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CHILDREN'S VISION SCREENING CERTIFICATION COURSE

Children and adolescents may not be aware of reduced visual functioning. Routine vision screening is vitally important to identify children at risk of a vision condition. Prevent Blindness offers the only national training and certification program in children's vision screening and screening implementation.

What is Certification, and How Long is it Valid?

The course provides participants with current, evidence-based, best practices for vision screening and is customizable by age cohort, state protocols and requirements. Current content taught is frequently evaluated by scientific experts at the National Center of Children's Vision and Eye Health. **Successful completion results in a 3-year nationally recognized certification provided by Prevent Blindness.**

Who should attend and what will you learn?

The course is appropriate for any professional-in home visiting, early education and care programs, school, childcare, public health and primary healthcare-based settings, as well as community volunteers. Participants will learn:

- An overview of common childhood vision disorders and their treatment
- Signs and Symptoms of childhood vision problems
- Designing and implementing an effective Vision Screening Program
- State regulations and evidence-based Referral Protocols
- Barriers to Eye care and Solutions
- Written assessment, hands-on training and discussion

In-Person Children's Vision Screening Training Class:

The Prevent Blindness Children's Vision Screening Certification Course runs 3.5 - 4 hours, at a location of your choice. We limit class size from 10 to 20 individuals, to provide time to practice with the screening equipment and role-play to demonstrate learned skills.

Training fees include:

- Professional fee per day for trainer (\$250.00)
- Per person charge for materials (\$30 per attendee)
- Travel expenses to and from site, (mileage, accommodation, meal per diem, etc.).

Not included: Vision screening materials e.g. charts and tests. Assistance with purchasing from vendors can be given.

Please contact Paulette Tattersall, Director, with any questions or to schedule a workshop.