



Treatment options increase when vision problems are detected early in a child's life. Normal vision can usually be restored with eye glasses, contact lenses and sometimes patching. 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 does not look directly at the camera during the vision screening process.*

**REFER:** *Our vision screener has detected that the child may have one or more vision problems and requires further testing by an optometrist or ophthalmologist as soon as possible.*

For financial help or information about eye care assistance programs for your family, please contact the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services at 517-373-3740 (toll free: 1-855-275-6424 - michigan.gov/mdhhs) or the Lions Clubs of Michigan at 517-887-6640 (toll free: 1-800-686-4556 - lionsofmi.com).

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 helping children grow and prosper, and we are preventing vision loss - one child at a time.

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## Our Goal

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To help children through  
the early detection and  
treatment of vision disorders  
that hinder their ability  
to succeed in school  
and develop normally

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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. Research shows that many children start school with vision problems because the problems are not noticeable to parents and family members and because young children simply 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, many eye disorders can 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, we can quickly and accurately identify potential vision problems in children as young as one without causing stress to the child. In less than one second, our high-tech vision screeners measure and compare the refractive power of the child's eyes, pupil size and corneal alignment to age based referral criteria.



“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 sight.

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 that cause vision loss.



Not all types of vision problems can be identified through vision screenings, and vision screenings are not substitutes for eye examinations by eye care professionals. However, through Project KIDsight, we can detect most common childhood vision problems, including:

- Anisometropia (Unequal Visual Clarity)
- Anisocoria (Pupil Size Differences)
- Astigmatism (Refractive Abnormality)
- Corneal Reflex (Blinking)
- Gaze Deviation (Fixed/Crossed Eyes)
- Hyperopia (Far-Sighted)
- Myopia (Near-Sighted)
- Strabismus (Eye Misalignment)