



# DISTRICT 33K EYEMOBILE kidSight PROGRAM

**kidSight** is a nationwide Lions program that safeguards the vision of preschool children through free vision screenings. Studies have shown that up to 15% of preschool children screened are referred for a follow up exam with an eye care professional and up to 4% have a treatable disorder that can result in permanently reduced vision if not addressed by an early age.

**kidSight** is now available to 33K Lions Clubs through the Eyemobile. This free program includes screenings for:

- Hyperopia – Difficulty seeing objects that are near, far sighted.
- Myopia – Distant objects appear blurred, near sighted.
- Astigmatism - A condition in which the cornea has an abnormal curve causing out-of-focus vision.
- Anisometropia –A condition where one eye has poorer vision than the other.
- Strabismus – A condition where the eyes point in different directions.
- Anisocoria – A condition where the pupils are not the same size.

Screenings are done with photographic type equipment; a Spot Vision screener. Nothing touches the child. The youngster looks into the screener from a distance of about three feet. A report is provided to parents/guardians that do not pass. Screenings are over 95% successful; a few cannot be screened due to incompatibility with the equipment. All necessary equipment is available to screen and print reports.

According to educational experts, 80% of learning is visual. So if a child can't see well, the child can't learn well. Yet most young children don't get their vision screened until they have problems learning or paying attention in school. By then, it may already be too late. Unless vision problems are detected early and corrected, they risk becoming permanent by age 7.

The Eyemobile's mission is to ensure free eye screenings are available to all kids because every child deserves to learn and see the world clearly.

**Is your club willing to bring  to your community?**

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