



Do you know an infant or a child who appears to have difficulty seeing the world around him? Have you noticed any unusual visual behaviors or difficulty in one of your students or patients? Take a minute and find out how you can help put them in touch with agencies that may be of service. Let's help children maximize their education by maximizing their VISION!



State Leadership Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired Network

Center	Location
Region 1 Edinburg, TX	956-984-6165
Region 2 Corpus Christi, TX	361-561-8539
Region 3 Victoria, TX	361-573-0731 Ext. 237
Region 4 Houston, TX	713-744-6379
Region 5 Beaumont, TX	409-951-1746
Region 6 Huntsville, TX	936-435-8254
Region 7 Kilgore, TX	903-988-6899
Region 8 Mount Pleasant, TX	903-575-2766
Region 9 Wichita Falls, TX	940-322-6928
Region 10 Richardson, TX	972-348-1634
Region 11 Fort Worth, TX	817-740-7594
Region 12 Waco, TX	254-297-1145
Region 13 Austin, TX	512-919-5354
Region 14 Abilene, TX	915-675-8671
Region 15 San Angelo, TX	325-481-4056
Region 16 Amarillo, TX	806-677-5197
Region 17 Lubbock, TX	806-281-5712
Region 18 Midland, TX	432-567-3254
Region 19 El Paso, TX	915-780-5344
Region 20 San Antonio, TX	210-370-5433

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“EYE” FIND



Identifying Children with Visual Impairments and Blindness

“According to some researchers, vision is usually involved in 90% of the learning that takes place in early development” (Ferrell, 1996, p89).



Typical Visual Behaviors:

- ◆ **Birth**
 - ⇒ Focus on objects 8-10 inches away
 - ⇒ Eyes have difficulty working together
- ◆ **3 months**
 - ⇒ Tracks moving objects
 - ⇒ Eyes are beginning to work together
 - ⇒ Beginning of a directed reach
- ◆ **6 months**
 - ⇒ Turns head to see objects
 - ⇒ Accurate reach (depth perception)
 - ⇒ Good color vision/favorite color
 - ⇒ Sees at greater distances
 - ⇒ Picks up dropped toys
- ◆ **12 months**
 - ⇒ Shows interest in pictures
 - ⇒ Points and gestures
 - ⇒ Places shapes in board
 - ⇒ Judges distances
 - ⇒ Recognizes own face in mirror.
- ◆ **18 months**
 - ⇒ Recognizes familiar objects
 - ⇒ Scribbles with crayons or pens
 - ⇒ Shows interest in exploring

(AOA.org)

Warning Signs

Atypical Visual Behaviors that might indicate the need for an examination and or assessment:

- ◆ Moving closer to an object for viewing
- ◆ Tilting of the head to view objects or face
- ◆ Squinting
- ◆ Sensitivity to light
- ◆ Excessive rubbing of eyes
- ◆ Excessive tearing
- ◆ Consistent eye turn (amblyopia)
- ◆ Rapid eye movements (Nystagmus)

Vision is not just in the structure of the eye. These medical conditions might indicate the need for an assessment by a teacher of students with visual impairments.

- ◆ Prematurity (i.e. ROP)
- ◆ Syndromes: (i.e. Down, Charge)
- ◆ Stroke
- ◆ Anoxia (oxygen deprivation)
- ◆ Glaucoma
- ◆ Cataracts
- ◆ Albinism
- ◆ Optic Nerve Hypoplasia
- ◆ Cerebral Palsy

“Eye Find” assists in locating educational services for children birth to 21-years- old.

Contact your Regional Education Service Center. They are listed on the back of this brochure.

OR

DARS-Division of Blind Services

1-800-628-5115

OR

Texas School for the Blind & Visually Impaired Outreach Programs

512-206-9269



<https://www.google.com/#q=pictures+of+amblyopia>