



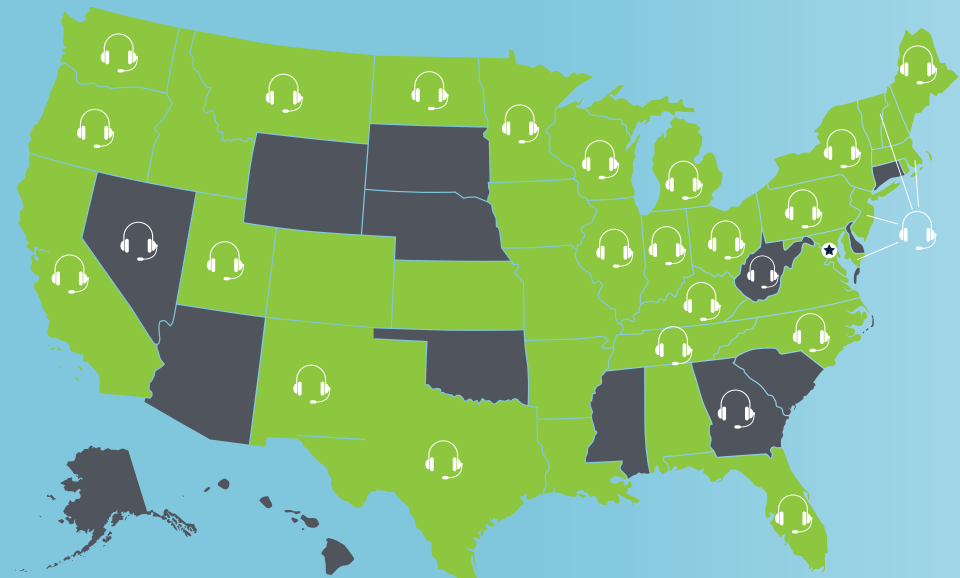
National Center for Children's Vision and Eye Health

Prevent Blindness

Annual Report

9/1/25 through 8/31/26

The National Center for Children's Vision and Eye Health at Prevent Blindness (NCCVEH) creates a public health infrastructure that promotes a comprehensive system of vision care and eye health for all children.



INTRODUCING
the NEW Prevent Blindness
Children's Vision Screening
Certification Course

Over 5 years (2021-2026), learners from 48 states (plus DC) were certified by the NCCVEH and Prevent Blindness Affiliates.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Children's Vision Screening Certification Course

- 396 total certified by National Office and 6,238 total certified by Prevent Blindness Affiliates. More than 1.2 million children received screening by certified vision screeners.
- Learners from 31 states certified by National Office.
- 20 groups of learners were certified
- Completed major revisions to the Children's Vision Screening Certification Course (launched April 2026):
- Course Highlights
 - » Instructional modules for screening infants and toddlers
 - » Interactive content
 - » Animated videos
 - » Vision screening demonstration videos
 - » Knowledge checks
 - » Case studies
 - » 4 to 6 Nursing Continuing Professional Development (NCPD) contact hours
 - » Information about the association between vision and classroom behaviors
 - » Enhanced guidance on creating a systematic process to ensure eye examinations, including a new conversation guide
 - » Virtual Individualized Mentoring Session led by a Prevent Blindness trainer



Technical Assistance

Filled 93 requests for assistance from 28 states, 7 national organizations and 1 international organization, an increase of 35% in requests over last year

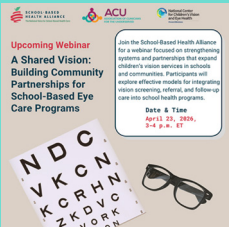


Presentations/Webinars

- 18 webinars and presentations were delivered, an increase of 50% over last year
- 3,244 individuals participated in presentations and webinars, an increase of 24% over last year

