

Low Vision Awareness Month

What is Low Vision?



Low Vision is vision loss that can't be corrected with glasses, surgery, or medical treatments. Impaired vision affects all aspects of a child's development but there are many ways that children with low vision can enjoy activities and learning by using adaptations and specialized materials.

Partners for Pediatric Vision has been providing pediatric low vision care for over 30 years to children and families in Southern CA. Partners for Pediatric Vision is here to help families access Low Vision exams and devices that can reduce difficulties with reading, writing and eye strain, and increase independence and self-esteem.

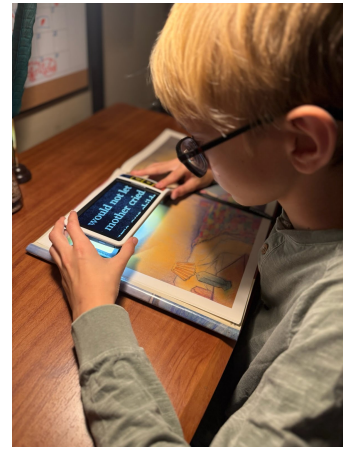
Low Vision Devices Make a Difference



This light box encourages visual attention, exploration, reaching and interaction with learning materials that help engage children like Ezekiel with vision loss.



Students like Wendy benefit from large print on a desktop video magnifier with options for font size, contrast, and color. Some models have cameras for distance viewing.



Wesley uses a portable video magnifier to read at home, school and anywhere in the community like restaurants, stores, etc. wherever he needs to enlarge print.

For babies and young children, light boxes, high contrast, and larger print can help maximize the development of vision and visual learning.

As children grow, low vision devices including magnifiers, telescopes, iPad and Android apps, slant boards, large print keyboards, task lighting, specialized glasses, and technology can help a child or teen with visual impairment use their remaining vision to reach learning goals and independence.

Low vision devices are demonstrated at our partner eye exams by doctors and our Child & Family Vision Specialists.





During February, we're celebrating Low Vision Awareness Month. Emilio is one of hundreds of children who receive our unique vision education and support services every year. Emilio has microphthalmia and optic nerve hypoplasia in his left eye and nystagmus in his right eye. His vision is reduced but is progressing with the help of visually stimulating toys and activities around his home that encourage vision development.

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

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Ezekial's Valentines Have Something Extra Special



Ezekial started preschool last year. His PPV Child and Family Vision Specialist Rosanna has given the family low vision devices and sensory learning materials including a light box, the tactile book Off to the Park, Braille Uno cards and a tic tac toe board with velcro shapes. Ezekial has reduced vision due to a brain tumor and a variety of accommodations are helping him learn and develop.

For Valentines Day this year Ezekial's mom asked Rosanna for help adding Ezekial's name in Braille to each valentine. Rosanna sent 20 Braille labels with Ezekial's name by using a **slate and stylus kit** and cardstock. Thanks to PPV donors, Carole and Bill Waller, we sent a stylus to Ezekial's mom who is excited to start using it to label places and things around the house.

The possibilities are endless!

Bringing awareness about vision loss to young children sends a powerful message about accepting what is unique about one another. PPV can help with activities for your child's class to learn about vision differences and ways to encourage visual and non visual learning at home. Thank you to Ezekial's family for sharing this inspiring story.

For more resources about low vision awareness for children, visit our **resources page**.

Partner Highlight: UCI Gavin Herbert Eye Institute



We are excited to partner with Dr. Donny Suh, M.D., Chief of Pediatric Ophthalmology, Dr. Annabelle Storch, O.D., and their fellow eye doctors at UCI Gavin Herbert Eye Institute. The UCI Eye Mobile came to *PPV's Vision Day and Play* event at Pretend City on January 10th to offer free exams and glasses for children and families.

PPV Child & Family Vision Specialists are available to sit in on exams with Dr. Suh and Dr. Storch and provide an eye care-education partnership for our families.

Contact PPV (323) 612-8185 or Gavin Herbert Eye Institute (714) 456-7183 for an appointment.

If you need assistance locating a Pediatric Ophthalmologist or Low Vision Optometrist, feel free to [Contact Us](#).

Interested in having one of our Vision Educators sit in on your child's eye exam? Partners for Pediatric Vision works alongside doctors at these locations. Call your Family Specialist or (323) 612-8185 for help scheduling an exam.

Pediatric Eye Care

1636 Aviation Blvd., #202
Redondo Beach, CA 90278
(310) 374-2727

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

Serve the People

1206 E. 17th St., Suite 101
Santa Ana, California 92701
(714) 352-2911

Kaiser Permanente Optometrists in Southern California (virtually)

Contact us about a virtual visit with your Kaiser eye doctor:
(323) 612-8185

Valentine's Day Craft: Paper Flower Bouquet



PPV's Child & Family Vision Specialist Heather and her son, Jett created a Valentine's Day heart bouquet. It's simple and only requires a couple supplies you may already have at home. Watch the tutorial **here** and if you create your own, tag us on social media!

Parent Support Group



EDUCATIONAL SERIES



GRUPO DE APOYO PARA PADRES

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: 1st Wednesday of every month
Time: 4:00–5:00pm (Pacific time)
Where: Zoom
Group Leaders:
Janice Goldhaber, MFT & Diane Christian, Ph.D.

To register or for more information:
Contact Diane at (323) 612–8185 or
dchristian@PartnersForPediatricVision.org

Tiene un hijo/a con discapacidad visual?
¿Está buscando el apoyo de otras personas con experiencias similares? ¿Le gustaría hacer nuevos amigos y conocer recursos y estrategias para usted, su hijo/a y su familia? Si es así, lo invitamos a unirse a nosotros.

Cuándo: Segundo miércoles de cada mes
Hora: 6:30–7:30pm (tiempo del pacífico)
Dónde: Zoom
Líderes de grupo:
Rosanna Muñoz y Mackenzie Bello–Ponce

Para registrarse o para obtener más información:
Contacte a Mackenzie at (714) 712–0745 o
mbello@PartnersForPediatricVision.org

If you have any questions for our Doctors or would you like to be added to email list for the Family Educational Support Group Sessions, **CLICK HERE**.

Adding Visual and Tactile Learning to Your Child's Room with SmartBaby Decor

Check it out! - room decor that is visually stimulating and tactile for children with visual impairment!

SmartBaby Decor was founded by Dr. Dashaini Retnasothie, O.D., our partner Pediatric Optometrist who has designed home decor that includes visual and tactual learning. Go to their **Instagram** or **website** to see customizable wall art that includes sensory, tactile, and Braille options for children with visual impairments like Jett and Ethan.

Use the code “**PPVFAMILY**” for 25% off everything!



Watch Ethan's room makeover [here](#)



Watch Jett's room makeover [here](#)

Partners for Pediatric Vision is a 501(c)3 established in 2016 to provide vision education and support services for families of children with vision loss ages birth to 18. Our services are funded by individual donations and foundation grants.

Donations support the costs of our services, and we could not do this without the generosity of our supporters! **Our PPV families can help us tell the story of our impact, and tell others about our services. Like us on our socials.** You can also lend a helping hand, if it is within your means, with a donation in any amount during Low Vision Awareness Month.

We hope you will consider supporting our mission. Please feel free to share this with others you think could help.

We wholeheartedly thank you!

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