



**OUR MISSION & VISION** | The mission of Partners for Pediatric Vision is to turn possibilities into achievements for children with visual impairment and their families. We envision a world where all children with visual impairment have equal access to the healthcare, education and support they need to be successful in life.

**OUR HISTORY** | Our founder Tori Schladen and Pediatric Low Vision pioneer and advocate, Dr. Bill Takeshita, established the model of Eye Doctor-Vision Educator Collaboration in 1999 at the Center for the Partially Sighted (CPS). In 2016, after CPS's closure, Partners for Pediatric Vision was founded to continue this unique model of care.

**WHAT WE DO** | Partners for Pediatric Vision offers free education and support in English or Spanish for visually impaired children ages birth to 18, and their families. Our Child & Family Vision Specialists are matched with families of blind or vision impaired children, and serve as a partner to families and professionals by offering:

- Individualized vision intervention, education, and support services in-person and/or virtually
  - ✓ Questions answered about a child's diagnosis and how vision loss impacts development and learning
  - ✓ Recommendations for adapting home, school, and community settings for unique visual needs
  - ✓ Demonstration of intervention that may include the use of low vision aids and technology
  - ✓ Advocacy support
- Coordination with providers before, during (by sitting in on exams), and after exams to help families understand the adaptations that will support their child's learning and independence
- Social-emotional support through Support Groups and Family Events that include touch tours, audio described movies, musical performances, and nature walks.
- Referral to community resources, including partners that cover the costs of glasses, eye exams, and devices, such as magnifiers and telescopes that may not be covered under Medi-Cal and other insurances.

**OUR EXPERTISE** | Our Child & Families Vision Specialists have experience and training in assessing the unique learning needs of babies, young children, and teens with visual impairment. They demonstrate what can be done to compensate for reduced sight at the time of diagnosis and throughout childhood. Our network of 50+ community professionals help us link children with visual impairment and their families to education, social services, and medical care, helping families access the information and services they need to help their child adapt to vision loss and succeed.

**WHO IS ELIGIBLE** | Partners for Pediatric Vision is a **free** education and support service available to families of children birth to eighteen years of age. Contact Partners for Pediatric Vision for more information:

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