

Better Vision Together



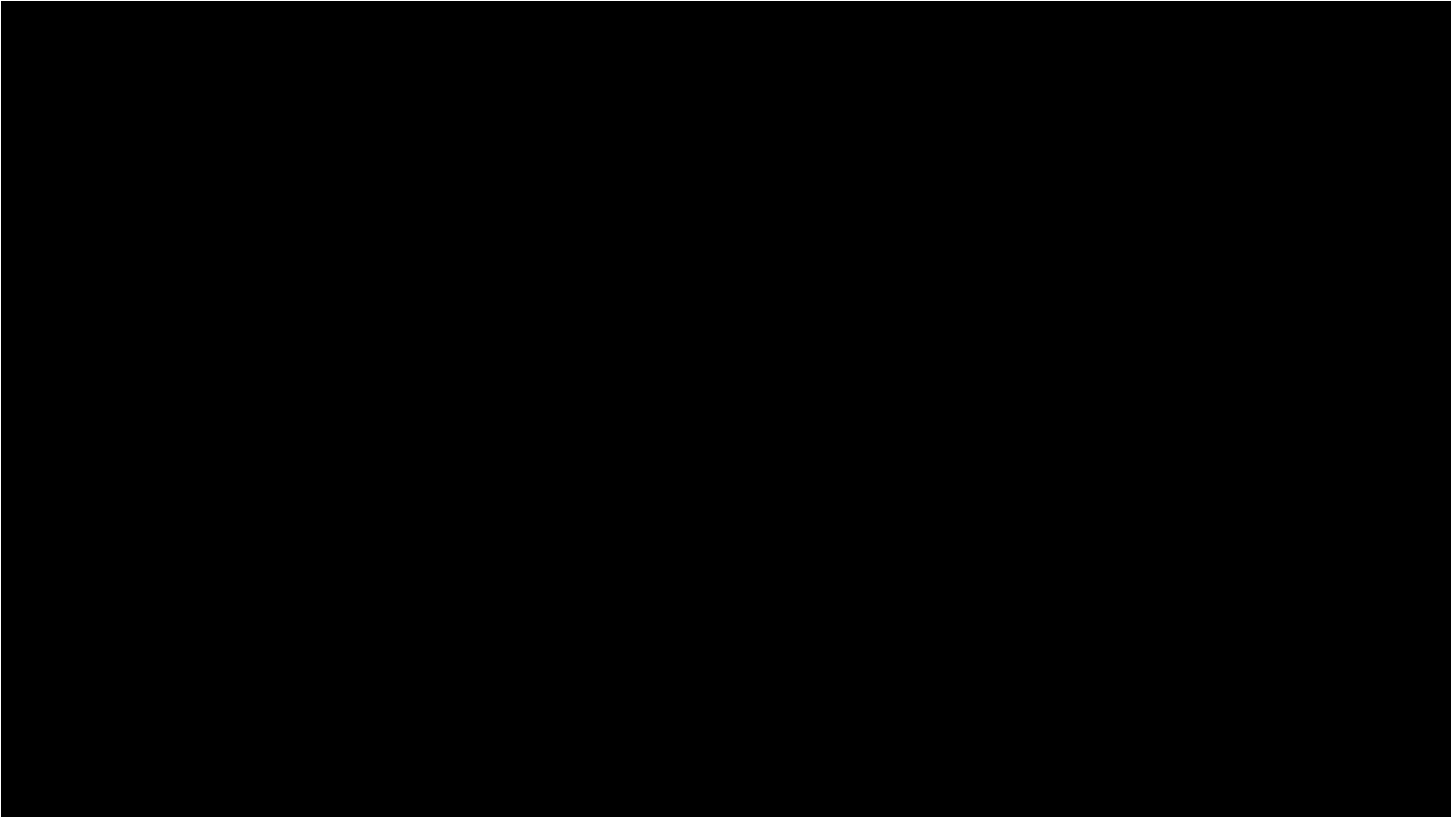
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Lions Clubs International

- ▶ Founded 1917
- ▶ Largest service organization in the world
- ▶ 1.4 million members
- ▶ 47,000 clubs
- ▶ 210 countries
- ▶ 1925 Hellen Keller
- ▶ Sight Conservation Primary Goal

Multiple District 5M

- ▶ 12 Districts
- ▶ Minnesota
- ▶ Manitoba
- ▶ Northwest Ontario
- ▶ 673 Clubs
- ▶ 21,881 Lions



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Why do we do this?

- ▶ 80% of learning is visual
- ▶ Most children do not have vision checked until elementary school
- ▶ 7-15% referrals
- ▶ 5% Amblyopia (Lazy Eye)
- ▶ Permanent by age 7

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How did we get here?

- ▶ March 2016 COG approved program
- ▶ Directors appointed from each district
- ▶ Applied for grants
 - ▶ \$86,000 LCIF
 - ▶ \$100,000 MLVF
- ▶ Clubs raised \$64,000
- ▶ Purchased 36 vision screening systems

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How did we get here?

- ▶ Policies and procedures formulated
- ▶ Lions trained
- ▶ March 2017 screenings begin

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What do we screen for?

- ▶ *Anisometropia*
- ▶ *Astigmatism*
- ▶ *Hyperopia*
- ▶ *Myopia*
- ▶ *Gaze asymmetry*
- ▶ *Anisocoria*

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Anisometropia: This means that the two eyes have a different refractive power, so there is unequal focus between the two eyes. This could be an indicator of Amblyopia or “Lazy Eye”

Astigmatism: is a refractive error caused by an abnormality in the curvature of the cornea and/or the lens.

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- ▶ ***Hyperopia:*** Farsightedness, difficulty seeing objects up close.
- ▶ ***Myopia:*** Nearsightedness, difficulty see objects at a distance.

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- ▶ ***Gaze asymmetry:*** Potential muscle imbalance or misalignment of the eyes also known as strabismus. This condition can also be an indicator of Amblyopia or “Lazy Eye”
- ▶ ***Anisocoria:*** refers to pupils that are different sizes at the same time. The presence of anisocoria can be normal, or it can be a sign of an underlying medical condition.





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- ▶ MD5M Lions KidSight is a major program
- ▶ MD5M Lions KidSight Foundation, Inc 501c3
- ▶ Focus children between 6 months and 6 years
- ▶ Minnesota Child Care Association (MCCA)
- ▶ Screen in Head Start and ECFE locations
- ▶ Screening forms in:
 - ▶ English, Chinese, Hmong, Somali, and Spanish

MD5M Lions KidSight Update

	2017-18	2018-19
# Events	346	448
# Screened	14,708	25,351
# Referred	1,619	2,692
Referral Rate	11%	10.6%



Community Eye Screening For Children



Free Vision Screening for Children

6 months to 6 years

Detects common vision problems
nearsightedness

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Community Eye Children



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Free eyeglasses for
children with a
demonstrated need

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Benefits:

**Make a difference in
a child's life**

Core 5 Vision Service

Create awareness

New members

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Our greatest Challenge

- ▶ Increase follow-up
 - ▶ 3-5% currently
 - ▶ Phone calls
 - ▶ Emails
 - ▶ Lack of resources

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Next Steps

- ▶ Increase # of Lions trained
- ▶ Outreach to:
 - ▶ Pre-School
 - ▶ Head Start
 - ▶ ECFE



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Thank You Questions?