

Prevent Blindness Children's Vision Screening Certification Course



Prevent Blindness has the only national certification program for children's vision screening.

The Prevent Blindness Children's Vision Screening Certification Course provides participants with certification in the most current, evidence-based vision screening and eye health best practices for preschool- and school-aged children.

Who Should Take the Course?

The Prevent Blindness Children's Vision Screening Certification Course is appropriate for professionals in home visiting and early care and education programs, as well as in school, childcare, public health, and primary healthcare settings. The course content will meet the vision screening needs, for example, of:

- Head Start Program Staff
- Medical Assistants
- Nurses/School Nurses
- Public Health Nurses
- Primary Healthcare Providers
- Pediatric Nurse Practitioners
- Physician Assistants in Pediatrics
- Early Care and Education Staff
- Home Visiting Program Staff
- Community Volunteers

Prevent Blindness offers certification in Children's Vision Screening through two methods – via an in-person class arranged for a group or via an online course supported by video conference. Please note, a state-specific training class may be available for you. Contact your state's Prevent Blindness program by selecting from the list below.

Northern California: q@eyeinfo.org; (800) 338-3041

Georgia: info@pbga.org; (800) 477-4448

Iowa: mail@Preventblindnessiowa.org; (800) 329-8782

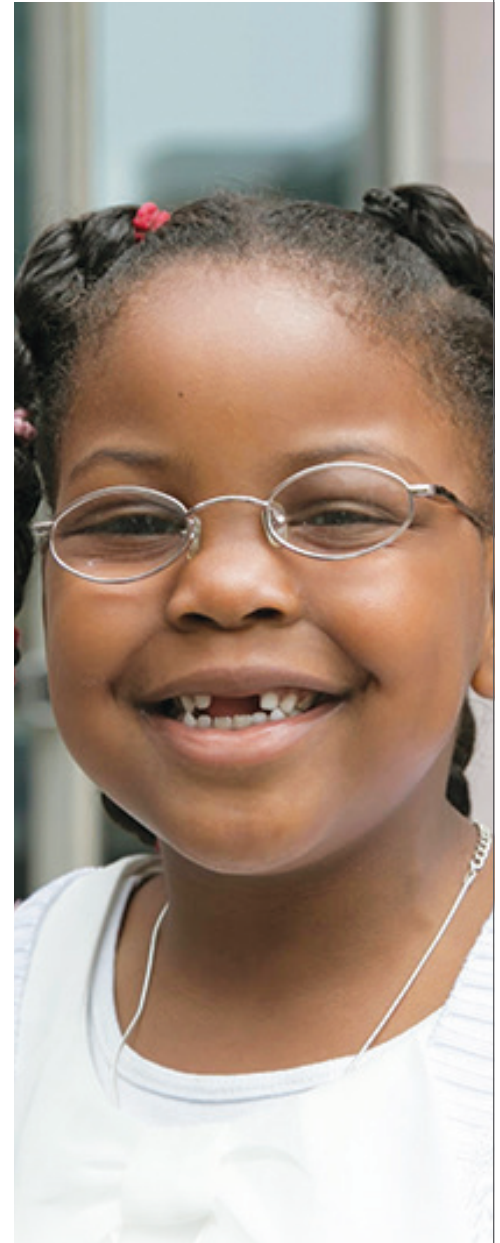
North Carolina: training@pbnc.org; (919) 755-5044

Ohio: info@pbohio.org; (800) 301-2020

Texas: info@Preventblindnesstexas.org; (888) 98-SIGHT

Wisconsin: info@pbwi.org; (414) 765-0505

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What Will You Learn?

Participants will learn:

- Common vision disorders in children,
- How to use evidence-based and age-appropriate tools for vision screening,
- How to enhance your screening programs to improve follow-up to eye care for referred children,
- How to gain access to several educational resources.

What is Certification, and How Long is it Valid?

Successful completion of the course will result in a 3-year nationally recognized certification in Children's Vision Screening provided by Prevent Blindness.

Online Children's Vision Screening Training Course

Individual Enrollment Price: \$75

The Prevent Blindness Online Vision Screening Training Course is taken in a modular format that can be completed at your pace.

The online course covers:

- ABC's (appearances, behaviors, and complaints) that may indicate a possible vision disorder;
- An overview of vision disorders in the target age group;
- An explanation of age-appropriate, Prevent Blindness-approved vision screening tools;
- How to set-up the vision screening environment;
- How to use the vision screening tools;
- How to properly use referral protocols; and
- Suggestions for improved follow-up on referrals.

Modules can be aligned with most state-specific requirements.

Upon completion of the course, you will be directed back to Prevent Blindness staff, to arrange a video conference to complete certification. You will need to demonstrate the following during the video conference to complete certification:

- Explain the purpose of a vision screening for children,
- Describe the minimum components of a children's vision screening,
- Describe signs of possible eye problems and vision disorders,
- Describe screening roles and responsibilities,
- Conduct a children's screening in a mock scenario with another adult,
- Interpret screening results,
- Determine whether or not a child should be referred, and
- Explain the data collection and referral follow-up process.

The online course is password-protected and access is provided via a personalized link once the course fee is paid—\$75 per individual. Please do not send payment information by email. Once payment is processed, you will receive log-in information from the Prevent Blindness site administrator.

Individuals and groups can arrange for payment via Carol Klemz at 312.363.6017.

Individual students can also pay online at preventblindness.org/certification.

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In-Person Children's Vision Screening Training Class

Prevent Blindness will work with groups of individuals to arrange for our certified Trainers to provide on-site training. The Prevent Blindness Children's Vision Screening Certification Course runs approximately 3 to 4 hours. We cover:

- ABCs (appearance, behavior, and complaint) of possible vision disorders;
- An overview of vision disorders in the target age group;
- An explanation of age-appropriate, Prevent Blindness-approved vision screening tools;
- How to set-up the vision screening environment;
- How to use the vision screening tools;
- Referral protocols; and
- Suggestions for improved follow-up on referrals.

We can accommodate 10 to 20 individuals per class and trainer. Class size is limited because we provide time to practice with the screening equipment and role play to demonstrate learned skills. We may also cover other topics depending on geographical needs and interests, such as an overview of educational resources for staff, parents, and students.

Training fees include:

- **Professional fee per day for trainer;**
- **Per person charge for materials; and**
- **Travel expenses, including mileage or Coach class airfare, ground transportation, hotel, and meal per diem.**

Please contact Dr. Kay Nottingham Chaplin at nottingham@preventblindness.org regarding training fees and services for your area and/or to schedule a workshop.

How Our Children's Vision Screening Training is Developed

Prevent Blindness is the only organization to offer a national training and certification program in children's vision screening and screening program implementation. All Prevent Blindness screening programs are based on: medically accepted and scientifically tested screening techniques and technologies; standardized training, testing and reporting; and continual program evaluation.

To ensure our vision screening program is well designed, Prevent Blindness engages the guidance of its Scientific Advisors who are members of the National Center for Children's Vision and Eye Health Advisory Committee. The committee and its sub-committees are leading experts in child health and vision care from across the country, including ophthalmologists, optometrists, pediatricians, public health strategists, family representatives, vision and eye health researchers, and others.

For more information about Prevent Blindness and the National Center for Children's Vision and Eye Health go to:

