

Why Is Screening Important

According to educational and vision experts 80% of learning is visual so if a child can't see well they can't learn well. It is estimated that more than 40% of the brain is devoted to visual function yet most children don't get their vision screened until after age 5 when they have problems learning or paying attention in school. By then it may already be too late as some vision problems not detected and corrected early may become permanent by age 7. Approximately 5% of all children in this 6 months to 6 years of age will have a treatable disorder.

Note: Although the Lions who perform childhood vision screenings are thoroughly trained, they are NOT medical professionals and the report that is generated is NOT a diagnosis. The Lions Kidsight screening referral suggests that a child *may* have a vision problem and he/she should be taken to an optometrist or ophthalmologist for a complete examination.

The goal of Lions Kidsight is to ensure all children have the opportunity to receive free vision screening by Lions Clubs, with the focus on younger children.

“Every child deserves to learn and see the world clearly and succeed in school and society.”

-Lions Kidsight USA



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What is Kidsight?

It is a free vision-screening project, where Lions Club volunteers throughout the district organize and conduct vision-screening sessions in local communities.

The screening device detects risk factors, such as strabismus (eyes that cross or wander out) or refractive errors (the need for glasses) as well as additional vision issues, which can be found in children at an early age.

The results are provided to the guardian, when the camera detects a vision issue you are encouraged to take the results to a local optometrist.

This voluntary program is focused on 6 months to 6 years of age (and children that cannot communicate specific vision problems).

Why should my child be screened?

A child's vision should be checked for conditions such as: misaligned eyes, cataracts, and various problems that need correction with eyeglasses.

These problems are not always evident by simply looking at a child. Each day that eye problems go undetected and untreated, a child's vision may deteriorate to the point of irreversibility.

The earlier these conditions are detected, the more easily and successfully they can be treated.

Working hand in hand with our local optometrists...

This screening does not replace seeing your optometrist. It is used as a means to identify kids with potential vision issues acquired between visits and to encourage guardians to seek professional attention for children who are referred from our program.



How vision screening is "done"

It is as simple as having your child's picture taken. Local Lions Club volunteers are trained to use a special camera which takes an image of your child's eyes to detect eye problems in children who are too young to communicate possible vision problems.

The screening device does not test for adult eye diseases such as glaucoma, macular degeneration, or for other vision issues which adults may be at risk.



We offer free community screening.

We are hands free and follow all health regulations.

We are volunteer Lions Members who make a difference in our community

To Book Your Screening:

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