

# Vision Resources

<b>Amblyopia Registry</b>	Statewide program designed to serve the needs of Ohio's children with amblyopia, commonly known as lazy eye, their families and eye doctors. It is a voluntary registration program to increase knowledge about amblyopia, its treatment and prevention. The Ohio Amblyopia Registry provides free eye patches for the treatment of amblyopia, as well as case management services, free literature about amblyopia and causes, and other important services to help families of children with amblyopia.	(877) 808-2422	Amblyopia@NationwideChildrens.org <a href="http://www.ohioamblyoperegistry.com/">http://www.ohioamblyoperegistry.com/</a>
<b>Children with Medical Handicaps Program (BCMh)</b>	BCMh is an Ohio Department of Health (ODH) program that links families of children with special health care needs to a network of quality providers and helps families obtain payment for the services their children need. Services may include eye exams, glasses and specialty vision care.	(800) 755-4769 (614) 466-1700	<a href="http://www.odh.ohio.gov/en/healthresources/healthcareprovidersmap.aspx">http://www.odh.ohio.gov/en/healthresources/healthcareprovidersmap.aspx</a>
<b>InfantSEE</b>	InfantSEE is a program whereby optometrists provide free eye and vision assessments for infants within the first year of life regardless of a family's income or access to insurance coverage.	(888) 396-3937	<a href="http://www.infantsee.org/">http://www.infantsee.org/</a> <a href="http://www.aoa.org/DrLocator.xml">http://www.aoa.org/DrLocator.xml</a>
<b>Lions Clubs</b>	Organization that aims to meet the needs of communities on a local and global scale including sight conservation programs.	(630) 571-5466	<a href="http://www.lionsclubs.org">http://www.lionsclubs.org</a>
<b>Local Health Departments</b>	Agencies that provide health care services and referrals to the local/county/city communities.	(614) 466-3543	<a href="http://www.odh.ohio.gov/localHealthDistricts/localHealthDistricts.aspx">http://www.odh.ohio.gov/localHealthDistricts/localHealthDistricts.aspx</a>
<b>Medicaid</b>	Medicaid provides health care coverage to certain individuals with limited income. In Ohio, a person is entitled to free or low-cost Medicaid health care coverage if they meet specific income and eligibility requirements. Eye exams and eyeglasses are covered every 12 – 14 months depending on age.	(800) 324-8680	<a href="http://medicaid.ohio.gov">http://medicaid.ohio.gov</a>
<b>Prescription Goggle Program</b>	A program, funded by the Ohio Department of Health Save Our Sight Fund, which provides qualified children a free pair of prescription sports goggles.	(614) 466-5274	<a href="http://www.playhardgear.com">www.playhardgear.com</a> <a href="http://www.ohioeye.org">www.ohioeye.org</a>
<b>Save Our Sight Vision Health and Safety Education</b>	Free educational programs offered to stress the importance of eye safety, eye health and eye protection. Educational programs include in-classroom programs, interactive vision learning stations in public libraries, health fairs, websites and museums.	(614) 466-5274	<a href="http://www.saveoursight.org/funded.aspx">http://www.saveoursight.org/funded.aspx</a>
<b>Sight for Students</b>	Sight for Students is a Vision Service Plan (VSP) charity that provides free vision exams and glasses to low-income, uninsured children. The program operates nationally through a network of community partners who identify children in need and VSP network doctors who provide eye care services.	(888) 290-4964	<a href="http://www.sightforstudents.org/">http://www.sightforstudents.org/</a> sfsinfo@vsp.com
<b>Ohio Department of Health (ODH) Equipment Loan Program</b>	Vision screening equipment kits are available for loan and include materials for screening set up, and testing distance visual acuity, stereopsis, ocular muscle balance and color vision. An agreement must be in place with the Ohio Department of Health before use and equipment can be obtained at various locations throughout the state. Requests for loan kits must be made online.	(614) 644-0139	<a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/hvequip">https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/hvequip</a>
<b>Ohio Department of Health (ODH) Vision Screening Program</b>	Vision Screening program provides technical assistance to those communities seeking access to vision care. Staff can be contacted to work with local health officials to develop sustainable models of care and link families to care within their communities.	(614) 644-0139	<a href="http://www.odh.ohio.gov/odhprograms/cfhs/hvscr/hvscr1.aspx">http://www.odh.ohio.gov/odhprograms/cfhs/hvscr/hvscr1.aspx</a> BCFHS@odh.ohio.gov
<b>VisionUSA</b>	A program provided by doctors of optometry that provides basic eye health and vision care services free of charge to uninsured, low-income people and to families that do not qualify for government aid or private health care assistance.	(800) 766-4466	visionusa@aoa.org <a href="http://www.aoafoundation.org/vision-usa">www.aoafoundation.org/vision-usa</a>
<b>Prevent Blindness Ohio's Vision Care Outreach Program</b>	A program provided by Prevent Blindness Ohio that provides comprehensive eye care (eye exam, glasses and aftercare) for medically indigent children and adults.	614-464-2020	<a href="http://www.preventblindness.org/ohio">http://www.preventblindness.org/ohio</a>

Retailers in your area may provide free or reduced eye exams and glasses. Check your local listings.

