



RESOURCE LIST

Prevent Blindness Adult Resources:

Prevent Blindness Financial Assistance Program – eye exam and eyeglasses:

The goal of the Prevent Blindness Financial Assistance Program is to reduce the incidence of unnecessary vision loss and impairment by providing access to a donated comprehensive eye examinations and eyeglasses for uninsured and underinsured individuals in the United States.

How the program works: Prevent Blindness partners with an organization/agency to identify adult and children in need of eye care services, but without the means to obtain these services on their own. Our partner organizations/agencies are responsible for ensuring the program recipients meet the financial criteria, including:

- Income at or below the current 200% federal poverty guidelines
- No vision benefits through Medicaid, Medicare, or private insurance

The Financial Assistance program serves more than 10,000 individuals annually by providing eye examinations and eyeglasses. The VSP (Vision Service Plan) Eyes of Hope Gift Certificate Program can be used for exams and glasses. The OneSight Eyeglass program assists clients with current eyeglass prescriptions with quality eyewear. Our partners are responsible for their clients to complete the Prevent Blindness application to determine if they meet the eligibility criteria. The application can then be submitted to Prevent Blindness for approval.

For further information about the Prevent Blindness Financial Assistance Program, contact Tasha Lockridge at tlockridge@preventblindness.org or call 800-331-2020 x6027.

Diabetes & the Eyes Educational Toolkit:

The Diabetes & the Eyes Educational Toolkit offers educational materials on diabetes and the impact of diabetes on eye health in both English and Spanish. These free educational resources are intended for healthcare professionals, community health educators, diabetes educators, and anyone in a caregiving or diabetes education role. This toolkit includes an education course along with a series of factsheets, infographics and videos.

<https://preventblindness.org/diabetes-and-the-eyes-educational-toolkit/>

Healthy Eyes Presentation Series:

These health presentation topics are intended for community health educators, outreach workers, public health professionals, community or senior center program directors, occupational health nurses, safety directors, or employers looking for educational material on eye health and safety or seeking to understand more about age-related eye disease. These free educational resources will help you better serve your patients, customers and constituents.

<https://preventblindness.org/healthy-eyes-presentation-series/>

Glaucoma and the Eyes Educator Course:

The Glaucoma Educator Course is a free, self-guided online course for healthcare professionals and community health educators. The course equips health educators with important patient education messages about glaucoma and strategies for maintaining healthy vision. The objective is to train community health educators to deliver patient education about glaucoma and the methods for prevention and vision preservation to those who are at highest risk for developing glaucoma.

<https://preventblindness.org/glaucoma-educator-course-2/>

Join or Spread the Word About The Glaucoma Community, a free online community:

The Glaucoma Community is a free online community that empowers people living with glaucoma through knowledge, support, and shared experiences. Join other people like you who trust The Glaucoma Community to provide vetted medical information, a place to connect, and resources to help them live better. The Glaucoma Community is free and available via web browser or mobile app. Learn more about how to download the app or visit the website at:

<https://responsumhealth.com/glaucoma/>.

Living Well with Low Vision

The Living Well with Low Vision online resource provides practical ways for people to improve the quality of their lives and relieve the emotional trauma that often accompanies vision loss. The resource is managed and edited by a patient-led advisory committee, and provides news and information; access to clinical trials; connection to support groups; free self-help guides; and writings from individuals living with vision loss.

<https://lowvision.preventblindness.org/>

Vision Integration Library: Vision & Eye Health Resource Center

The Vision Integration Library: Vision & Eye Health Resource Center at Prevent Blindness is a compilation of current resources that can be used by public health, healthcare, and community service providers. It is our goal that these resources enhance or integrate vision and eye health initiatives in public health programming through their use. These resources have been identified by a broad scan and review of available programs, tools, and current practices. Integrating these tools and resources into your programming may help to improve the vision outcomes for individuals and communities of all ages, especially older adults, individuals with chronic diseases, and those at risk for eye diseases.

