



Celebrating 10 Years of Turning Possibilities into Achievements

July 2026

Dear Families,

Summer is here! If you are looking for activities to enjoy with your child, join us at one of our Partners for Pediatric Vision Family Events and check out learning and play opportunities happening throughout So Cal.

Have a great summer,
Your PPV Child & Family Vision Specialists
Diane, Rosanna, Mackenzie, Heather, and Tori

En Español



PPV Family Events Happen All Year Long

On Saturday, June 27th, children from Partners for Pediatric Vision had a chance to learn to play the ukulele and take one home thanks to Guitar Center Music Foundation. After lunch, the docents at the Western Museum of Flight next door welcomed our families for a hands-on experience exploring fighter jets and other aircraft, missiles and space exhibits. This annual event takes place every June at the Torrance Airport.

"This was a beautiful event where we finally felt included. We have never attended an event where she enjoyed herself this much, thank you," -Nicole's mother

Read More on our Highlights



Upcoming Family Events

Be sure to sign up for our next adventure at Rancho Los Alamitos on August 8th, and stay tuned for our Audio Described Movie Family Event December 6th. It's a great way to enjoy a family outing and connect with other PPV families.

Partners for Pediatric Vision hosts annual nature walks, ukulele lessons, Western Museum of Flight tours, Build-A-Bear workshops, Audio Described movie events, and more. We do our best to include every family who is interested in our activities.

Interested in going? [Check out our family events online](#), send us an [email](#) with any questions or call us at (323) 612-8185.

Family Events



Hands-On Summer Fun

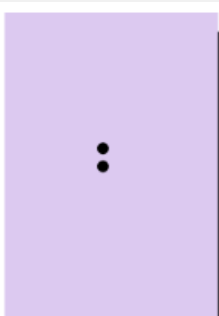
During summer, learning and enrichment opportunities are all around.

Finding the right balance between engaging experiences and a calm environment is key to a successful and enjoyable summer. Here is a [link](#) to twenty low sensory activity ideas specifically tailored for students with vision impairments, including teens and students with complex needs from Paths to Literacy.

More Summer Activity Ideas

FUN LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

for Summer & Fall



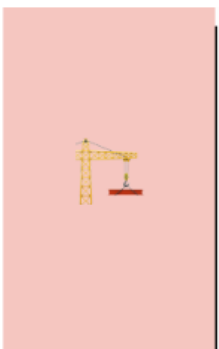
Braille Boot Camp

When: Tuesday, July 28 | 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Where: Braille Institute, 741 N. Vermont Ave., Los Angeles 90029

A one-day accelerated workshop teaching uncontracted (Grade 1) braille — great for parents, providers, teachers, and friends of braille readers. Note: no childcare available.

[REGISTER HERE](#)



Dig It Play to Learn: Sensory Sundays

When: Last Sunday of every month | 9:00 – 11:00 AM

Where: 3525 W. Carson St., #173, Del Amo Fashion Center, Torrance 90503 | (310) 943-7391

Cost: \$18 per child (includes 1 adult)

A calmer, reduced-capacity construction-themed play space designed for neurodivergent, autistic, and special needs children. Don't forget your grip socks!

[RESERVE TICKETS HERE](#)



Pretend City Neurodivergent Family Nights

When: 2nd Tuesday & 4th Thursday of every month | 5:00 – 7:00 PM

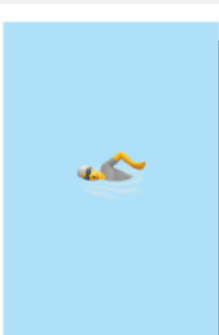
Where: 29 Hubble, Irvine 92618 | (949) 428-3900

Cost: Free

Dimmed lights, sounds off, and a 250-guest limit. Noise-cancelling headphones, fidget toys, sunglasses & weighted materials provided. Therapists welcome!

Next date: July 23rd

[REGISTER HERE](#)



Tichenor Clinic — Rich Kempster Swim Program

When: Mon–Fri 1:00 – 6:00 PM | Sat 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Where: 1660 Termino Ave., Long Beach 90804 | (562) 597-3696

Cost: \$20/session — Regional Center, Self-Determination funding & scholarships accepted

One-to-one adapted swim instruction for children with developmental, musculoskeletal, and neurological limitations.