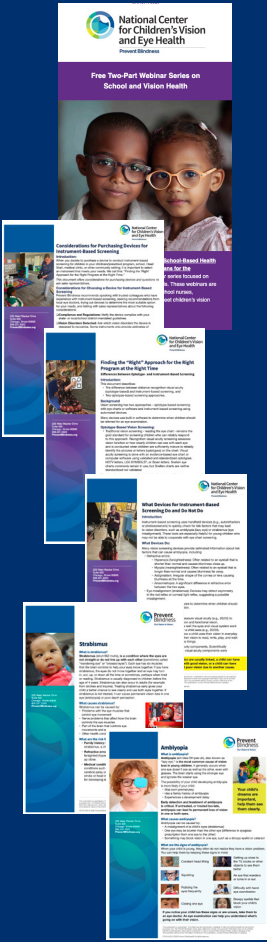
Highlights of webinars/presentations

- “Clearer Futures: Identifying Eye Care Needs in School-Age Children” AND “A Shared Vision: Building Community Partnerships for School-Based Eye Care Programs” (webinars in partnership with the School-Based Health Alliance and the Association of Clinicians for the Underserved)
- “The Importance of Children's Vision in a Learning Environment” (presentation to the National Head Start Association)
- “Eye Learn About...Lessons to Keep Children's Eyes Healthy AND “New Head Start Health Manager Office Hour: Vision Screening (webinars for the Office of Head Start)
- “Data to Action: Creating Comprehensive Systems of Vision and Eye Health for Children” (presented to the American Public Health Association)
- “Early Detection and Vision Health in Children” (presented to the Board of Latino Legislative Leaders)



Publication Development

- Paper published in *Optometry and Vision Science* (October 2025): “Recommended practices for vision screening in preschool-age children: A 2025 update”
- Monthly e-newsletters: Distribution August 2025= 9,051 with a 38.5% open rate.
- Small Steps to Eye Care Action Plan: A Conversation Guide
- Fact Sheets
 - “Finding the “Right” Approach for the Right Program at the Right Time: Differences Between Optotype- and Instrument-Based Screening”
 - “Considerations for Purchasing Devices for Instrument-Based Screening”
 - “What Devices for Instrument-Based Screening Do and Do Not Do”
 - “Amblyopia”
 - “Strabismus”
 - “Health Center Vision Services Expansion Brief: Eye Care is Primary Care”
 - “Template for Legislative Text: Children's Vision and Eye Health”
 - “Retinopathy of Prematurity Parent Focus Group Results”
 - “Classroom Behaviors That May Be Caused by Poor Vision”
 - “Questions to Collect Family History Information”
 - “Creating a List of Eye Doctors to Share with Families”
 - “Understanding an Eyeglasses Prescription”
 - “Eye-Opening Tips for Wearing Glasses”
 - “Helping Your Young Child Adjust to Their New Vision”



Public Awareness



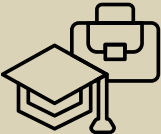
- 330,301,374 unique views of press releases, articles, and social media
- 55,541 views of the NCCVEH home page
- 7,058 views of the Vision Screening Guidelines by Age page

Prevent Blindness Affiliates



- Partnered with PB North Carolina on Diabetes + the Eyes and state children's vision assessment
- Partnered with PB Texas and the Texas Department of State Health Services to review vision screening eye charts
- Partnered with PB Wisconsin in planning a training for pediatric optometrists
- Partnered with the Illinois Society for the Prevention of Blindness on a successful grant proposal to serve the American Indian Health Service of Chicago
- Convened program staff networking and education meetings
- Provided technical assistance
- Hosted affiliate learning management system for Children's Vision Screening Certification Courses.
- Engaged affiliates in review of revisions to the Children's Vision Screening Certification Course.

Hosted 8 Interns Project examples:



- Developed content for a proposal to revise vision screening and eye care systems for children in the justice system
- Created tool kits for improving vision and eye health for children in the foster care and juvenile justice systems
- Developed a children's vision statewide needs assessment survey
- Created fact sheets to support the EDVI Act
- Created a poster presentation and blog posts on retinopathy of prematurity for neonatal nurses
- Conducted a Uniform Data System (UDS) analysis of community health centers
- Analyzed barriers and interventions for myopia in children
- Implemented the “Small Steps to Eye Care Action Plan: A Conversation Guide” as a pilot study in a school district, raising completed eye exams from 33% to 65% - a 97% increase, nearly double the baseline rate

Funders

- Alcon Foundation
- Delta Gamma
- National Association of Community Health Centers
- Office of Head Start- National Center for Health, Behavioral Health, and Safety
- Regeneron
- Seva
- UnitedHealthcare
- Zenni

Learn more about the NCCVEH and find our resources for families and professionals at **NationalCenter.PreventBlindness.org** or scan the QR code with your smartphone.

