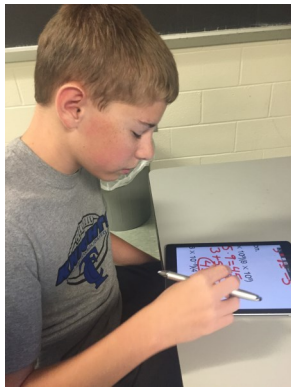


Services

Services available through CVRP include:

- Comprehensive Low Vision Evaluation
- Cortical Vision Impairment Evaluation
- Orientation and Mobility
- Bioptic Evaluation
- Institutes of Learning (Summer Institute)
- Mentoring Program
- Conferences



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Children's Vision Rehabilitation Program

Bringing comprehensive rehabilitation services to West Virginia children with visual impairments.



Mission

To provide comprehensive vision rehabilitation services to blind and visually impaired school aged children throughout the state of West Virginia regardless of their ability to pay. The goal of this project is to provide children with tools to become independent and employable by optimizing visual function both at home and school.

CVRP's mission is to provide access to the visual environment for children with incurable vision loss through medical eye care, optical devices, assistive technology, educational recommendations and support to local school systems.

In pursuit of these goals, a multi-disciplinary team of professionals trained in ophthalmology, low vision therapy, orientation and mobility, occupational therapy, and education execute a comprehensive evaluation, treatment plan and follow-up for each student.

CVRP Team

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Information

For further information or to refer a child to the program, contact:
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Who is eligible?

Any child with low vision who is enrolled in pre-school through twelfth grade may be referred by a teacher of the visually impaired, school staff, parent, ophthalmologist or optometrist.



What is low vision?

Low vision is a term used to describe visual impairment that cannot be corrected (20/70 or worse) despite best glasses correction. Low vision can interfere with the ability to function in the classroom and outside of school. Children with low vision face special challenges in school, where great emphasis is placed on learning in a visual environment.

Legal Blindness—20/200 acuity or less
Blind—Light perception or less

How does this project help?



CVRP is designed to provide comprehensive vision rehabilitation services to school aged children in West Virginia. Particularly in rural areas, children with visual impairment may not have access to the visual devices, technologies, training, and support they need. This program brings together professionals trained in ophthalmology, low vision therapy, orientation & mobility, occupational therapy and education to evaluate each child, prescribe devices, make recommendations, and provide support to the child, family, teachers and other professionals.



How much does it cost to participate?

Diagnostic and rehabilitation services are provided free of charge at all outreach sites. Devices and technology are funded through the Teubert Device Lending Library, the local school systems, Lions Clubs, private donors and foundations.

Where will services be offered?

To participate in the program, a child must be evaluated at one of the several clinics being offered throughout West Virginia. For information on where clinics will be held this year please contact Paula Lang at 304-598-6965 or by email at langp@wvumedicine.org or visit our website at www.wvueye.com



Support

Yes! I would like to help support the Children's Vision Rehabilitation Program.

- ☐ I am enclosing a tax deductible contribution of \$ _____ for the Children's Vision Rehabilitation Program (please note CVRP on the memo line of check.) **Make checks payable to the WVU Foundation, Inc.**
- ☐ I would like to talk with someone personally about making a gift. Please contact me at the number provided below.

To make an electronic donation, please visit our secure website, www.wvueye.com and click on "Make a Gift", enter your amount, then choose "Children's Vision Rehabilitation Program" from the drop down menu and finally click "add donation".

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