

## **The Dr. Bill Takeshita Telephone Education Series**

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

Bill Takeshita OD, FAAO, FCOVD, serves as the Consultant of Child Development for Braille Institute and has lectured extensively across the country on the topics of pediatric eye conditions and low vision rehabilitation.

Please join us for this informative telephone education series beginning June!

Each tele-conference offers a 30-45 minute lecture and a question and answer period following the lecture.

**Please see the following schedule of topics below:**

**JUNE 11, 2019      7:00 P.M.      TIPS FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH LOW VISION**

Dr. Diane Christian will discuss many important topics related to raising children who have low vision. She will discuss ways to not cause other children in the family to feel neglected, how to promote independence, and how to instill confidence in the children.

**JULY 9, 2019      7:00 P.M.      SHOULD YOUR CHILD WEAR SUNGLASSES?**

There are many discussions on whether infants and children should protect their eyes from the harmful rays of the sun. Dr. Bill Takeshita will explain the various situations when it is important to protect the eyes of children and also when sunglasses should not be used.

**AUGUST 13, 2019      7:00 P.M.      TIPS ON HOW TO DECORATE YOUR HOME AND YOUR CHILD'S ROOM TO DEVELOP VISION**

Dr. Bill Takeshita will provide specific recommendations on how to paint your child's room, decorate the room, and how to create a visually stimulating environment.

**SEPTEMBER 10, 2019      7:00 P.M.      ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO CRAWL, WALK, AND RUN**

The visual system is directly related to the movement centers of the brain. Dr. Bill will describe activities to perform to encourage your child to move more safely.

**OCTOBER 8, 2019      7:00 P.M.      COMPUTERS FOR CHILDREN WITH LOW VISION**

Computers are one of the most enjoyable and helpful tools for children. Dr. Bill Takeshita describes features of various computers, software, and games that are very helpful for children with low vision.

**NOVEMBER 12, 2019      7:00 P.M.      HELP YOUR CHILD TO SEE HIS OR HER FOOD WHEN EATING**

Many children have difficulty seeing food on their plate if the food is similar in color. For example, it can be difficult to see mashed potatoes on a white plate. Dr. Bill shares ideas on how to make eating a more enjoyable activity for children with low vision.

**DECEMBER 10, 2019      7:00 P.M.      TOYS FOR CHILDREN WITH VISUAL IMPAIRMENT**

During the holiday season, toys can be very difficult to purchase for young children. Dr. Bill Takeshita will describe the most effective toys for children with low vision.

All tele-seminars will be held on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month from 7:00-8:00 PM PST**, unless a change in time/date is announced. There is no need to register. To join the call, please dial:

**1 888 247-8947. When the operator prompts, dial the pass code: 460500.**

Once you have entered the call, you will be asked to press \*6 to mute your line to ensure the quality of the recording. The lecture portion of the call is available as a podcast after the call on the Airla and Braille Institute websites: To access the podcasts please visit:

[www.airsla.org](http://www.airsla.org)

[www.brailleinstitute.org](http://www.brailleinstitute.org) ([www.brailleinstitute.org/audio/index.php/home/telephone-education-series](http://www.brailleinstitute.org/audio/index.php/home/telephone-education-series))

*The Dr. Bill Telephone series is an educational program focusing on pediatric eye conditions for parents, teachers and other professionals working with young children with visual impairment(s). The topics presented should not be considered a medical or educational consultation, but information to help us better understand pediatric eye conditions.*