

FREE Child Development Education Series

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

- ▶ Each 30 - 45 minute tele-conference offers a lecture and a Q&A period.
- ▶ All conferences take place from 7.00 - 8.00pm PT on the second Tuesday of the month.

April 12 - Sleep Disturbances in Children With Vision Loss

Courtney Palm holds a Master's Degree in Clinical Psychology from Pepperdine University and is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist working in this field since 2005. She completed three years of a clinical internship to specialize in child development and sleep intervention through the Child Development Institute in California. Courtney is certified in DIR: Floortime, the Neuro-Sequential Model of Therapeutics, and the Babies/Pre-Steps Model of Intervention for premature babies. Courtney will share her insights into sleep disturbances in infants and young children with visual impairments.

May 10 - Feeding Issues in Children with Vision Loss

Cindy Esquivias, MS, CCC-SLP: Family dynamics impact all areas of child development--feeding and mealtimes are no exception to this. No two children with a pediatric feeding disorder (PFD) are the same, and every family has their own values to feeding and mealtimes that need to be considered. Therefore, a critical component to each plan of care should address the child-caregiver dyad. Using a case-based approach, this presentation will dive into common approaches to treating PFDs to address breakdowns in mealtime routines while focusing on the family unit in the plan of care.

June 14 - Transition to School

Kathy Schlimgen, and Xiomara Roman, Birth to Five Vision Network, of Los Angeles will present information to families on the transition process from early intervention services to school district services. They will explain the assessment process and the IEP process.

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