

ECVS Packet

Location Survey Form

This file is where you start! Fill out this form, enclose a check, and return it with a couple of potential dates for the screening that you service club would like to hold.

Proper Procedures for Conducting a Successful ECVS Project

Please read this file before you fill out the location survey form.

Timeline Schedule

This file is designed to help a service club know when to be working on each step in preparing for and holding an “Early Childhood Vision Screening” event.

The above list of files is available on line and the rest of this list of files is made available to you because you chose to schedule an early childhood vision screening in your area.

Understanding the Screening Results

This 36 page document is a file that is designed to be given or emailed to Ophthalmologists and Optometrists that already specialize in working with children who are less than one years old through four years old. It is an explanation of how to use the referral printout that parents bring to them after an “Early Childhood Vision Screening” performed by a ROATx Certified Vision Screener.

Examples of Locations to Take the Fliers

This file is a copy of a list of childcare centers and churches. It is included to give the service club sponsors an idea of where to start handing out fliers and encouraging local childcare providers about the vision screening that is about to be held.

Sample of Handout at Screening

This handout file is a sample of what should be given to all the families that bring their children to a screening. It talks about the PediaVision equipment, the highly trained Certified Vision Screeners, and on the back page is room to tell about the sponsoring service club that has organized the screening.

Sample of Permission Slip

This permission slip file is designed to be modified by your service club so that it reflects your clubs information. It also assures your club that it has permission to screen a parent’s child.

Screening for Amblyopia paper

Two-sided Sample Flyer (BACK)

This file is the back page of the two sided flier that is used to promote the screening. It is a PDF document that can not be changed.

Two-sided Sample Flyer (FRONT)

This file is the front page of the flier. It is designed to easily be modified to service clubs information. It is a DOC file.

Two-sided Sample Flyer (FRONT-MASONIC SAMPLE)

This file shows the front of the flier completed, to give you a sample of how it should look. It is a DOC file.

Who Provides Ophthalmic Services and Products

This file explains the differences between the “Three O’s”.

“Early Childhood Vision Screening”

**Location Survey Form (send at least two months prior to screening)
(Attach \$200.00 check made out to “ECVS/ROATx” to this form)**

Date Form Completed: ____ / ____ / ____

Organization: _____

Address of Screening: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Proposed Date for the Screening Event: ____ / ____ / ____ (Saturdays only)

Time Screening is to be held: (two hours maximum) _____

Contact Person from the Event: _____

Contact Person’s phone number: _____ Fax Number: _____

Contact Person’s Address: _____

Contact Person’s Email Address: _____

Expected Number of Children to be Screened: _____

Facility Description

- Public / Private School Child Care Facility
- Government / Military Civic / Community Organization
- Retail Store, Name: _____
- Other: _____

Equipment Availability (circle YES or NO)

- Semi-Dark Room YES NO
- 10 (Minimum) Adult Sized Chairs YES NO
- 10 (Minimum) Child Sized Chairs YES NO
- Three 6 Foot Tables YES NO
- Electric Outlets in screening area YES NO
- Signs, Balloons and Banners YES NO
- Waiting Area nearby YES NO
- Restrooms nearby YES NO

Early Childhood Vision Screening, 1308 W. Anderson Ln, Austin, TX 78757

Proper procedures for conducting a successful ECVS project

In an effort to make future vision screenings operate more effectively and assure the public appreciates the professionalism of the screenings enough to take action when a referral is made the following suggestions are made to help future screenings be more successful:

Service clubs should plan ahead how to promote the screening.

Remember that this project was developed by and brought to your service club by the Registered Opticians Association of Texas. Include them in all your promotions for this project when ever possible. All referrals go to the doctors not the Registered Opticians. They see this project as a way to serve the public and to raise public awareness of their profession.

If more than one club is sponsoring the screening, both clubs need to, in advance, determine how they are going to present recognition to the public, and not wait until the day of the screening to decide about who's signage goes where and who is going to take the credit for the screening.

Pubic awareness is a must and each club, when signing up to sponsor a screening, is given a packet with a detailed format of how the screening should be managed. It is important to promote the upcoming screening at fund raisers and make lists of interested families to contact the week before the screening.

