



Treatment options increase when vision problems are detected early in a child's life. Normal vision can usually be restored with corrective glasses or contact lenses. Through Project KidSight, your child's vision will be determined to be a "Pass" - an "Unreadable" or a "Refer".

**PASS:** *Our vision screener was unable to detect any vision problems.*

**UNREADABLE:** *Our vision screener could not develop reliable vision screening results for the child. This can happen if a child will not look at the camera during the screening process.*

**REFER:** *Our vision screener has detected that the child may have one or more eye problems.*

Children who receive a "Refer" should be examined by an ophthalmologist or optometrist as soon as possible. For financial help or information about eye care assistance programs for your family, please contact the Michigan Department of Community Health at 517-373-3740, the Michigan Department of Human Services at 1-855-275-6424 or the Lions Clubs of Michigan at 517-887-6640.

The Lions Clubs of Michigan began providing free vision screenings for children in 2003 under the direction of Dr. John Baker, a Pediatric Ophthalmologist at Children's Hospital of Michigan.

With the help of our Project KidSight partners and sponsors, Michigan Lions are improving the lives of children with vision disorders, and we are preventing vision loss one child at a time.

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## Project KidSight

### Our Goal

**To identify and help children who have vision disorders that hinder their ability to succeed in school and develop normally.**

**Preventing Vision Loss  
One Child At A Time**

# Why Project KidSight?

Through Project KidSight, we aim to prevent permanent vision loss through the early detection and treatment of vision disorders in children. We know that many children start school with vision problems because they do not understand that they see differently than others.

Worldwide, the leading cause of reduced vision in children is an unidentified need for them to wear glasses. About 5% of children between one and five years of age experience reduced vision resulting from a serious vision disorder like Amblyopia (lazy eye). If treated while the visual system is still maturing, eye disorders can typically be corrected with non-surgical intervention, and usually, normal vision can be restored. However, when vision problems go undetected or intervention is delayed, permanent and irreversible vision loss can occur.

Through Project KidSight, potential vision problems can be detected in children as young as age one. Our portable high-tech vision screening devices are programmed to quickly (one second) and accurately (90%) identify causes of vision loss without causing stress to children.



“We would like to thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Our daughter attended a playgroup in the Spring, and she had a picture taken by the Lions Club with a very special camera. This free vision screening was a blessing to our family.

Victoria had a juvenile cataract in her left eye. The doctors believe she was born with a defect in the back of her eye which pre-disposed her to forming this type of cataract. Her eye problem was never found during her well child check-ups, and if it was not for the Lions Club finding it when they did, Victoria could have lost her eye.

Victoria turned three in January, and thanks to you, she will be a normal and healthy little girl with two beautiful eyes. Her doctors believe that with glasses, she will have normal vision.”

Amy F. - Gobles, Michigan

Each year, thousands of Michigan children receive free vision screenings through Project KidSight. Our vision screening equipment produces a binocular image of a child’s eyes to develop a preliminary determination of the presence of eye disorders.



Not all types of vision problems can be identified through vision screenings, and vision screenings are not substitutes for eye examinations by ophthalmologists and optometrists. Some common vision disorders detected through Project KidSight include Anisometropia (unequal visual clarity), Anisocoria (a difference in the size of pupils), Hyperopia (far-sightedness), Myopia (near-sightedness), Strabismus (eye misalignment), Astigmatism (blurred vision – refractive abnormality), and Gaze (fixed or crossed eye, not tracking).