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My Early Intervention Program is:

My Service Coordinator's Name is:

My child's appointment with a Pediatric Ophthalmologist or
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Appointment Date ____ / ____ / ____

Time ____: ____ am / pm

*Check with your health insurance provider prior to
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A Guide to Your Child's Vision Assessment



Why should I get my child's vision tested?

There are many reasons to have your child's eye sight tested. Infants begin learning about themselves and the world around them from the moment they are born. When a child cannot make full use of their sight, it is important for parents and caregivers to help them gather information in other ways. Detecting any degree of vision loss will provide the opportunity for your Early Intervention provider to work with you on targeted strategies to support your child's development.

When should I get my child's vision tested?

Any time you have concerns about how your child sees, have a family history of eye disease, or your child has experienced trauma to their eye(s), then seeking consultation with a medical provider is essential. The American Optometric Association (AOA) recommends that children have their eyes examined by an eye doctor at 6 months, 3 years, and before they start grade school.

What is the difference between a Pediatric Optometrist and a Pediatric Ophthalmologist?

Optometrist

An optometrist will assess the developmental, behavioral, functional and environmental aspects of vision. These assessments can help parents learn more about their child's vision, even if their child cannot read an eye chart.

Ophthalmologist

An ophthalmologist is a medical doctor who can diagnose, treat and manage children's eye problems, including physical characteristics of the eye, eye disease and visual processing disorders. Ophthalmologists perform eye exams, surgery and care for eye injuries. They can prescribe medications and dispense corrective lenses.

What you can do right away to support the development of your child's vision?

Holding, talking and playing with your baby helps them learn so much about themselves, their family, and their surroundings. Dressing, bathing, feeding, and diaper changing are everyday

opportunities to develop your child's vision skills. Here are some things you can do today:

- Encourage your child to explore objects with her or his hands and learn the feel of different shapes, textures and temperatures.
- Give your child opportunities to safely move around their indoor and outdoor environment.
- Talk with your child about shapes, textures and experiences during daily activities.
- Describe what you are doing as you do it. For example, *"Daddy is making your breakfast. Here's the cereal. I'm pouring it into your bowl. Now I'm pouring the milk. Ummm... it's going to taste yummy!"*