Service clubs should verify that the doctors that they refer to currently accept one year old children as patients.

Many eye doctors do not have the specialized training or experience to work with six- month old through four year old children. If you find one that does work with this age group on a regular basis, you will still need to get their permission to refer patients to them and you will need to either email them the 36 page PDF file or give them a full copy of the file, so that they will know how to read the referral sheet that is presented to the children' parents by the ROATx Certified Vision Screeners.

Use the samples of newspaper articles provided in packet.

Included in this packet is an example of a newspaper write up that has been successfully used during the pilot screenings given at several locations throughout the state including, but not limited to Cedar Park/Liberty Hill and San Angelo Texas. Rewriting the press release examples and changing the format may negatively affect the success and public turn out the day of the screening. If a service club member speaks directly to the editor of their local paper about the importance of educating the public about why screening the very youngest children is needed, the editor of the newspaper in the area should provide (at no charge) as much space as the service club feels necessary to make the public aware of the community service being offered, allocation of space and the location of the article should not be an issue.

Choose an easily accessible location and keep the screening to two hours in length.

Another critical factor in having a successful screening is, while the professional ROATx screeners will stay as long as there are children to screen, to make sure it is kept to two hours in length (usually 10 AM till Noon). Be sure that the public is aware of the location and the location is easily accessible for all individuals. Having a screening on the first floor of a building makes it possible for not only the public to not have to search out the screening, but also makes it accessible to people who may be coming in for other reasons. (i.e.: The Public Libraries are excellent due to family's regular use to check out a book or attend a reading activity.)

It would also be beneficial for the members of the service clubs to greet the public at the entrance of the building and to inform the public entering the building of the:

“FREE” screening that is taking place for 6 months through four year old children and how important it is to take advantage of the opportunity to have the Certified Registered Optician’s Association of Texas Vision Screeners screen their children.

Also, that we are targeting preventable blindness in children.

Only appropriate gifts should be given to the children.

Appropriate gifts for these age children should be limited to stickers, coloring books, or inflated balloons. It may be hazardous to a small child to reward them with small objects that can be inhaled and possibly choke on, such as M&M’s, and un-inflated balloons, or other small objects. Not only are these items dangerous to small children and can hurt them, it can also place our organization in a liability situation.

This project should be conducted in a professional manner at all times.

The screenings should be conducted in a professional manner and operated like a business and not a fundraiser. The Certified Vision Screeners from the Registered Opticians Association of Texas are professionals who are held accountable for what they tell the families of the children concerning the results of the vision screening. In order to become a vision screener they must first become a Texas Department of Health Registered Optician, they must be a member of the Registered Opticians Association of Texas, they must become certified by the Texas Department of Health as a Vision Screener for school age children, and they must become certified by the Registered Opticians association of Texas as a Vision Screener for children six month old through four year old.


Due to the proper training and professionalism offered by the trained and qualified vision specialists of The Registered Opticians Association of Texas, who are certified by the Texas Department of Health and the Registered Opticians Association of Texas to conduct vision screenings, the Early Childhood Vision Screening project has great potential of helping our children throughout the State of Texas and potentially the entire United States to become a stronger better educated and more productive group of adults for all our futures as a whole.

Thank you for partnering with the Registered Opticians Association of Texas to target preventable blindness in children.

Michelle Calhoun, ABOC
Texas Department of Health - Registered Optician
Registered Opticians Association of Texas
ECVS Pilot Program Coordinator

“Early Childhood Vision Screening”

Time line schedule:

At least **FOUR MONTHS** prior to the Early Childhood Vision Screening, please send the \$200 fee to have the ROATx Certified Vision Screeners come to your community and the potential dates that you are planning to sponsor a screening. You will be sent a complete packet of information to assist your club in sponsoring this project. 

Make check payable to: ECVS/ROATx

Mail to: Early Childhood Vision Screening
1308 West Anderson Ln., Suite B
Austin, TX 78757

TWO MONTHS prior to project return completed Location Survey Form.

