



Partners for
Pediatric Vision
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Low Vision Awareness Month

February 2024 Newsletter

What is Low Vision?

Low Vision is permanent vision loss that can't be corrected with glasses, surgery or medical treatments. Since visual clues are key to how children learn and function, impaired vision affects all aspects of a child's development.

Thanks to the contributions of our generous donors and foundation and corporate grants in 2023, over 500 children and families received our services linking healthcare, education and support to ensure children with Low Vision have the opportunity to thrive.



Low Vision Devices Make a Difference!



This light box is helping Amaya develop her vision using light, bright colors and contrast.



Zachary can see his favorite Pokemon characters up close, thanks to this desktop



For Ximena, this dome magnifier helps her read more quickly and accurately.

Low vision devices including magnifiers, telescopes, iPad and Android apps, slant boards, large print keyboards, task lighting, specialized glasses, and learning materials have the potential to help a child with visual impairment and those with multiple disabilities use their remaining vision to overcome learning challenges. For babies and young children, light boxes, high contrast and larger print can help maximize visual learning.

Low vision devices are demonstrated at our partner eye exams and by our Family Specialists on Zoom. Devices are recommended based on the needs of each child and if devices are recommended, we help families obtain them through the public school, special grants, or loaner programs. Recommendations for encouraging vision in everyday settings are provided for all children receiving our services.

Contact us if you'd like more information about low vision devices and recommendations.

[Contact Us](#)

Parent Support Group



PARENT SUPPORT GROUP



Do you have a child with visual impairment? Are you seeking the support of others with similar experiences? Would you like to make new friends and learn about resources and strategies for yourself, your child, and your family? If so, we invite you to join us

When: 2nd Wednesday
4:00-5:00pm
4th Tuesday 1-2pm
Where: Zoom
Group Leaders:
Janice Goldhaber, MFT
Diane Christian, PhD



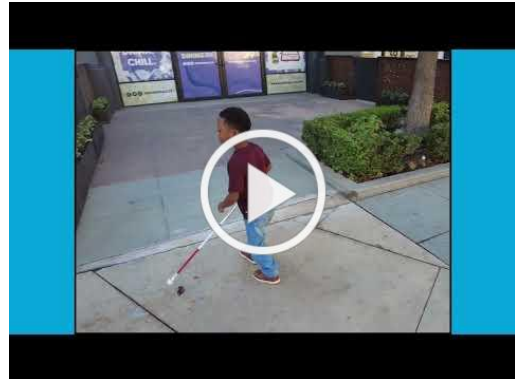
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To register or for more information:
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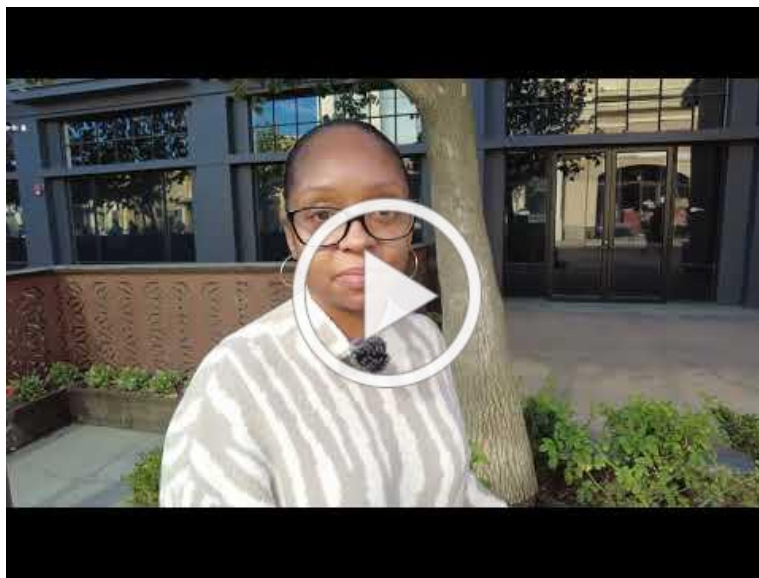
Family Spotlight



Berkeley in a wheelchair during our audio described movie event in 2022...



Berkeley walking with a cane during our audio described movie event in 2023!



Aria, Aubrey and Berkeley's mother, talks about how Partners for Pediatric Vision has helped her family.

Free Child Development Educational Series

For families of young children with visual impairments and their early intervention/education team.

- Each 30 - 45 minute virtual seminar offers a lecture and a Q&A session
- All seminars take place on the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 4.00 - 5.00pm PT

March 13 - Sleeping

Courtney Palm, LMFT, holds a master's degree in clinical psychology and specializes in child development and sleep intervention. Courtney will share her insights into sleep disturbances in infants and young children with visual impairments.

9 de abril a 10.00am - Hipoplasia del Nervio Óptico (ONH), en español

Dr. Timothy Winter, Profesor Asistente de Neuro-Oftalmología Pediátrica y de Adultos en el Instituto Oftalmológico de la Universidad de Loma Linda, compartirá información sobre la hipoplasia del nervio óptico en bebés y niños pequeños. Qué es la hipoplasia del nervio óptico, aspectos del desarrollo de la visión y cómo afecta a los niños pequeños.

May 14 - Feeding

Cindy Esquivias, MS, CCC-SLP will share a presentation on common feeding challenges that children with vision impairment may face, as well as tips on how to repair mealtimes. A Q&A will follow the presentation.

Meeting information: [Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 231 434 416 956

Passcode: oCP7SR

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Click on the flyer for the meeting link

Baking Activity: Let's Make Braille Cookies!

The flyer is for a baking activity titled "Making Braille Cookies". It features a central graphic with the text "Making Braille Cookies" inside a circle with a play button icon. To the left of the circle is a photograph of two round cookies; one has blue dots and the other has red dots. To the right of the circle are illustrations of a yellow apron, a red rolling pin, and a blue oven mitt. Above the central graphic is the logo for "Partners for Pediatric Vision" with the tagline "Keeping Kids in Sight". At the bottom of the flyer, it says "Featuring: PPV's Heather Dawson".

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Making
Braille
Cookies

Featuring: PPV's Heather Dawson

Our Family Specialist, Heather Dawson, shows you how to make high contrast Braille cookies! The [recipe](#) is from *Perkins School for The Blind*. Download the Braille decoder document [here](#), which contains the dot configuration for each letter of the Braille Code.

Partners for Pediatric Vision provides free vision education and support to families who have questions about how to help their child with visual impairment.

In addition, our Family Specialists sit in on pediatric eye exams with Low Vision Optometrists at these clinics:

**University Eye Center
at Ketchum Health**
5460 E. La Palma Ave.
Anaheim, CA 92807
(714) 463-7500

University Eye Center at Los Angeles
3916 S. Broadway
Los Angeles, CA 90037
(323) 234-9137



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