



# When Should I Call VIPS?

**1-888-636-8477**

**Please contact Visually Impaired Preschool Services for an assessment for services if your child has been diagnosed with, or has experienced any of the following:**

- Non-accidental Pediatric Head Trauma (also known as Shaken Baby Syndrome)
- Cerebral Palsy (CP)
- Premature birth
- Any brain trauma or injury
- Given oxygen at birth for more than 24 hours
- Seizure Disorder
- Any neurological issues
- Significant exposure to prenatal alcohol or drugs, including prescription drugs
- Meningitis or encephalitis
- Maternal infection during pregnancy (i.e. CMV, toxoplasmosis, rubella, STD)
- Family history of eye conditions *other than wearing glasses or age-related cataracts*
- Any visual diagnosis (i.e. albinism, optic nerve hypoplasia, septo optic dysplasia, glaucoma, cataracts and more)

**OR if your child exhibits any of the following behaviors. It *may* indicate a visual impairment:**

- Tilts or turns head to one side while looking (child is older than 6 months)
- Does not notice people or objects when placed in certain areas
- Responds to toys only when there is an accompanying sound (child is older than 6 months)
- Moves hand or object back and forth in front of eyes (child is older than 12 months)
- Eyes make constant, quick movements or appear to have a shaking movement
- Squints, frowns or scowls when looking at objects
- Consistently over or under reaches (child is older than 6 months)
- Cannot see a dropped toy (child is older than 6 months)
- Brings objects to one eye rather than using both eyes to view
- Covers or closes one eye frequently
- Eyes appear to turn inward, outward, upward, or downward (child is older than 6 months)
- Places an object within a few inches of eyes to look (child is older than 12 months)
- Trips on curbs or steps (child is older than 18 months)
- Thrusts head forward or backward when looking at objects
- Eye-poking, rocking, staring at bright lights frequently