

F5 – Sight and Hearing Foundation Report

August 2025

The Sight and Hearing Foundation will meet on August 31.

A new initiative, recently approved by the Ohio Legislature, will fund traveling optometrists to evaluate patients and provide necessary eyeglasses at no cost to the patient, using state funds. Lions will have the opportunity to partner with these optometrists by conducting initial vision screenings. Referrals from these screenings will then be directed to the optometrist, with the goal of completing the entire process within one week.

Currently, only 22% of referrals from Lions are receiving follow-up care. This program is designed to significantly increase that percentage.

District OH4 has been selected as the pilot location for the program. Once the approach is proven effective, it will be expanded to serve all of Ohio.

Yours in Service,

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