

Club Vision Plan

Vision Screening Plan for < your club name here> Club

Background:

What is the history of vision screening within your club?

What will be the goals/priorities for the coming year?

- 1. Ages
- 2. Schools
- 3. Daycare
- 4. Public Screenings
- 5. Adjacent towns

Identification of Target Audiences

Identify the targets you will be screening for the following categories.

Preschool through Grade 12

The information you need for schools in your towns is available on the NH Department of Education website - www.education.nh.gov/. By clicking on NH School and District Profiles you will be able to search:

- By County (shows all the towns in the county)
- By City or Town (you can go directly to the towns served by your club).

Day Care Facilities

To find the Licensed Day Care facilities in your town(s) you can go to www.dhhs.nh.gov/, which is the website for the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). From the home page you can click on Online Tools and then on Child Care Search. In the form you insert zip code, click search, and it returns the list of licensed facilities in your area. Entering 03440 for Antrim returned one facility.

Home Schooled

Following are some options in how to reach home schooled children and make them aware of our Public eye screenings.

- The New Hampshire Homeschooling Coalition will allows us to post notices of public screening events so we can reach many of those being home schooled
- Checking the SAU to see if they keep track of children being home schooled? (we are pursuing this option as we write this manual)
- Posters placed in Libraries as home schooled children are frequent users of the library.

Age Six Months to Pre-School

Approach the Pediatricians and Family Practices in your area to have them promote our vision screening and recommend parents take their child to one of your public screenings.



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Public Screenings

In addition to the screenings identified above, the Lions should also set up public screenings where we can screen children over six months old.

Teaming

Now that the target audiences have been identified the next step is to meet with the people responsible for screenings to set up dates for screening events and get any approvals required.

Preschool Through Grade 12 - School Nurses

Identify the School Nurses and set up a meeting, get agreement and set dates for possible screenings

Day Care - Screening Coordinator

Identify the Daycare Screening Coordinator and set up a meeting, get agreement and set dates for possible screenings

Pediatricians and Family Practices

In order to address the six months to pre-school group, you would contact Pediatricians and Family Practices in your area so they would recommend Lions vision screening for their patients.

Optometrists and Ophthalmologists

A recommendation is that each club meet the eye care professionals in their area and let them now that your club is conducting eye screenings and there may be children needing a **Complete Eye Exam**.

- a. The <u>American Optometric Association</u> (http://www.aoa.org/) represents approximately 36,000 doctors of optometry, optometry students and paraoptometric assistants and technicians.
- b. <u>EyeSmart (www.geteyesmart.org/eyesmart/index.cfm)</u>, which is a website provided by the American Academy of Ophthalmology which is the world's largest association of eye physicians and surgeons.

Schedule/Training

Roles (identify club members to fill roles)

OKS Coordinator

Lead Screeners

Screeners

Schedule (need to identify key milestones for meetings, training, logistics, approvals, etc.) **Coordination** (Teaming with other Lions Clubs for any school overlap, eye care professionals, pediatricians and family practices