SEVEN WEEKS prior to screening date talk to the Pediatric Ophthalmologists and Optometrists in your area about “Early Childhood Vision Screening”. Be sure that they are familiar with the screening process and are willing to accept one, two, three, and four year old patients. Add their names to the hand outs used at the screening.

FIVE WEEKS prior to the screening, print out fliers (500 copies recommended).

FOUR WEEKS prior to screening, take fliers to childcare centers and churches. See sample list included in packet.

THREE WEEKS prior to screening, ask local news media to help with notifying the public.

TWO WEEKS prior to screening check on location reservation and go over all check lists.

DURING THE LAST WEEK before the screening be sure all posters, balloons, and signs are made and ready.

DAY OF SCREENING arrive one hour early to set up and organize.

ONE MONTH after the event, using your copies of the permission slips, call all the parents of the children that were referred and find out if they had seen a Doctor or do they need help.

Email or Fax the ECVS offices should you have any questions.

Fax 512-420-0262 / info@roatx.org .

(Service Club)/ROATx

“Early Childhood Vision Screening” Program

For the one through four year old children

Effective vision care and screening can prevent future learning and behavioral problems. One in four children experience vision problems. Traditional eye exams in most pediatrician offices or by the school nurse often miss eye disorders such as lazy eye, crossed eyes, nearsightedness, farsightedness, and astigmatism. Vision disorders in children may not be observable by parents, particularly with younger children who cannot verbalize that they cannot see well.

The Registered and Certified ROATx Vision Screeners use the PediaVision Assessment Solution which combines infrared technology along with digital video to quickly and effectively screen children as early as six months of age. The software generated analysis provides an instant “pass” or “refer” result based upon criteria set by local eye care specialists. Instant results ensure the screening was performed correctly and allows for immediate retesting while children are still available.

The PediaVision solution has referred thousands of children to an ophthalmologist for a thorough eye exam and identification of serious eye disorders or an Optometrist for simple refractive error corrections. Left untreated, many of these disorders can become permanent and lead to learning disabilities along with social and behavioral problems.

The ROATx Certified Vision Screeners provide an effective child-friendly procedure screening from 3 feet away and completed in just 5 seconds. It does not require eye drops, head restraints, or any invasive procedures. Children are comfortably seated in a chair or on a parents lap during the screening. For more information on the PediaVision system or the Registered Opticians Association of Texas (ROATx), please visit their web sites @ www.pediavision.com or www.roatx.org or <http://ecvs.roatx.org> .

If your child has been referred to a Doctor for further testing please contact one of the doctors below:

A. Melinda Rainey, M.D.

Pediatric Ophthalmologist

1912 West 35th Street

Austin, Texas 78703

Phone 512-458-1922

Fax 512-458-8362

O. B. Jackson, Jr., M.D.

Pediatric Ophthalmologist

3509 Lawton Avenue

Austin, Texas 78731

Phone 512-451-0234

1-800-877-3937

(Pediatric Eye Doctor who

Specializes in Children)

111 Western Avenue, Ste #8

Town in Texas, TX 78642

Phone 512-555-5100

Fax 515-555-5101

More about the Lions (Vision Screening Sponsor)

In addition to the Early Childhood Screening Program, your local Lions clubs are involved in a number of ongoing projects:

TEXAS LIONS CAMP

The camp for physically handicapped and diabetic children is located on 500+ acres in Kerrville, Texas. More than 1300 children attend the four handicapped and two diabetic camp sessions each summer. The facilities include a modern dining hall, air conditioned bunkhouses, swimming pools, hiking trails, play areas, etc. The children are supervised by mostly college student counselors at a ratio of about three campers per counselor. The camp is free to the children from Texas who are sponsored by Lions. Funding comes from Lions Club member dues, Lions Clubs 100% contributions, Century Club, and Live Memberships and gifts.

LIONS DISTRICT 2-S3/S5 EYEBANK

The Austin eyebank is staffed with a full time director and associate director. Enucleations are taken for use on cornea transplants and research. There is a nominal charge for corneas, but hardship cases are negotiated. Funding is from club 100% contributions, Life Memberships, and gifts.

LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND

The Leader Dog program, sponsored by Lions Clubs is in Rochester, Michigan. Trained dogs, valued at over \$19,000 each can be made available to individuals without cost. Funding is from club 100% contributions and gifts.

The Lions Motto:

WE SERVE

We would welcome any interest in finding out more about Lions Club, becoming a member, or simply joining us for one of our club meetings. Please feel free to contact either of our club presidents for more information.

Longhorn Lions Club Cedar Park / Leander

Michelle Calhoun, President

512-965-2015

www.longhornlions.org

Meetings held 1st and 3rd Tuesdays

7:00 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.

Highland Estates – Lakeline Blvd. - Cedar Park

ESSENTIALS OF AMBLYOPIA

The Service Clubs of Texas and the Registered Opticians Association of Texas Samuel E. Johnson, ABOM, NCLE-AC

Service Clubs of Texas and the Registered Opticians Association of Texas are providing a free vision screening program for children age one year through four years of age. The overall goal of this joint effort is to identify and treat many of the common childhood-onset eye conditions that result in amblyopia (lazy eye). Blindness resulting from amblyopia can be dramatically reduced if diagnosed and treated prior to age six which unfortunately when most children experience their first vision screening through the state mandated Texas school system program.

Amblyopia is the most common cause of impaired vision in children, affecting approximately five percent of the population. Amblyopia is a condition of reduced sight, frequently in one eye, resulting from poor visual stimulation during the first few years of life. Without proper stimulation in early childhood, the visual pathways of the brain develop abnormally. The eye structures may be capable of good vision, but the brain does not receive clear images.*

Usually, the poor stimulation in amblyopia is related to misalignment of the eyes (strabismus) or abnormal optics of the eyes (anisometropia). In strabismic amblyopia, the brain to avoid double vision suppresses visual images from one eye. In anisometropic amblyopia, images from one eye are optically blurred, usually from astigmatism or hyperopia (farsightedness).*

Because children with outwardly normal-appearing eyes may also have amblyopia, The Service Clubs of Texas in partnership with the Registered Opticians Association of Texas are offering Early Childhood Vision Screenings of children one year through four years of age. A infrared measurement of the child's eye is taken. No physical contact or eye drops are required and the entire procedure takes less than five minutes. The computerized vision screening system then issues an immediate referral for a full medical examination if the results indicate.

Parents wishing to find a free "Vision Screening" for their child, should contact their local Service Club and ask them to schedule a screening through the Registered Opticians Association of Texas. The Early Childhood Vision Screening web site is <http://ecvs.roatx.org>.

SCREENING RECOMMENDATIONS

The American Academy of Ophthalmology recommends the following screening schedule:

- (1) A pediatrician or family physician should examine a newborn's eyes for general eye health.
An ophthalmologist should examine all high-risk infants.
- (2) All infants by six months of age should be screened for ocular health by a pediatrician, family physician, or an ophthalmologist.
- (3) Each child at age approximately 3 ½ should be screened for eye health by a pediatrician, family physician, or an ophthalmologist.
- (4) Children at age 5 years should have vision evaluated and alignment assessed by a pediatrician, family physician, or an ophthalmologist.

IMPORTANT POINTS

Amblyopia is abnormal visual development
Decreased visual acuity
Unilateral or bilateral
Apparently normal physical examination
5% U.S. population affected
Commonly unilateral
Bilateral amblyopia may mean effective blindness
Amblyopia is usually preventable
Early detection is the key to effective treatment
Life-threatening disorders may present as amblyopia
Screening is extremely important
Vision develops early in life
Treatment depends on plasticity of visual system
Treatment unlikely to be effective past 6-7 years

Predisposing Factors

- ⓂPoor clarity (media opacities)
- ⓂPoor focus (refractive error)
- ⓂPoor aim (strabismus)

The computerized vision screening system used with the “Early Childhood Vision Screening” System is designed to detect these factors. Go to www.PediaVision.com .

* ref: Roy Ferguson, PhD.

“Early Childhood Vision Screening” for 1, 2, 3 and 4 year old Children



A **FREE** Community service brought to you by
the **“Longhorn Lions Club”** of Cedar Park/Leander
in collaboration with the
“Registered Opticians Association of Texas”.