<https://cvph.preventblindness.org/vision-integration-library/>

Check out our resources:

Issue Brief: Seeing the Way to Better Health: *Diabetes and Vision Health*:

<https://cvph.preventblindness.org/integrating-vision-programs/>

Your Sight: Factsheets to download and print: <https://preventblindness.org/eye-and-vision-health-fact-sheets/>

Medicare Benefits and Your Eyes: <https://preventblindness.org/medicare-benefits-your-eyes/>

Vision Care Financial Assistance Information: <https://preventblindness.org/vision-care-financial-assistance-information/>

Living Well with Low Vision: <https://lowvision.preventblindness.org/>

Spanish Language Fact Sheets/Hojas informativas en español: <https://preventblindness.org/tu-vista-hojas-informativas-para-descargar-leer-e-imprimir/>

Integrating Eye Care Services into Primary Care: <https://cvph.preventblindness.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/21/2021/06/Integrating-vision-services-FINAL.pdf>

Children's Vision Resources from the National Center for Children's Vision and Eye Health at Prevent Blindness

Prevent Blindness Vision Screening Certification Course:

Prevent Blindness has the only national certification program for children's vision screening, taught through self-paced, online modules and a personalized, virtual skills assessment resulting in a 3-year certification. Participants will learn:

- Common vision disorders in children,
- How to use evidence-based and age-appropriate tools for vision screening,
- How to enhance your screening programs to improve follow-up to eye care for referred children,
- How to gain access to several educational resources.

Participants will learn how to set up a screening program, how to make referrals to eye care and how to recognize signs of possible vision disorders in young children.

Zenni Scholarship to Advance Children's Vision program (see attached flyer):

With funding from [Zenni](#), we are offering the [Zenni Scholarship to Advance Children's Vision](#).

This new program provides:

1. Scholarships to access our popular [Prevent Blindness Children's Vision Screening Certification Course](#), which provides professional development and certification to those conducting children's vision screenings.
2. Vouchers good for one pair of free eyeglasses from Zenni, which can be provided for children screened whose families are unable to afford new or replacement eyeglasses on their own. (Individuals completing the certification course and providing vision screenings will have exclusive access to the eyeglass vouchers.)

Course scholarships are reserved for individuals who work with medically underserved children ages 3 years through high school. More information and a link to the application is available at <https://preventblindness.org/zenni-scholarship/>. For more information about the Zenni Scholarships, contact Donna Fishman at dfishman@preventblindness.org.

Eye Safety and Eye Injury Prevention

Eye injuries in children are very common; in fact, they are the most common cause of permanent vision loss in young children under age 5 years. Most eye injuries are preventable. The NCCVEH is available for presentations on eye safety in childcare centers. Prevent Blindness has several fact sheets with information on toy and sports safety for the eyes, and staff is available for webinars, staff meetings, and we can develop newsletter articles for families. Links to Prevent Blindness fact sheets:

- [Preventing and Responding to Eye Injuries | ECLKC \(hhs.gov\)](#) (We wrote this content under contract with Head Start)
- [MK05-Safe-Toys.pdf \(preventblindness.org\)](#) – a checklist for choosing safe toys
- [Protect Your Child from Eye Injuries - Prevent Blindness](#)

Small Steps for Big Vision: An Eye Health Tool Kit for Parents and Caregivers

The purpose of the free [Small Steps for Big Vision](#) virtual tool kit is to provide parents and caregivers with the necessary information and assistance to care for their children's vision and eye health, as well as their own. The tool kit includes materials to provide for a Parent/Caregiver Vision Social or Meeting (PowerPoint presentation, script, training manual, activities, and handouts); Parent and Caregiver fact sheets; and multimedia links on a wide range of eye health and safety topics. Materials are available in English and Spanish. The materials are designed especially for Early Head Start, Head Start, childcare, early care and education programs, and parent education and advocacy organizations to significantly impact the vision of children and their families across the United States for years to come. Head Start programs conducted pilot testing of the resource. Sample resources include those below, which are also available in Spanish:

Signs of Vision Problems in Children [5A-Signs-vision-problems-in-children-1.pdf \(preventblindness.org\)](#)

18 Vision Developmental Milestones by Baby's First Birthday [3A-18-vision-development-milestones.pdf \(preventblindness.org\)](#)

Difference Between a Vision Screening and an Eye Exam [What is the Difference Between a Vision Screening and an Eye Examination? - National Center \(preventblindness.org\)](#)

Media Support and Monthly Themes:

- Monthly and Weekly Vision Observances: <https://preventblindness.org/prevent-blindness-eye-health-and-safety-observance-calendar/>
- Focus on Eye Health Expert Series: <https://preventblindness.org/focus-on-eye-health-expert-series/>
- Eye Health and Safety Infographics: <https://preventblindness.org/eye-health-infographics-archive/>
- **Join our mailing list:** Receive sight-saving eye health and safety news from Prevent Blindness. <https://preventblindness.org/subscribe-to-enews/>
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Social Media links:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/preventblindness>

Twitter: https://twitter.com/pba_savingsight

Twitter Advocacy: <https://preventblindness.org/advocacy-prevent-blindness/>

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/prevent_blindness/

YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1IdlM_CmWTfJkkVPM8IMqQ