



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!



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Region 12 254-297-1145	Waco, TX
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Region 14 915-675-8671	Abilene, TX
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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.

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