

CHELSEA LIONS CLUB

PROVIDES

FREE PRE-SCHOOL VISION SCREENING

The Chelsea Lions Club is pleased to join with Children's Hospital and Project Kidsight to provide free vision screening to your pre-school child. Project Kidsight, the screening program developed at Vanderbilt University, helps identify the presence of eye disorders including far and nearsightedness, astigmatism, misaligned eyes, anisometropia (unequal refractive power), and media opacities (i.e. cataracts). No physical contact is made with your child and eyedrops are not necessary. The screening is over 90% effective in detecting problems that can cause vision problems.

We are now screening pre-school children with a new digital screening system, the PediaVision Assessment Solution. This system, which has been evaluated and fully endorsed by our Medical Director at Children's Hospital of Michigan, allows us to screen for more indicators of vision problems and to achieve a higher degree of reliability. We also will be able to print the screening results on site and send them home the day of the screening. The purchase of this new equipment was made possible through the generous support of the Michigan Braille Transcribing Fund and the Lions clubs in our area.

You will receive the results the day of the screening. If your child passes, then please put the results in a safe place. You may also want to make a copy to give to your child's doctor. If the screening of your child results in a "refer" then you will receive a referral packet. In this packet is a copy of the screening printout, a "what to do" list, an evaluation sheet to be filled out by the eye care professional, and an envelope for the return of the evaluation sheet to Project Kidsight. A screening "refer" means that your child tested outside the pass values in one or more areas. It will be up to you to follow-up with the ophthalmologist or optometrist of your choosing.

The Lions Clubs have a long history of helping the sight impaired. We are now able, through our partnership with Children's Hospital and Project Kidsight, to become proactive in our effort. It has been found that over 5% of children ages 1-5 have some type of visual impairment. The earlier a visual problem is detected, the more likely treatment will be successful.

The PediaVision Assessment Solution is a screening device – not a diagnostic tool. It is part of a comprehensive vision care program including regular eye exams by an eye care professional. All cost for the screening process is being paid by the Dexter Lions Club.

If you have any questions you can contact Larry France at 734.648-0230

The new system looks for additional indicators of vision problems and does so with a greater reliability. For these reasons, we are asking you to have your child screened even if you have received a "pass" screening from us before.