



National Center for Children's Vision and Eye Health

Prevent Blindness

Annual Report

9/1/22 through 8/31/23

The National Center for Children's Vision and Eye Health creates a public health infrastructure that promotes a comprehensive system of vision care and eye health for all children.

The NCCVEH adopted 3 goals to guide our work:

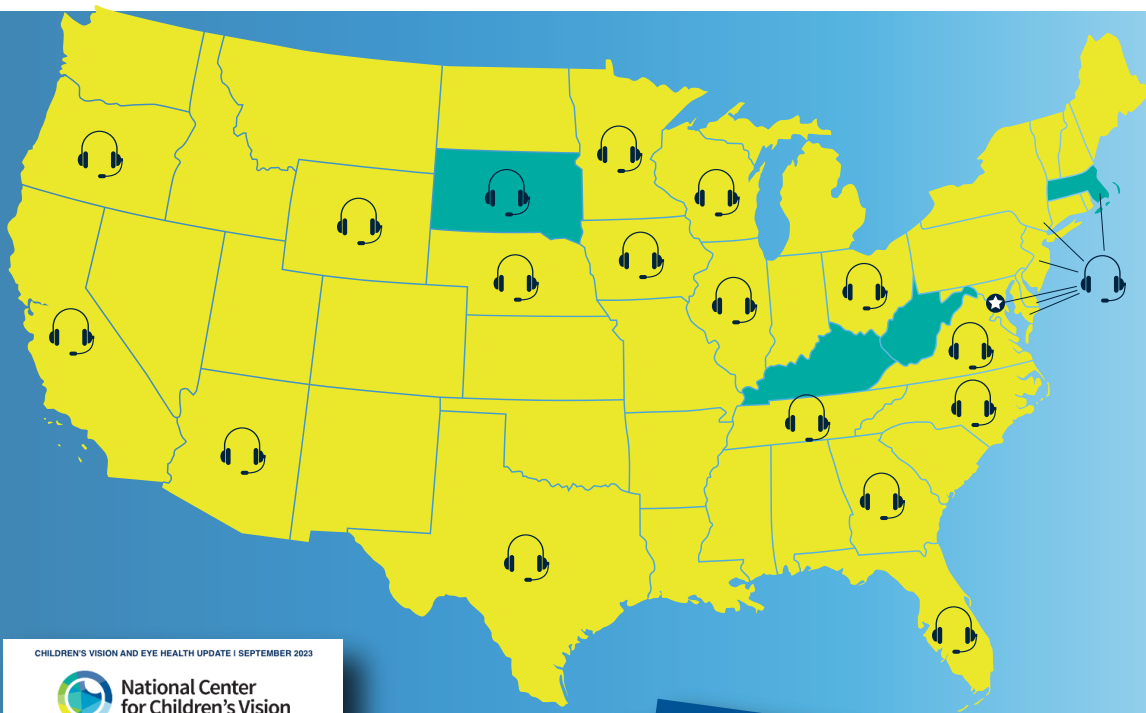
Goal 1: Convene a diverse group of multi-disciplinary stakeholders to partner in efforts to promote and improve eye health and vision care equity and effective children's vision and eye health systems. Sectors include healthcare, education, early childhood care and education, public health, and families.

Goal 2: Increase adoption of NCCVEH guidance, data, and measures of accountability to ensure eye health equity and an evidence-base for children's vision and eye health policies and practices in communities, states, and nationally.

Goal 3: Increase adoption of evidence-based practices through the creation and delivery of educational programming, training, resources, and technical assistance to families; professionals in communities and states and Territories; national organizations; federal agencies and tribal programs.



