



CVI Initiative



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OSB's CVI Initiative is a multi-faceted collaboration among educators, parents, medical professionals, researchers and service providers designed to meet the needs of a growing population of children diagnosed with Cerebral Vision Impairment (CVI)

Inputs

- Staff
- Funding
- Renovated CVI Clinic with lab school including fully accessible classrooms
- Classroom equipment; computer and other equipment
- Furnishings
- Dedicated marketing and communications

Outputs

Activities

- Specialized CVI assessments for OSB students & non-students
- Multi-disciplinary evaluations
- Development of customized interventions to achieve maximum functional vision for each student
- Cutting-edge research in expanding CVI knowledge
- High-quality training for educators, service providers and families
- Development of lessons, activities and other resources for parents and teachers
- Increasing collaboration and awareness around CVI

Participants

- Program Director/CVI Specialist, CVI teachers, therapy team, paraeducators, admin support
- Ophthalmology professionals from Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) and other medical providers
- OSB students
- Students from the community
- Parents
- Researchers

Outcomes – Impact

Short to Mid-term

- Expand # of students receiving CVI assessments and individualized CVI-specific education plans
- Decrease the time between diagnosis of CVI and intervention
- Improve CVI range scores from year to year so a child can gain or retain a significant amount of their functional vision
- Integrate CVI-accessible materials & instruction into all OSB classrooms
- Publish academic research; share results at state, national and international conferences
- Partnerships with medical specialists to provide medical/functional diagnosis

Long-term

- Access to CVI assessment and intervention for those who need one
- CVI interventions resulting in increased independence, life readiness and self-advocacy long term
- Increased awareness around CVI
- Accessible resources for instruction of children with CVI
- CVI assessment and intervention innovations replicated, helping visually impaired everywhere
- Bolster partnerships b/t medical community and OSB to achieve/foster better patient/student outcomes