



Summer

NEWSLETTER



JUNE 2025

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



PPV Family Events Happen All Year Long

On Saturday, May 17th, families from Partners for Pediatric Vision were treated to a vibrant and enriching musical experience at the Walt Disney Concert Hall. And on May 31st, we had the privilege of returning to the Bolsa Chica Nature Conservancy for another memorable day of exploration. Check out event photos and read more on our [Highlights](#).

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Upcoming Family Events

Be sure to sign up for our next adventure at Rancho Los Alamitos on July 26th, and stay tuned for our Family Event date to visit the Dinosaurs at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County. 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

Join Us for Upcoming Family Educational Support Groups



July 9, 2025

Jovany Barba, graduate student at CSLA earning his Master's Degree in Special Education with a credential to teach Orientation and Mobility, will share his amazing journey of growing up legally blind in an immigrant household. Jovany is grateful to have had such a supportive family, educators, and a mom who never took "no" for an answer. **Meet Jovany and be inspired!**

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM ENGLISH [ZOOM LINK HERE](#)

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM SPANISH [ZOOM LINK HERE](#)

TASK

August 13, 2025

Diana Huerta from TASK will discuss **Effective communication at your child's IEP**. TASK specializes in special education support for people with disabilities from birth to age 26 and their families.

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September 3, 2025

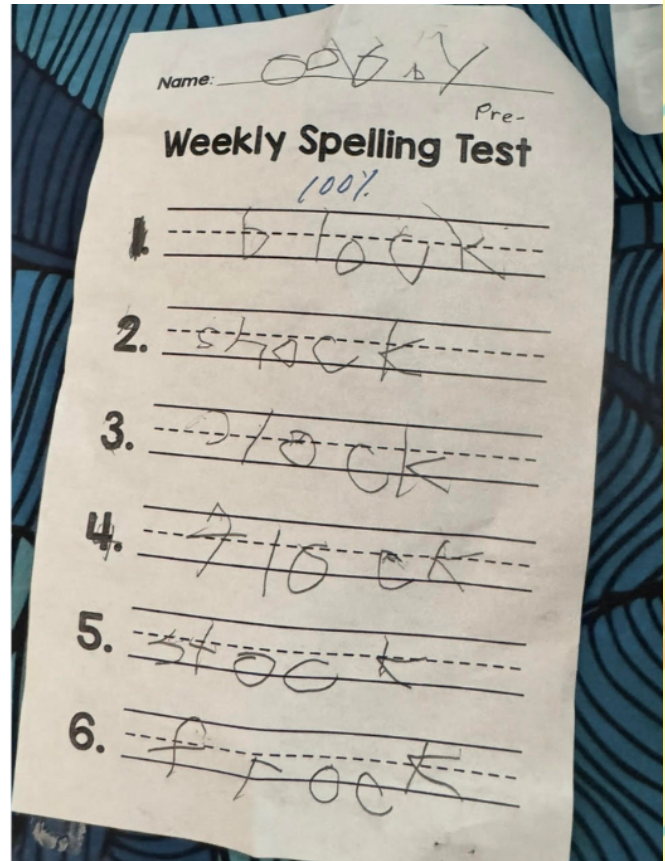
Pediatric Ophthalmologist Dr. Alex de Castro, MD, MBA, will talk about **what questions to ask your child's eye doctor and what parents should know/take with them when you leave your child's eye exam**.

Submit questions ahead of time to us via email at info@partnersforpediatricvision.org, and Dr. de Castro will do his best to answer. [Click Here to Submit a Question](#)

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM ENGLISH [ZOOM LINK HERE](#)

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

Celebrating Milestones



"What a year it has been! Gabby finished kindergarten--she graduated last week. This year, she learned to read, write, spell, and be more independent. She made some great friends, had some big breakthroughs in Occupational Therapy and fine motor skills improvement and has learned to love school.

Just wanted to say thank you! Gabby is thriving--she's using the dome magnifier, hand magnifier and the slant board that you guys gave her and she's growing in every way imaginable. We are looking forward to first grade with Gabby! "

--Janniese, Gabby's mother



"We have been waiting for this moment for many years-and not knowing if it would occur. This is a very special milestone for us. Ethan started using the beach wheelchair to get to surf, then a couple of steps, and now he is able to walk there! It was the first time I have ever been emotional after taking it all in and celebrating this amazing milestone.