Saturday, March 27th, 2010

10 a.m.-Noon @ Cedar Park Public Library

<http://ecvs.roatx.org>



TARGETING PREVENTABLE BLINDNESS IN CHILDREN

(To learn more about this Computerized Vision Screening System go to www.pediavision.com or www.roatx.org)

Did You Know?

That a Screening process which can take 5 seconds or less to complete can help the 1 in 20 children in the U.S. that has a serious eye disorder which can lead to a lifetime of impaired vision or even blindness?

How young is too young?

The system is designed to work with children as young as 6 months old. There is a 95% cure rate if vision problems are detected early. Without early intervention and treatment, these children – approximately five million in the U.S. Alone—will suffer permanent VISION damage, uncorrectable with glasses or contact lenses. Earlier vision testing when children are between one and four years old enables detection when it is still effective to treat a child.

I can't read what I can't see and I can't learn what I can't read...

50% of children that have trouble LEARNING can attribute it to some kind of vision problem.

Early vision screening may detect many vision issues such as:

Amblyopia (lazy eye)

Strabismus (eye turns)

Myopia (nearsightedness)

Hyperopia (farsightedness)

Astigmatism (irregularly shaped corneas or lenses)

Cataracts (media opacities) and

Anisometropia (differences in strength between two eyes)

“Early Childhood Vision Screening” for 1, 2, 3 and 4 year old Children



A ***FREE*** Community service brought to you by
“Bertram Masonic Lodge #583” of Bertram, Texas
in collaboration with the
“Registered Opticians Association of Texas”.

Saturday, September 12, 2009

10 a.m.-Noon @ Bertram Masonic Lodge

105 Lampasas St Bertram Texas 78605



TARGETING PREVENTABLE BLINDNESS IN CHILDREN

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Who provides Ophthalmic Services and Products in Texas?

Registered Optician—a vision specialist who is highly trained in ophthalmic optics, who must meet a competency standard and is voluntarily registered under the Texas Opticians Registry Act as either a Registered Dispensing Optician or a Registered Contact Lens Technician. The Registered Opticians Association of Texas Board of Education currently recognizes any Registered Optician who is registered in both areas as a Dual Registered Optician.

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“Early Childhood Vision Screening”

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Date Form Completed: ____ / ____ / ____

Organization: _____

Address of Screening: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Proposed Date for the Screening Event: ____ / ____ / ____ (Saturdays only)

Time Screening is to be held: (two hours maximum) _____

Contact Person from the Event: _____

Contact Person’s phone number: _____ Fax Number: _____

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ECI Local Public Awareness Contacts (Child Find Coordinators)

Host Agency Program Name	Child Find Coordinators/ Primary Child Find Contacts
Andrews Center (029) Andrews Center ECI	Cecily Luft 1722 W. Front St. Tyler, TX 75702 (903) 597-5067 (903) 597-6223 (F) cluft@andrewscenter.com
Any Baby Can Child and Family Resource Center (CEDEN) (013) Any Baby Can - ECI Program (Parent Child Program)	Marcela Lizcano 1121 East 7th Street Austin, TX 78702 (512) 610.7983 Ext. 220 (512) 334-4465 marcelal@abcaus.org
Austin Travis County MHMR Center (005) Infant Parent Program ECI	Jennifer Vochoska Vu 1717 West 10th Street Austin, TX 78703 (512) 804-3110 (512) 472-4008 (F) jennifer.vu@atcmhmr.com
Bay Area Rehabilitation Center (007) Bay Area Rehabilitation Ctr ECI Program	Rebecca Poscovsky 5315 Decker Dr. Baytown, TX 77520 (281) 838-4477 Ext 252 (281) 838-4480 (F) rebecca.poscovsky@bayarearehab.org
Betty Hardwick Center (001) ECI Advancing Babies Chances	Marie Averitt 765 Orange St. Abilene, TX 79601 (325) 627-0908 (325) 670-4831 (F) maveritt@bhcmmhmr.org Christina Batten 765 Orange St. Abilene, TX 79601 (325) 670-4827 cbatten@bhcmmhmr.org

