

Vision Resources

Amblyopia Registry	Statewide program designed to serve the needs of Ohio's children with amblyopia, commonly known as lazy eye, their families and eye doctors. It is a voluntary registration program to increase knowledge about amblyopia, its treatment and prevention. The Ohio Amblyopia Registry provides free eye patches for the treatment of amblyopia, as well as case management services, free literature about amblyopia and causes, and other important services to help families of children with amblyopia.	(877) 808-2422	Amblyopia@NationwideChildrens.org http://www.ohioamblyoperegistry.com/
Children with Medical Handicaps Program (BCMh)	BCMh is an Ohio Department of Health (ODH) program that links families of children with special health care needs to a network of quality providers and helps families obtain payment for the services their children need. Services may include eye exams, glasses and specialty vision care.	(800) 755-4769 (614) 466-1700	http://www.odh.ohio.gov/en/healthresources/healthcareprovidersmap.aspx
InfantSEE	InfantSEE is a program whereby optometrists provide free eye and vision assessments for infants within the first year of life regardless of a family's income or access to insurance coverage.	(888) 396-3937	http://www.infantsee.org/ http://www.aoa.org/DrLocator.xml
Lions Clubs	Organization that aims to meet the needs of communities on a local and global scale including sight conservation programs.	(630) 571-5466	http://www.lionsclubs.org
Local Health Departments	Agencies that provide health care services and referrals to the local/county/city communities.	(614) 466-3543	http://www.odh.ohio.gov/localHealthDistricts/localHealthDistricts.aspx
Medicaid	Medicaid provides health care coverage to certain individuals with limited income. In Ohio, a person is entitled to free or low-cost Medicaid health care coverage if they meet specific income and eligibility requirements. Eye exams and eyeglasses are covered every 12 – 14 months depending on age.	(800) 324-8680	http://medicaid.ohio.gov
Prescription Goggle Program	A program, funded by the Ohio Department of Health Save Our Sight Fund, which provides qualified children a free pair of prescription sports goggles.	(614) 466-5274	www.playhardgear.com www.ohioeye.org
Save Our Sight Vision Health and Safety Education	Free educational programs offered to stress the importance of eye safety, eye health and eye protection. Educational programs include in-classroom programs, interactive vision learning stations in public libraries, health fairs, websites and museums.	(614) 466-5274	http://www.saveoursight.org/funded.aspx
Sight for Students	Sight for Students is a Vision Service Plan (VSP) charity that provides free vision exams and glasses to low-income, uninsured children. The program operates nationally through a network of community partners who identify children in need and VSP network doctors who provide eye care services.	(888) 290-4964	http://www.sightforstudents.org/ sfsinfo@vsp.com
Ohio Department of Health (ODH) Equipment Loan Program	Vision screening equipment kits are available for loan and include materials for screening set up, and testing distance visual acuity, stereopsis, ocular muscle balance and color vision. An agreement must be in place with the Ohio Department of Health before use and equipment can be obtained at various locations throughout the state. Requests for loan kits must be made online.	(614) 644-0139	https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/hvequip
Ohio Department of Health (ODH) Vision Screening Program	Vision Screening program provides technical assistance to those communities seeking access to vision care. Staff can be contacted to work with local health officials to develop sustainable models of care and link families to care within their communities.	(614) 644-0139	http://www.odh.ohio.gov/odhprograms/cfhs/hvscr/hvscr1.aspx BCFHS@odh.ohio.gov
VisionUSA	A program provided by doctors of optometry that provides basic eye health and vision care services free of charge to uninsured, low-income people and to families that do not qualify for government aid or private health care assistance.	(800) 766-4466	visionusa@aoa.org www.aoafoundation.org/vision-usa
Prevent Blindness Ohio's Vision Care Outreach Program	A program provided by Prevent Blindness Ohio that provides comprehensive eye care (eye exam, glasses and aftercare) for medically indigent children and adults.	614-464-2020	http://www.preventblindness.org/ohio

Retailers in your area may provide free or reduced eye exams and glasses. Check your local listings.

