

about the NATIONAL CENTER



The National Center for Children's Vision and Eye Health, at Prevent Blindness America, supports the development of a public health infrastructure to promote and ensure a comprehensive, multi-tiered continuum of vision care and eye health for young children. The National Center is committed to conducting this work through strong partnerships, sound science, and targeted policy initiatives.

The Center focuses its efforts on achieving the following three core elements:

→ *Providing national leadership in the development of best practices and guidelines for public health infrastructure, national vision screening guidelines, and statewide strategies that ensure early detection, vision screening, and a continuum of vision and eye health care for young children;*

→ *Determining mechanisms for advancing state-based performance improvement systems, screening guidelines, and a mechanism for uniform data collection and reporting;*

→ *Working in collaboration with states to develop and implement statewide strategies for vision screening from age 3 through entrance into school, establish quality improvement strategies, and determine mechanisms for the improvement of data systems and reporting of children's vision and eye health services.*

The National Center for Children's Vision and Eye Health serves as a central resource for health promotion and leadership development. It is also a resource for education and training in respect to children's vision and eye health for public and private entities throughout the United States.

The Center works with a National Expert Panel comprised of national experts in ophthalmology, optometry, pediatrics, public health, academia, and others who have a stake in the field of children's vision. Members of the Expert Panel provide recommendations towards the establishment of national guidelines for quality improvement strategies, vision screening, and developing a continuum of children's vision and eye health. In addition, they serve as advisors to the National Center for Children's Vision and Eye Health as it pursues its core goal of developing and implementing a uniform strategy for universal screening of children from age 3 through entrance into school.

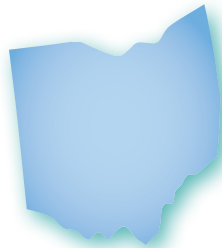
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*Currently, the National Center works in
Collaboration with five pilot states:*



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