My PPV Child & Family Vision Specialists Diane and Rosanna helped me understand the different types of white canes and the importance of an orientation and mobility specialist. They gave me object cues to use when he is walking in the house. When walking in the hallway, I verbally prompt him to use one hand to touch the wall and guide himself. He's learning what environment he's in while I verbally describe where he is.

So many small steps and therapies have built his confidence and led to this moment. His biggest motivation is water. Its so perfect that he is laughing with joy while he walks all the way to the ocean. He will be receiving his white cane soon for independence."

--Mackenzie, Ethan's mother

Have a milestone or special story to share in our newsletter? We want to celebrate your child. [Click here to send us an email today!](#)



A Mindful Moment with Janice Goldhaber, MFT

Hands-On Summer Fun

During summer, learning and enrichment opportunities are all around. Think of it as a time to enjoy, play together, and experience new activities. Take pleasure in being with your child(ren) and find activities that are playful and fun.

What makes them laugh, holds special meaning, or sparks their interest? Some play can be silly and some play can be messy. Play instruments. Play with sounds. Listen to music.

Go for a walk around the neighborhood. Take a fun day trip. Venture out of your neighborhood and explore different places in your city.

There's lots of ways to promote hands-on learning during summer.

Please join us for our upcoming sensory experience at [Rancho Los Alamitos historic ranch house and gardens in Long Beach on July 26th at 1:30.](#)

For more great summer activity ideas click the link below to a list from Teaching Students with Visually Impairment.

[More Summer Activity Ideas](#)

Fun Learning Opportunities for Summer & Fall

Braille Institute Summer Beach Day:

When: July 23, 2025 from 10 AM - 1 PM

Where: 16252 Countess Dr., Huntington Beach, CA 92649

RSVP: Childdevelopment@brailleinstitute.org

Braille Institute Boot Camp:

A one-day intensive training designed to teach participants to read and write grade one braille with a cheat sheet.

When: July 30th from 9 AM - 4 PM.

Where: Anaheim Braille Institute, 527 N. Dale Ave., Anaheim, CA 92801

RSVP: Childdevelopment@brailleinstitute.org

LEGO Build and Play: Sensory friendly for kids of all ages

When: Last Friday of each Month from 3 PM - 4:30 PM

Where: Venice - Abbot Kinney Memorial Branch Library, 501 S. Venice Blvd., Venice, CA 90291

Phone: (310) 821-1769

For ADA accommodations: Call (213) 228-7430 at least 72 hours prior to the event.

Dig It Play to Learn: Sensory Sunday

Indoor construction-themed play space with reduced capacity, calmer atmosphere, and STEM fun

When: Last Sunday of each month from 9 AM - 11AM

Where: 3525 W. Carson Street, #173, Del Amo Fashion Center, Torrance, CA 90503

Phone: (310) 943-7391 Cost: \$18 for 1 child (includes 1 adult)

Chuck E. Cheese Sensory Sensitive Sundays

Special hours designed to provide children with sensory sensitivities and their families a quieter, more comfortable experience with dimmed lighting, reduced noise levels, and a calm atmosphere.

When: Opens 2 hours early the first Sunday of each month

Where: Locations throughout CA

For more information click [here](#).

Tichenor Clinic Rich Kempster Swim Program

Adapted swim program offers personalized one-to-one swim instruction tailored for children with developmental, musculoskeletal and neurological limitations.

When: Monday – Friday 1:00 PM - 6 PM & Saturday 9 AM – 2 PM

Where: 1660 Termino Ave., Long Beach, CA 90804

Phone: (562) 597-3696

Cost: Sessions are priced at \$20 each. Recreational funding payments from Regional Centers and Self Determination payments are accepted and scholarships are available based on income.

Makapo Aquatics Project

Outrigger paddling designed for individuals of all abilities

Where: Newport Beach

Cost: Free

For more information: info@makapo.org



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.

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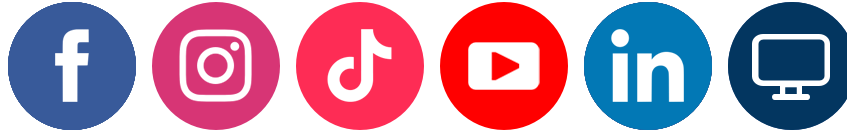
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Partners for Pediatric Vision is a non-profit organization established in 2016 to provide vision education and support services for families of children with vision loss. Donations support the costs of our Child & Family Vision Specialists who work 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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