<p>Bluebonnet Trails Community (071) MHMR Center ECI PRIDE</p>	<p>Patricia Allison, R.N. 1009 North Georgetown Street Round Rock, TX 78664 (512) 244-8359 (512) 244-8406 (F) patricia.allison@bluebonnetmhmr.org</p>
<p>Brazoria County Association for Citizens with Handicaps (BACH) (006) BACH ECI</p>	<p>Christy Lewis 120 Hospital Dr. Angleton, TX 77515 (979) 864-0767 Ext 110 (281) 412-0694 (F) clewis@bacheci.org</p>
<p>Brighton School Inc. (011) Brighton School ECI Program</p>	<p>Rose Obregon, Family Outreach Coordinator 14207 Higgins Road San Antonio, TX 78259 (210) 826-4492 (210) 826-7887 (F) robregon@brightonsa.org</p>
<p>Burke Center (027) Cornerstone ECI Program</p>	<p>Jennifer Castella 4101 S. Medford Drive Lufkin, TX 75901 (936) 634-4703 / 1-877-205-3630 (936) 633-7613 (F) jenniferc@burke-center.org</p> <p>Carmen Williams 4101 S. Medford Drive Lufkin, TX 75901 (281) 593-1318 Ext 25 (281) 593-1358 (F) carmen.williams@gmail.com</p>
<p>Camino Real Community MHMR Center (064) Camino Real Early Intervention Program and ECI Program</p>	<p>Fernando Rangel PO Box 725 Lytle, TX 78052 (210) 357-0331 (830) 709-5493 (F) fernandor@caminorealmhmr.org</p>
<p>Center for Health Care Services (014) PACES - ECI</p>	<p>Ernest Mendoza, EIS-FQ 227 W Drexel San Antonio, TX 78210 (210) 532-5158 Ext 249 (210) 532-6090 (F) emendoza@chcsbc.org</p>

<p>Central Counties Center for MHMR Services (015) ECI Childteam</p>	<p>Susie Marek 2180 North Main Street Belton, TX 76513 (254) 770-2417 (254) 7702424 (F) Susie.marek@chilteam.org</p>
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AND THE WINNER IS...

RAY BROWN, son of Christine and Raymond Brown of Pedernales Electric Cooperative, is the grand prizewinner of \$1,500 in Texas Co-op Power's 2009 "Co-op Teens Power Texas" video competition. Canyon Lake High School, where Ray is a senior, received \$1,000 for its support in producing the winning entry. Ray used a quiz show format to demonstrate money-saving, energy-efficiency tips in the home.

"I was really interested in the topic of energy tips and did some research and playing with the numbers," Ray said. "I found out you could save about \$360 a year with simple energy-saving practices. It's a great message, especially for teenagers." Ray will apply his winnings toward tuition at Full Sail University, a film, animation and design school in Winter Park, Florida.

The six runners-up, who each received \$250, are: **JORDAN WILLIAMS**, Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative; **KEVIN-LUC IKELLE** and **DAVID JONES**, both of Bryan Texas Utilities; **WILL BUTCHER** and **KEEGAN HOPE**, both of Grayson-Collin Electric Cooperative; and **JOHN AREVALO** of Magic Valley Electric Cooperative.

To view all seven winning videos, go to www.texascooppower.com and click on the Co-op Teens Power Texas link.

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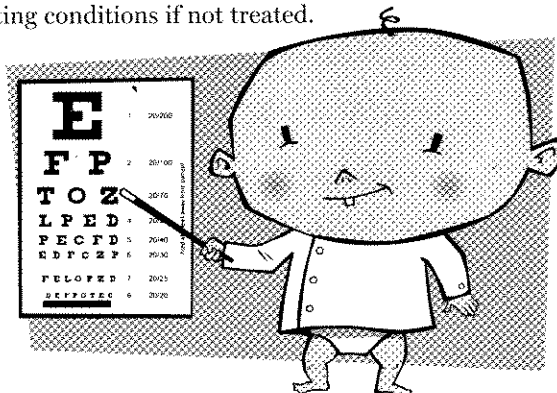
THE LITTLE EYES OF TEXAS

Free Vision Screening for Tots

It's been estimated that nearly 80 percent of the residents at the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired in Austin would not be there today had they been tested for vision problems before the age of 4, according to Michelle Calhoun, a registered optician. Calhoun is spearheading a program of free screenings for every Texas child who can be reached.

