

Lion SEE, Inc. is an Official Project of the Lions Clubs of New York State & Bermuda. Established in 2004 in Westchester County at the Blythedale Children's Hospital.

In 2008 the program moved to an office at Ross Eye Institute in Buffalo, NY, where early results were processed and follow up was provided by paid interns. The office was closed in August 2015.

The improvements in technology have allowed us to provide instant pass/refer results. All screening and final follow up is now completed by the local Lions.

Lions SEE continues to evolve providing support to Lions who conduct Vision Screenings in Head Start Programs, Preschool and Pre-K Programs, Day Care Facilities and Schools.

The vision screening is a free community service project that is financially supported by your local Lions Club.

For more information about the MD20 Vision Screening Program, or to learn about becoming a Lion, please contact your local Lions Club or call 716-881-7915.

Check out our new website:

www.lionsseeny.org

for updated forms and information.



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**Vision Screening
Program
for children
6 months to 6 years**

Vision Screening Program

The Lions Clubs in New York State have launched a special program to screen children for vision problems that can lead to Amblyopia, commonly referred to as “lazy eye.” The program focuses on screening children between the ages of 6 months and 6 years. The trained volunteers from your local Lions Club will screen the children’s eyes with either a Welch Allyn vision screener or a Plusoptix screener.



Our Goals Are:

- Reach out to parents, schools, and care-givers, emphasizing the importance of early identification of potential vision problems.
- Conduct vision screening sessions for as many children as possible to identify those needing referral for further evaluation by an eye care professional.

What we screen for:

The Vision Screeners detect risk factors that may lead to Amblyopia including:

- Myopia - Nearsightedness
- Hyperopia - Farsightedness
- Anisometropia - Unequal refractive power
- Astigmatism - Irregular eye shape
- Media Opacity - cataract
- Strabismus - Eye misalignment

The Vision Screeners are approximately 85 - 95% effective in detecting problems that may lead to amblyopia.

Why we screen:

According to educational experts, 80% of learning is visual. So if a child can't see well, he can't learn well. Yet most young children don't get their vision screened until they have problems learning or paying attention in school. By then, it may already be too late. Unless vision problems are detected early, they risk becoming permanent by age 7.

In a Sept. 2008 article, Dr Joel Zaba, MA, OD stated, *“Failing to detect and treat vision disorders in children may lead to partial or full blindness, and may result in issues with child development, academic achievement, self-esteem, social-emotional behavior, and juvenile delinquency.”*

Screening Procedure

The vision screening procedure is simple and non-intrusive. No equipment touches the child. The volunteer Lion holds the device from 14 to 36 inches away from the child. When the child focuses on the screening device's flashing lights, data is recorded.



Our Mission

The mission of Lions SEE, Inc. (Screening Eyes Early) is to decrease childhood blindness through early detection and treatment of the most common vision disorders that cause Amblyopia — insuring that all children of New York State will be able to SEE their future.
