

Rhode Island Early Intervention

A Guide to Your Child's Vision Assessment



When should I get my child's vision tested?

The American Optometric Association (AOA) recommends that children have their eyes examined by an eye doctor at 6 months, 3 years, and before they start Kindergarten. Children's eyes should also be examined any time you have concerns about how your child sees, have a family history of eye disease, or your child has experienced trauma to their eye(s). Other possible concerns include: lack of using vision to look at others, hands or objects, including noticing visual obstacles.

What is the difference between a Pediatric Optometrist and Pediatric Ophthalmologist?

An optometrist will assess the developmental, behavioral, functional and environmental aspects of vision. These assessments can help parents learn more about their child's vision, even if their child cannot read an eye chart. They can dispense corrective lenses. An ophthalmologist is a medical doctor who can diagnose, treat and manage children's eye problems, including physical characteristics of the eye, eye disease, and visual processing disorders. Ophthalmologists perform eye exams, surgery and care for eye injuries. They can prescribe medications and dispense corrective lenses.

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