But up until two years ago, such testing for babies and very small children was not possible.

Thanks to new technology and the dedication of volunteers for the Registered Opticians Association of Texas (ROATx), children are now being tested for conditions that could lead to permanent blindness or other debilitating conditions if not treated.



During the past year, ROATx volunteers have screened more than 200 children ages 6 months to 4 years. More than 40 of those children have been referred to a pediatric ophthalmologist or optometrist for treatment.

The free screenings are being scheduled throughout the state with support from local civic and community organizations, such as Lions Clubs and Masonic Lodges.

"It is estimated that one in every four children has a vision issue, and 50 percent of learning disabilities among children today can be attributed to vision problems," said Sam Johnson, who serves as president of ROATx and on the board of its Early Childhood Vision Screening program. "Our sole mission is to prevent childhood blindness by detecting problems while it is still possible to have a nearly 98 percent cure rate."

For a schedule of free early childhood vision screenings in your area, or for more information about this program, go to <http://ecvs.roatx.org>. If your community service organization would like to sponsor a screening event, e-mail info@roatx.org.

letters

PAYING TRIBUTE TO ELMER KELTON

Thanks for the tribute to author Elmer Kelton by Jeff Tietz in the October 2009 issue. One of the great thrills I have had as a freelance writer was having lunch one day in Boerne with Elmer and Ann Kelton. We talked about the beautiful Salzkammergut region of Austria, where Mrs. Kelton grew up and met her husband during World War II, and afterward how they lived in a little trailer while he studied journalism at the University of Texas. Mr. Kelton also mentioned that he worked at The Daily Texan there and remembered his own thrill of interviewing the popular country singer Eddy Arnold.

Apart from being an extraordinary writer, Elmer Kelton (who died on August 22 at the age of 83) was a gracious and unpretentious human being.

RON HUNKA

Pedernales Electric Cooperative

NUTS ABOUT PECAN STORY

I loved the article about Texas pecans ("Pick of the Crop," October 2009) and will never complain about the price of pecans again!

The story brought back memories from the '30s of a little girl sitting like a little bird at the feet of her grandpa, waiting, mouth watering, as he carefully carved each end of a pecan, slit it down the side and pulled out two perfect nuts. It was a wonderful communion between two souls as we savored our pecans.

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Press Release

FREE Early Childhood Vision Screening to be held in Cedar Park, October 30th.

The Registered Optician's Association of Texas (ROATx) statewide community service program partners with the Longhorn Lions Club of Cedar Park and Leander to offer FREE Vision Screenings to area children.

Cedar Park, TX, October 30, 2010: The Certified Vision Screeners of the Registered Association of Texas will be conducting vision screenings for all local children under 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5 years old at the Public Library in Cedar Park, Saturday, October 30, 2010 from 10 AM – NOON. No appointment necessary.

- Since its inception, the Early Childhood Vision Screening has referred nearly 180 children with potentially blinding conditions.
- It is the goal of the Registered Opticians Association of Texas to screen every child below the age of five. About 15% to 20% of the children screened have needed to be referred to doctors who specialize in children's vision needs.
- Due to the effectiveness of this NEW computerized equipment and if every child is screened early enough and the parents take action to help their child, it is possible to eliminate nearly all childhood blindness in Texas.

Screening Process

The Vision Screening is open to all children six months of age up to age 5. The screening is a free service of the Registered Optician's Association of Texas.

1. Screening is done with equipment supplied by PediaVision www.pediavision.com.
2. On average, a screening will take less than 2 minutes and is done without ever touching the child.
3. When caught at an early age (six months through four years of age) and referred to the proper specialist, there is a potential for a 98% cure rate.
4. It is estimated that one in every four children has a vision issue, and 50% of learning disabilities among children today can be attributed to vision problems.

For more information, visit <http://ecvs.roatx.org> or email info@roatx.org.

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