

Thank you very much for taking time to talk with me about the KidSight Early Vision Program by the Houston Cy-Fair Lions Club. We are committed to promoting and saving vision. Some vision problems, if not caught and treated early, can lead to permanent blindness. Typical vision screening where a child reads from a chart 10 feet away only checks for the ability to see far away. We use a special camera by Plusoptix, which takes a picture of the child's eyes, and within 3-5 seconds, and can detect vision problems including nearsightedness, farsightedness, astigmatism, unequal pupil size, "lazy eye", and other problems. With this device, we can easily and successfully screen children from six months of age and older. Children with vision problems are not aware that they cannot see well, as they cannot compare their vision to others. Vision problems in children do not cause pain or inflammation, so parents and teachers are not aware that there is a problem. The Plusoptix Vision Screener gives us a message of PASS or REFER immediately at the screening. Children who are referred should be seen by a professional for a complete vision examination.

Below is a link to a short video of Lions Club members conducting a vision screening in a Day Care setting. All we need is a small room with blinds/curtains to block out the light, a small table, about 3 chairs, and an electrical outlet, and the use of one of your facility workers who knows the children by name. We take a classroom of children into the room at a time to allow their eyes to adjust to the low light, which helps quicken the screening process. I will have a list of local optometrists in the area who care for infant and toddlers for children who need referral. My husband and I, along with others from our Lions Club, are Certified Vision Screeners, having been certified by the manufacturer of the machine, and through the State of Texas, having completed the Vision Screening course through the Cy-Fair Independent School District.

Please review the attached videos, and let me know when we can schedule an Early Vision Screening at your facility. This is a free community service, with no cost to you or the children. Also, please feel free to forward this entire email to your facility owners, Board of Directors and/or parents of the children in your care.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xAzsMg0qZj4>

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/news-media/videos/index.php?id=gBevgJOPc9>

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Since we started this program in Oct. 2015, we have screened almost 13,000 children, with just over 1,600 being referred for a complete eye examination. Most are seeing more clearly with the help of

prescription eyeglasses. This screening is certified by the State of Texas for your state required vision screening for children four years of age and older, along with those six months of age and older.

Please understand that we know that you are required by the State of Texas to offer Vision and Hearing screening on children 4 years and older. We know that you have people who have done that for you for probably many years. It is NOT our intention to take business away from those people, but rather to screen children 6 mo. and older who otherwise would not have vision screening. Vision problems do not magically start at age 4, and the sooner a child with vision problems is caught and treated, the better the outcome. We would be happy to screen all children over the age of 6 mo. in your care. Parents who do NOT want their child screened will need to sign a waiver, which is attached.

Please contact me to schedule a free screening of children 6 months of age and older.

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