years
  • Bridging gap between medical and educational fields
  • Access to devices
  • Educator buy in
  • Funding

• Mid Years
  • Success after high school

• Current Years
  • School districts allowing access to technology
Funding Sources

- WV Lions
- Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation
- James H. & Alice Teubert Foundation
- The Ross Foundation
- The Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation
- Parkersburg Area Community Foundation
- Mansbach Foundation
- Martha Parlin Trust
- Beckley Area Foundation
- WV State Department of Education
- WV Department of Rehabilitation Services
- Private Funding
Impact of Program

- Employability
- Independence
  - Confidence
  - Assertiveness
- Socialization
- Opportunities
- Expanded Core Curriculum Skills
- Education
See for yourself: CVRP making a difference

Link to Institutes of Learning and Outreach (Panama)

- https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpHNaByXK2owdZ7Qb-UhZ5g
Submit Your Questions Through Q&A
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