



Welcome New Families to A Shared Vision

Start Your Journey with Our Support

We are very honored to provide early intervention vision services for you and your child and look forward to building a lasting relationship with you.

Start your journey with A Shared Vision. We provide early intervention vision services and support for families of visually impaired children. Learn what to expect and how we can help.

As part of our family, one of our Early Intervention Teachers of the Visually Impaired (EI-TVI) will be coming to your home, in person or via telehealth, to support you and your child.

What to Expect in Your First Visit

Your teacher will help you understand your child's diagnosis and their functional vision. They will help you guide your child to use all their senses, including hearing, smell, taste, touch, as well as the movement of their body. They will help you incorporate meaningful strategies into your daily routines that will encourage your child to be an active participant in their world. Your teacher will also help you adapt your home for safety, travel, and learning.

In addition to the services our teacher will provide, please take a few minutes to get started with the other ways A Shared Vision can support you.

#1. Review expectations

Review what you can expect from your teacher from A Shared Vision, as well as our asks of you.

#2. Explore our website (www.asharedvision.org)

Learn how to engage with your child so they can develop to their fullest potential.

- Select "Parent Resources" for curated support just for you! Learn how to make a texture book you can read with your child. Explore other craft ideas in Let's Play.
- Try a "Sensory Recipe" you can make with your child, such as pumpkin pie play dough, sugar cookies, and pancakes. Every recipe uses sensory symbols so you know which sense to engage when cooking with your child.
- Our "Learning Experiences©" are tied to everyday routines like playtime, bathtime, or feeding. Pick one you can try with your EI-TVI first, and the real learning will occur when you do the activity on your own.
- The "Digital Library" features web-friendly articles on common vision diagnoses, proven strategies you can use with your child, early literacy ideas, tips on how to prepare for your visit with the pediatric ophthalmologist, and more.

Can't decide where to start? Visit "Top Digital Resources for New Families" for some of our favorite digital resources for new families!

#3. Read our newsletter

Check your inbox for our newsletter. You'll meet other inspiring families with children who are blind or visually impaired, find information on our favorite products, and learn about proven strategies you can use with your child. Be sure to check your spam or junk folder if you haven't received it in your inbox.

#4. Meet our team

Explore "About Us" on our website to learn about our services and our teachers. Our teachers have unmatched experience and capabilities in supporting very young children who are blind or visually impaired.

If you have questions, concerns, or suggestions about A Shared Vision or our support for you and your child, please feel free to email us at referrals@asharedvision.org.

It is a great honor to provide services for your child and your family. By working together, we can give you the resources, tools, and support you need to help your child succeed.