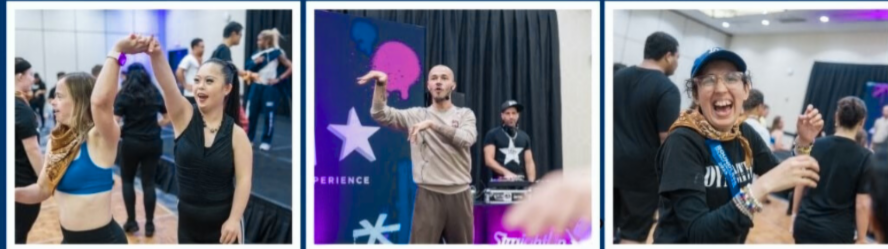
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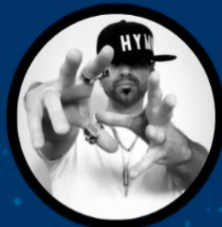
STRAIGHT UP ABILITIES DANCE WORKSHOP

July 25th 9:00AM-1:00PM

Marriott Burbank Convention Center



The All Abilities Dance Workshop with Straight Up Abilities at Rollettes Experience is a day of dance and community for all ages 8 and up with physical or intellectual disabilities. All registered participants are also invited to the RE26 Saturday night events!



DJ HYMM



SPECIAL GUEST



ROBIN OLIVE



For more information please visit:
www.rollettesexperience.com/straightupabilities

[Click here to learn more about dance and music opportunities!](#)

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A Mindful Moment with Janice Goldhaber, MFT

The Gift of Slowing Down

Summer offers families something often missing during the busy school year—time. With fewer structured schedules, it creates space to slow down and enjoy being together.

For children with visual impairments, meaningful experiences don't have to be elaborate. They often happen in the small moments: listening to birds on an early morning walk, feeling warm sand between their toes, smelling herbs or flowers in the garden, helping stir cookie batter, splashing in water, or cuddling together while reading a favorite story.

Children learn through their relationships. When we follow their interests, respond to their cues, and share experiences through touch, sound, movement, and conversation, we help build communication, confidence, and a sense of belonging. It's also okay if summer isn't filled with constant activities. Rest, predictability, and quiet moments are valuable, too. Give yourself permission to enjoy your child just as they are, celebrating their unique way of experiencing the world.

This summer, let connection be your guide. The memories your child carries forward are often created not by extraordinary events, but by feeling safe, understood, and loved.

Join Us for Upcoming Educational Workshops and Support Groups



Ask the O.T. with Katie Daulerbruch, O.T.

August 5th, 2026 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM ENGLISH
[REGISTER HERE](#)

August 12th, 2026 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
SPANISH
[REGISTER HERE](#)

Submit questions for Katie and learn about activities to encourage fine motor and self-help skills, independence and more.



IEP Goals for your Blind/Visually impaired Child

September 2nd, 2026 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
ENGLISH
[REGISTER HERE](#)

September 9th, 2026 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
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Join PPV as we welcome Keith Christian, a TVI who has over 30 years of experience working in the field. Mr. Christian, who is also visually impaired himself, will be sharing the types of IEP goals parents should expect for their blind/visually impaired child.



Ask the Eye Doctor with Dashaini Retnasothie, O.D.

October 7th, 2026 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
ENGLISH
[REGISTER HERE](#)

October 14th, 2026 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
SPANISH
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Dashaini Retnasothie, O.D., will answer questions about about visual diagnoses and how glasses and other accommodations can help support learning.

Submit questions ahead of time when you register!

Once a Week Education Series for Caregivers
on Raising a Child with Visual Impairment
Begins August 18th every Tuesday from 5-6:30



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10-Week

Family Curriculum for Navigating Visual Impairment

For Parents, Caregivers, and Families of Children 0-18 yrs
old Living with Visual Impairment



Led by Joseph Burton, MSW
Board President and Co-Founder

Hearts For Sight
FOUNDATION

Joseph Burton, is a resilient advocate and leader who has overcome significant challenges, including foster care, health struggles, and vision loss due to Retinitis Pigmentosa. Despite being told he would lose his sight, Joseph transformed his life—losing over 100 pounds and embracing a holistic wellness lifestyle. A graduate of UCLA (MSW, 2021), he is the founder and President of Hearts For Sight. Through his work, Joseph is dedicated to breaking barriers and expanding access to health, fitness, and mental wellness resources for the blind and visually impaired community.



Begins August 18th 2026

Every Tuesday from
5pm– 6:30pm



Register
Here



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Website

www.partnersforpediatricvision.org

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If you have questions or would you like to be added to email list for the Family Educational Support Group Sessions, [CLICK HERE](#).



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Summer can be a good time to schedule an eye exam for your child before the start of the school year. Our Child & Family Vision Specialists are available to sit in on exams at partner eye clinics to help with resources and low vision devices if recommended. Contact your Child & Family Vision Specialist or reach out by [email](#) if you need help finding or scheduling a pediatric eye exam.

Partners for Pediatric Vision is a non-profit organization established in 2016 to provide vision education and support services for families of children with vision loss. Donations support the costs of our Child & Family Vision Specialists who work on behalf of children and families. You know first-hand the difference we make. If it is within your means, we hope you will consider making a donation in any amount today. No amount is too small. And please feel free to share this with others you think could help.

We wholeheartedly thank you!

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