

**WHO DO I CONTACT TO HAVE
MY CHILD PARTICIPATE IN THIS
FREE VISION-SCREENING
PROGRAM?**

If you are not aware of a screening already scheduled in your area, contact your local Lions Club, or the COMING TO YOUR SENSES program office:

Program Coordinator

Coming To Your Senses
University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics
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Or visit us at: www.uihealthcare.com/eyecare

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF

FREE

**COMING TO YOUR
SENSES**

VISION SCREENING.

CHECK YOUR CHILD'S EYESIGHT
BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!

VISION SCREENING WILL BE CONDUCTED

AT

ON

PARENTS MUST RETURN A SIGNED AND
COMPLETED CONSENT/RESULTS FORM
FOR EACH CHILD TO THE SCREENING SITE
BEFORE THE VISIT.

REMEMBER, YOUR CHILD WILL NOT BE
SCREENED UNLESS THE CONSENT FORM
HAS BEEN COMPLETED, SIGNED, AND
RETURNED.



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**COMING TO YOUR
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FREE VISION SCREENING FOR YOUNG CHILDREN
(TARGET POPULATION: AGES 6 TO 48 MONTHS)



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OF IOWA AND UNIVERSITY OF IOWA
HOSPITALS AND CLINICS, DEPARTMENT
OF OPHTHALMOLOGY AND VISUAL
SCIENCES.

VISION SCREENING

WHAT IS COMING TO YOUR SENSES?

COMING TO YOUR SENSES is a vision-screening project sponsored by the Iowa Lions Foundation and University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences. Lions Club volunteers from your community conduct the vision screening, which is then interpreted by trained staff in the UI Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences.

This voluntary program is open to children between the ages of 6 months to 48 months. Younger children will not be screened. Children who are older can be screened, but other tests are available for the verbal child who can communicate specific vision problems.

WHY SHOULD MY CHILD'S VISION BE SCREENED?

The first few years of a child's life are critical in the development of good vision.

A child's vision should be checked for conditions such as: misaligned eyes, cataracts, and problems that need correction with eyeglasses.



These problems are not always evident by simply looking at a child. Each day that eye problems go undetected and untreated, a child's vision may deteriorate to the point of irreversibility. The earlier these conditions are detected, the more easily and successfully they can be treated.

HOW MUCH DOES THIS COST?

The screening is **free**, thanks to the support and volunteer efforts of Iowa Lions.

MY CHILD ALREADY HAD A VISION SCREENING.

SHOULD MY CHILD BE RE-SCREENED?

Some vision problems begin as a child grows older. It is a good idea to have your child's vision checked regularly.

HOW IS VISION SCREENING DONE?

It is as simple as having your child's picture taken. Local Lions Club volunteers

are trained to use a special camera called the MTI Photoscreener™ which takes special Polaroid™ pictures of your child's eye to detect eye problems in children who are too young to communicate possible vision problems.

WHAT HAPPENS IF A POSSIBLE PROBLEM IS DETECTED IN MY CHILD'S VISION?

The results of your child's vision screening are evaluated by specialists in the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. You will receive the results two to four weeks after the screening. If a possible vision problem is detected, you will be given a letter of referral for your child and a list of ophthalmologists and optometrists in your area.

WILL INSURANCE OR MEDICAID COVER FOLLOW-UP EXAMS IF MY CHILD IS REFERRED?

Individual health insurance or Medicaid should cover most exams; however, plans vary and you may need to contact your child's primary care provider for more information.