



Free Preschool Vision Screening Training, Certification and Equipment Opportunity

Approximately 80 percent of what a child learns is learned visually. Early detection and treatment of vision disorders are important to maximize a child's visual potential. The longer eye conditions are left untreated, the more likely they are to worsen, affecting learning ability, athletic performance and self-esteem. Nationally, only 38% of three year olds are screened for vision problems. Well-child check ups offer the primary care provider an opportunity, on a yearly basis, to screen the child's vision for potential vision problems that can worsen and become more difficult to successfully treat if left until age six or seven.

"Vision problems affect one in four school-age children and one in twenty preschoolers, which is why regular vision care for children is so important," said Sherill Williams, president and CEO of Prevent Blindness Ohio.

To increase the visual quality of life for Ohio's children, Prevent Blindness Ohio is offering **FREE** 4 hour trainings that will provide instruction on how to perform preschool vision screenings, including:

- Instruction on how to perform stereopsis and distance visual acuity screening,
- Detailed information on childhood eye diseases and disorders,
- Preschool Vision Screening Guide for Healthcare Professionals: published in partnership with Prevent Blindness America and American Academy of Pediatrics,
- Preschool Vision Screening Guidelines: published by the Ohio Dept. of Health,
- Sample referral and follow up resources and access to no cost eye exams and eyeglasses for qualifying families.

Upon successful completion of the training, as well as a two-hour homework component, participants will be certified with Prevent Blindness America. Prevent Blindness America is the only organization offering a national certification program for pediatric vision screening and vision screening training.

Expectations of participants receiving Preschool Vision Screening Certification:

1. To conduct vision screenings according to the established guidelines as presented in the training class,

2. To document the number of children screened and referred to an eye care provider and to provide this information to Prevent Blindness Ohio, upon request, and
3. To participate as requested in the Vision Screener's Survey conducted by Prevent Blindness Ohio.

Participants are also eligible to receive free vision screening equipment (a \$300 value) that includes:

- Lea Symbol Chart for Screening for visual acuity
- Model A Good-Lite Visual Acuity cabinet
- Random Dot E stereopsis test
- Assorted children's vision care resources and brochures.

PRESCHOOL Training sessions are scheduled for the following dates and locations.

Cincinnati:

3/30/10 from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

CUB Early Learning Academy

Camp Washington

1054 Heywood Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45225

Cleveland:

3/11/10 from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

The Free Clinic of Greater Cleveland

12201 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, OH 44106

Columbus:

3/15/10 from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Westerville Public Library

126 S. State St., Westerville, OH 43081

Dayton:

3/18/10 from 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Boonshoft Museum of Discovery

2600 DeWeese Pkwy., Dayton, OH 45414

Newark:

3/24/10 from 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm

The Works Museum

55 South First Street, Newark, OH 43058

Toledo:

3/26/10 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Mercy College, Upper McAuley Room

2200 Jefferson Avenue

Toledo, OH 43604

To register for a training, mail or fax this form back to Prevent Blindness Ohio, attention: Julie Rock, 1500 W. Third Ave., Suite 200, Columbus, OH 43212. Fax: 614.481.9670.

You can also register online at: www.pbohio.org.

Vision Screening Training Registration: Spring 2010

Name(s) _____

Name of Business/Agency _____

Area code/phone _____

Email _____

Training date/location _____

Number attending (**max of 3**) _____

Names attending _____

NOTE: A maximum of 3 individuals from each organization/agency/office is allowed to attend. You will not receive confirmation of acceptance into the training. If the session is full, you will be notified. There are no CEU's offered through Prevent Blindness Ohio. Please check with your professional associations. You can access directions to training locations via www.mapquest.com or a similar website, directions cannot be given by PBO. There is no cost to attend the training.

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