



AMBLYOPE NEWS!



WHAT IS THE OHIO AMBLYOPE REGISTRY?



The Ohio Amblyope Registry (OAR) is the first and only statewide program in the United States designed to serve the needs of children with amblyopia, commonly known as “Lazy Eye”, their families and eye doctors. Amblyopia is decreased vision in one or both eyes. Up to 3% of kids are affected.

The OAR is a voluntary registration program to increase knowledge about amblyopia, its treatment and prevention. All services are free of charge (restricted to Ohio residents only). The Ohio Amblyope Registry is part of the Save Our Sight program.

The Ohio Amblyope Registry provides free eye patches for the treatment of amblyopia, free literature about amblyopia and causes, as well as other important services to help families of children with amblyopia.

The **Amblyope News** is the newsletter for the Ohio Amblyope Registry (OAR). It is designed to highlight the services and resources available through the OAR.

WHAT IS THE SAVE OUR SIGHT PROGRAM?

Save Our Sight is a program at The Ohio Department of Health which enhances vision health for Ohio’s children. Save Our Sight provides free protective eyewear, free patches and education for children with Amblyopia (commonly known as “lazy eye”), free equipment, certification and training for preschool vision screening, and free vision health education programs. Generous Ohio citizens may contribute \$1 to the program when they register or renew their license plates.



MEET THE SAVE OUR SIGHT CREW!



GET FREE GEAR TO KEEP YOUR KIDS EYES SAFE! Does your child play sports and wear glasses or contacts? If so, they may qualify for **FREE** prescription goggles through the Superspecs program! Every year, more than 45,000 sports and recreation-related eye injuries occur. Over half are suffered by children, and may cause loss of vision or complete loss of an eye. Superspecs provides protective eye gear to kids in Ohio, and information for everyone everywhere about how important it is to keep your eyes safe. We aim to make eye injuries unheard of. For more information about the Superspecs program and to see if your child qualifies for **FREE** prescription goggles, visit www.superspecs.org.



Free Children’s Vision Screening Training, Certification, Equipment and CNEs! Undetected and untreated visual impairments can interfere with the development of the visual system during early childhood and can increase the risk for lifelong visual impairment and the potential for poor academic performance. The Ohio Affiliate of Prevent Blindness, through a grant from the Ohio Department of Health Save Our Sight Fund, offers free evidence-based children’s vision screening training, certification, equipment and continuing nursing education credits for individuals who screen children in preschool through twelfth grade. Please click on the following link to visit our **Wise About Eyes** website where you can learn more about our trainings. <https://www.wiseabouteyes.org/copy-of-trainings-1>



Realeyes is a classroom education program created by the Ohio Optometric Association through a grant from the Ohio Department of Health Save Our Sight Fund. Realeyes includes six standardized, interactive, age-appropriate curricula that are presented by volunteer optometrists in the community. Topics covered include eye anatomy, eye safety and eye disorders. Since its inception in 2000, Realeyes has reached more than 1,500,000 children in 46,000 presentations, teaching them about the importance of eye care. To schedule a Realeyes presentation either in person or via zoom for a school or pre-recorded to use in your home, email realeyes@ooa.org or visit www.ooa.org/realeyes.

Match each picture with the correct word!

Picture:



Word:

Patch

Eye

Glasses

Ohio

Doctor

Brain

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