

## Please Note:

- ⇒ Mark which training you will attend.
- ⇒ No CEU's are offered through Prevent Blindness Ohio. Please check with your professional associations.
- ⇒ A confirmation will be sent one week prior to the training. If the training is full, Prevent Blindness Ohio will contact you.
- ⇒ Let Prevent Blindness Ohio know if you need to cancel/reschedule by calling 1.800.301.2020.
- ⇒ Access directions to training locations via [www.mapquest.com](http://www.mapquest.com) or a similar website. Directions cannot be given by Prevent Blindness Ohio.
- ⇒ There is NO COST to attend the training.
- ⇒ No food or drinks are provided. Feel free to bring your own snacks and drinks!

## ALSO:

- ⇒ A maximum of 3 individuals from each organization/agency/office is allowed to attend. If you have a group of 15 or more and would like to schedule a separate training, contact PBO at 1.800.301.2020.

## Overview of the Prevent Blindness

### America Preschool Vision Screening Certification Program:

Prevent Blindness America is the only organization offering a national certification program for pediatric vision screening and vision screening training. We work to assure that children's vision is being screened with techniques based on current research.

Protocols for certification are based on the recommendations of its Pediatric Vision Advisory Committee, which is composed of a diverse group of leading experts in child health and vision care from across the country, including ophthalmologists, optometrists, pediatricians, public health strategists, and vision and eye health researchers. Prevent Blindness America regularly reviews and updates its pediatric vision screening, training and follow up protocols to ensure they are aligned with the most recently scientifically validated approaches, embrace a public health philosophy and promote the full continuum of care.

Vision Screening certification assures that evidence-based science and expert consensus result in standardized vision screening methods that are cost-effective in sight conservation. Minimum protocols must be strictly followed in order to maintain certification. If a program does not meet the minimum standards, it can no longer be referred to as a Prevent Blindness America-certified screening.

Prevent Blindness America's approved vision screening protocol is aligned with those of the Ohio Department of Health and the American Academy of Pediatrics vision screening standards. The training includes distance visual acuity testing and stereopsis testing using approved tools, as well as observation of the child and the child's eyes. Additionally, a critical component of the screening is the referral for a comprehensive exam upon the suspicion of any potential problems, as well as appropriate follow-up with the child and the child's caregiver. The primary purpose of a vision screening is to educate consumers about the importance of regular professional eye exams and to find those at highest risk for vision problems and to facilitate follow up for professional care. A vision screening is not a substitute for a comprehensive eye exam.



**Prevent Blindness Ohio**, founded in 1957, is Ohio's leading volunteer non-profit public health organization dedicated to preventing blindness and preserving sight. We serve all 88 Ohio counties, providing direct services to more than 800,000 Ohioans annually and educating millions of consumers about what they can do to protect and preserve their precious gift of sight. Prevent Blindness Ohio is an affiliate of Prevent Blindness America, the country's second-oldest national voluntary health organization.

**Columbus/Cleveland/Cincinnati/Dayton/Toledo**

[www.pb ohio.org](http://www.pb ohio.org)

**1-800-301-2020**

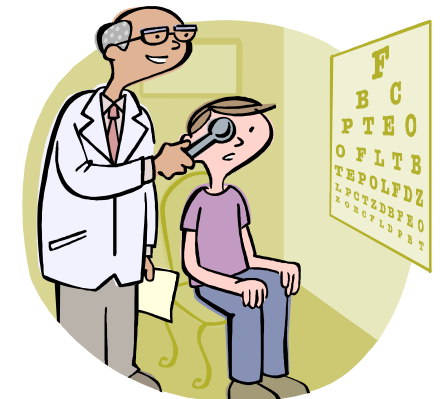


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Sight Program.

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

**FREE  
PRESCHOOL  
VISION  
SCREENING  
TRAINING,  
CERTIFICATION  
& EQUIPMENT**



**SPRING 2010 SCHEDULE**

**These trainings are appropriate for healthcare and allied healthcare professionals, child care/day care providers, school nurses, public health professionals and community volunteers to attend.**

**The Preschool Vision Screening Certification Program provides:**

- Instruction on how to perform stereopsis and distance visual acuity screening,
- Detailed information on childhood eye diseases and disorders,
- Preschool Vision Screening Guide for Healthcare Professionals *published in partnership with Prevent Blindness America and the American Academy of Pediatrics,*
- Preschool Vision Screening Guidelines *published by the Ohio Department of Health,*
- Sample referral and follow up resources and access to no cost eye exams and eyeglasses for qualifying families.

Upon successful completion of the training you/your organization is eligible to receive **FREE** vision screening equipment (a \$300 value) that includes:

- Lea Symbols Chart for screening for visual acuity,
- Model A Good-Lite Visual Acuity Cabinet,
- Random Dot E stereopsis test,
- Assorted children's vision care resources and brochures.

**Find out more or register online at: [www.WiseAboutEyes.org](http://www.WiseAboutEyes.org)**

**Cincinnati:**

**3/30/10 from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm**

CUB Early Learning Academy  
Camp Washington  
1054 Heywood Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45225

**Cleveland:**

**3/11/10 from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm**

The Free Clinic of Greater Cleveland  
12201 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, OH 44106

**Columbus:**

**3/15/10 from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm**

Westerville Public Library  
126 S. State St., Westerville, OH 43081

**Dayton:**

**3/18/10 from 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm**

Boonshoft Museum of Discovery  
2600 DeWeese Pkwy., Dayton, OH 45414

**Newark:**

**3/24/10 from 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm**

The Works Museum  
55 South First Street, Newark, OH 43058

**Toledo:**

**3/26/10 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm**

Mercy College, Upper McAuley Room  
2200 Jefferson Avenue  
Toledo, OH 43604

**Register Online at:  
[www.WiseAboutEyes.org](http://www.WiseAboutEyes.org)**

**Expectations of participants receiving Preschool Vision Screening Certification:**

1. To conduct vision screenings according to the established guidelines as presented in the training class,
2. To document the number of children screened and referred to an eye care provider and to provide this information to Prevent Blindness Ohio, upon request, and
3. To participate as requested in the Vision Screener's Survey conducted by Prevent Blindness Ohio.

**Interested?** Mail or fax completed form to:

Prevent Blindness Ohio, attn.: Julie Rock, 1500 W. Third Ave., Suite 200, Columbus, OH 43212. Fax: 614-481-9670

**You can also register online at: [www.WiseAboutEyes.org](http://www.WiseAboutEyes.org). A maximum of 3 individuals per organization may register.**

NAME:(s) \_\_\_\_\_ TRAINING DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF BUSINESS/AGENCY: \_\_\_\_\_ TRAINING LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_

AREA CODE/PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL # ATTENDING (MAX OF 3): \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ NAME(S) ATTENDING: \_\_\_\_\_