

Partners for



Pediatric Vision
Keeping Kids in Sight

What is it? **Partners for Pediatric Vision** works alongside Low Vision Optometrists during the eye exam in order to help families understand their child's visual diagnosis and to assist each child with adaptations that take into account their vision loss. In addition, we offer telephone support to families who have questions about how to help their child with visual impairment. Ongoing information and guidance is provided to families by one of our Family Specialists. The purpose of **Partners for Pediatric Vision** is to provide a critical link between healthcare, education and support services for families of children with visual impairment to ensure all children have the chance to thrive.

What kinds of services are provided?

- Information about a child's visual impairment and how it impacts overall development
- Demonstration of intervention that may include the use of iPad apps, low vision aids and technology
- Education and suggestions about how to help children and families adapt to visual impairment
- Resources and referrals to educational programs, doctors, therapists, agencies and professionals who specialize in working with visually impaired children
- Emotional support including answering questions and discussing concerns
- Collaboration with service providers, teachers, doctors, etc. in order to provide education about visual impairment to the professionals working with a child

How do the Pediatric eye doctors and Partners for Pediatric Vision work together?

Pediatric eye doctors specialize in diagnosing visual impairment, assessing how young babies and children are using their remaining vision and if glasses or other visual aids may be beneficial. During the exam, parents ask questions about what and how much their child is seeing and the doctors and our specialists respond with suggestions about how to encourage visual skills or how to accommodate for vision loss. Low Vision technology is demonstrated when appropriate including apps, video magnification and other devices. The Family Specialists at **Partners for Pediatric Vision** provide follow up support for the information discussed during the exam and any additional questions a family may have. Families are given information, resources and guidance about their child's visual impairment including education and support.

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