



Partners for
Pediatric Vision
Keeping Kids in Sight

Summer Newsletter

Partner Highlight: Serve The People



Serve The People is a community health center located in Santa Ana, Orange County, California, with a strong commitment to providing comprehensive healthcare services to individuals and families in need. Dr. Prashna Mistry is the Pediatric Optometrist who has extensive experience working with children with low vision and special needs. In addition to Pediatric and Adult Vision care, Serve the People offers Medical, Dental, and Behavioral Health care for the whole family.

Pediatric vision exams are available on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Reach out to PPV for questions or to schedule an eye exam with one of our Family Specialists there to meet you.

Location:
1206 East 17th Street, Suite 101
Santa Ana, California 92701
(714) 352-2911

SmartBaby Decor

Finally - 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 to see the exclusive collection "Feel the Love" 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](#)

Parent Support Groups/Grupo de Apoyo para Padres



PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

When: 2nd Wednesday, 4:00-5:00 pm
& 4th Tuesday, 1:00 -2:00 pm

Where: Zoom

Group Leaders:

Janice Goldhaber, MFT

Diane Christian, PhD

Register:

Contact Diane at (323) 612-8185 or

DianeChristian@gmail.com

GRUPO DE APOYO PARA PADRES

Cuándo: Segundo miércoles de cada mes, 6:30-7:30pm

Dónde: Zoom

Líderes de grupo:

Yolanda Moreno, M.A, ECSE

Rosanna Sandoval

Mackenzie Bello-Ponce

Register:

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Braille Institute Child Development Educational Series

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

- Each 30 to 45 minute virtual seminar offers a lecture and a Q&A session

June 18 at 10am - How to Stimulate Your Child at Home Bilingual/Español

Xiomara Roman, M.A. Ed, Teacher of Students with Visual Impairments will share activities that are appropriate for your young child. These activities will help with the development of cognitive, language and motor skills.

Xiomara Roman, M.A. Ed, Maestra de Estudiantes con Discapacidad Visual va compartirá actividades que sean apropiadas para su hijo pequeño. Estas actividades ayudarán con el desarrollo de las habilidades cognitivas, lingüísticas y motoras.

July 9 at 4pm - Your Child's Independence

Parisa Lamarra, M.A., Teacher for Students with Visual Impairments, and mother to two children with visual impairments, will discuss independence and how to help your child begin to develop lifelong skills that will assist them in build their confidence.

August 13 at 10am - Individualized Education Plans (IEP's) English and Spanish

Suzanne Galindo TASK (Team of Advocates for Special Kids) English Receive an overview of the rights and protections mandated for children with special needs by IDEA, the requirements of the assessment process and timelines, the value of record keeping, and other legal components of an IEP. Communication techniques will be provided throughout the workshop.

Diana Huerta, TASK (Team of Advocates for Special Kids) Español. Recibir una descripción general de los derechos y protecciones exigidos por IDEA para los niños con necesidades especiales, los requisitos del proceso de evaluación y los plazos, el valor del mantenimiento de registros y otros componentes legales de un IEP. A lo largo del taller se proporcionarán técnicas de comunicación.

August 27 at 3pm - Transitioning into Preschool and Kindergarten

Keith Christian and Laurie Contrell, Teachers of Students with Visual Impairments, will share how to begin preparing your children to transition into preschool and kindergarten.

Meeting information: [Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 231 434 416 956

Passcode: oCP7SR

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Summer Activities Using Toys From Around the House



Dried Beans or Rice/Beads

*Be sure to supervise smaller objects & use larger than choking-size items if your child is independently playing

PPV's Heather shows you some everyday household items that

Fun Learning Opportunities for Summer & Fall

Wayfinder Family Services' Camp Bloomfield: Inclusion Summer Camp

What: campers, ages 7-17 who are blind or visually impaired will be integrated into a camp session attended by over 100 sighted children

When: July 20 - 28

Where: Camp Bob Waldorf in Glendale

Cost: free

Submit the interest form [here](#)

Braille Bootcamp

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

When: July 30, 9am - 4pm

Where: Braille Institute Library, 741 North Vermont Ave., Los Angeles, CA

Cost: free

Register: email ChildDevelopment@brailleinstitute.org or call 323-906-3112 by July 29

View the flyer [here](#)

Dig It Play to Learn: Sensory Sunday

What: indoor construction-themed play space with reduced capacity, calmer atmosphere, and STEM fun

When: last Sunday of each month, 9am - 11am

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

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

Make a reservation [here](#)

CalState LA ExCEL Academy

What: engaging lessons for visually impaired students

Where: virtual & in-person at Beyond Blindness, 18542 Vanderlip Ave., Ste b Santa Ana, CA

When: beginning September - Mid December (Saturdays), 9am - 12pm

Cost: free

Check out the flyer [here](#) & fill out the enrollment survey [here](#)

Makapo Aquatics Project

What: outrigger paddling for the blind (equipment provided)

Where: Newport Beach

Cost: free

Register [here](#)

Low Vision Awareness Day at JTD School



On April 23, 2024, Partners for Pediatric Vision staff, educators, and volunteers gathered at the John Thomas Dye School in Los Angeles for their 17th Annual Low Vision Awareness Experience. Bringing this simulated experience to the first graders is part of the school's disability sensitivity curriculum and philanthropic commitment. The school generously donated \$1,500 to add to PPV's John Thomas Dye School fund that helps cover the cost of glasses and devices for families in need.

PPV Family Events



Have you had a chance to join us for our family events? Partners for Pediatric Vision hosts Ukulele lessons, Western Museum of Flight tours, Build-A-Bear workshops and Audio Described movie events! We do our best to include every family who is interested in our activities, so please let us know if you would like to be on our invitation list. Email us at partnersforpediatricvision@gmail.com or phone us at (323) 612-8185.

Partners for Pediatric Vision is a non-profit. It was established in 2016 to provide vision education and support services for families of children with vision loss. Our services are funded by individual donations of all sizes and foundation grants. All donations go directly to pay for our Family Specialists who work on behalf of children and families.

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