ACHIEVEMENTS



- Children's Vision Screening Certification Course**
 - 523 total certified by National office and 6,088 certified by Prevent Blindness Affiliates
 - Learners from 43 States + Guam
 - Number children screened by learners = 241,400 by those trained by National office, and 892,586 by the Prevent Blindness affiliates
 - 18 groups of learners were certified

- Technical Assistance**
 - 55 requests from 21 states
 - Assisted with vision screening guidelines: Maine and Massachusetts

CHILDREN'S VISION AND EYE HEALTH UPDATE | SEPTEMBER 2023

AMBLYOPIA: LAZY EYE
A PATIENT AND PARENT'S STORY

Hello, and we hope you are enjoying the beginning of the school year- a great time to think about children reading, writing, and playing with friends and school or childcare and, of course, having an evidence-based vision screening.

UPCOMING WEBINAR

Inherited Retinal Diseases and Children's Vision and Eye Health: What You Need to Know

May 16, 2023
3-4:30 p.m.

Free registration: <https://preventblindness.org>

Presenter:
Kay Nottingham Chaplin, EdD
Dr. Nottingham Chaplin is the Professor and Outreach Coordinator for Children's Vision and Eye Health at the National Center for Children's Vision and Eye Health. She is also the National Director of the National Association of Community Health Centers' National Prevent Blindness Children's Vision Screening Certification Course.

Register at: <https://preventblindness.org/NCCVEH-webinar-081622>

The Year of 60 Children's Vision

Newsletter

- Distribution: August 2022 – 4,178
- August 2023 – 6,793 = 65% increase in distribution.
- >20% click throughs

Presentations/Webinars (Selected)

- 30 presentations and/or webinars
- 5,090 registrants through Aug 16
- + views on YouTube – 1,100 views of IRD webinar

NUMBER REGISTERED

910

Highlights of Webinars/Presentations

Bridging the Gap Between Vision Screening Referrals and Confirmatory Eye Examinations

NJ and NH State School Nurse Association

585

Inherited Retinal Diseases and Children's Vision and Eye Health: What You Need to Know

325

Using Evidence-Based Vision Screening Tools and Closing the Gap Between Referrals and Eye Exams for Office of Head Start and City of Chicago Head Start programs

510

Vision Screening for Children and Adult Newcomers (Refugees)



Website

The National Center had **58,714** views in calendar year 2022, a **42.8%** increase over 2021. The *National Center is the fastest growing of all PB websites.*



Publication Development

- 3 writing groups: Progress on children's vision screening guidelines
- CVEA committee: Systematic review of disparities in children's vision screening
- National Survey of Children's Health: Analysis and preparation of 2 manuscripts

Systems Change for Integration of Vision Services in Community Health Clinics

- In partnership with the National Association of Community Health Centers and the Association of Clinicians for the Underserved
- Site visits to 5 Eyecare clinics in Boston-area Community Health Centers
- 3 webinars – total registration 1,500
 - "Eyes on Access: We've Decided to Offer Vision Services in Our Health Center, Now What?" November 2, 2022
 - "Eyes on Access: What do we need to know about billing?" April 27, 2023.
 - "Office Hours: Billing and coding for eye care services, May 18, 2023."
- Technical assistance to CHCs and facilitated networking
- Planning for 2 webinars on children's vision with ACU and the School-Based Health Alliance
- Planning webinar for optometry careers in Community Health Centers

CHILDREN'S VISION EQUITY ALLIANCE

Children's Vision Equity Alliance
Partnered with [BlackDoctor.org](https://blackdoctor.org) for monthly interviews: "Seeing Eye to Eye"



Children's Vision Topics:

- Fireworks–Be Careful!
- Childhood Traumatic Brain Injuries: What Every Parent Needs to Know
- Myopia in Children
- Sickle Cell Disease and the Eyes



Hosted 7 interns. Project examples

- Fact sheets
- Preschool eye health lessons
- Evaluation surveys
- Needs assessment
- Data analysis



Bonnie Strickland award

- 2023 Danielle Crull, ABOM and Truffles the Kitty
- 2022 Dr. Donny Suh



Prevent Blindness Affiliates

- Partnered on Solar Eclipse viewing glasses distribution
- Convened program staff networking and education meetings
- Co-presented on webinars
- Provided technical assistance
- Hosted affiliate learning management system for Children's Vision Screening Certification Courses

Funders

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National Association of Community Health Centers