

Who Should Attend?

Illinois parents or guardians and their children with visual impairments and additional disabilities who are 5 years old or younger.

When and Where?

Tuesday June 2, 2015, 12:00 Noon through Friday June 5, 2015 1:00 p.m.

Illinois School for the Visually Impaired
658 East State Street
Jacksonville, IL

How to Register?

For registration forms or more information, visit the ISVI website at www.isvi.net or contact:

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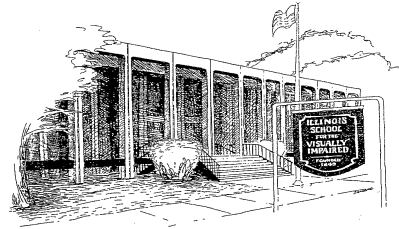
Register by March 31, 2015

Maximum 25 children/families

Program Goal Statements

1. To provide parents with information and resources on issues related to young children with visual impairments
2. To provide parents with opportunities to interact with other parents raising children with visual impairments
3. To provide the opportunity for participants to gain information specific to their child
4. To provide children an opportunity to interact with peers

For directions to ISVI and a virtual campus tour, visit www.isvi.net



The Illinois School for the Visually Impaired (ISVI), established in 1849, is a residential/day school for students who are blind or visually impaired. Located in Jacksonville, ISVI provides accredited educational and related services for children from birth to twenty-two years of age through preschool, elementary and high school.

All educational and social programs are designed to prepare students for successful living as independent, self-supporting citizens.

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Opening Doors
to parents and their young
children with vision loss



Parent/Infant Institute

June 2-5, 2015

at the

Illinois School
for the Visually Impaired
Jacksonville, Illinois



What is Opening Doors?

The Opening Doors conference is a four-day event for parents/guardians and their children with a visual impairment ages birth to five.

Cost

- Housing—FREE
- Food—FREE
- Transportation—Families may be provided with travel expense assistance one way, to be paid 2-4 weeks after Opening Doors if funds are available.



Search: *Opening Doors, The Illinois School for the Visually Impaired*

Doors to Education

Session Topics: (Tentative)

- Orientation and Mobility I and II
- Early Literacy including Braille
- Sports & Adapted P.E.
- Medical Eye Conditions
- Ask the Doctor
- Cortical Visual Impairment
- Expanded Core Curriculum
- Transition from Early Intervention
- Panel Discussions
- Speech & Language
- Friendships and Children
- Advocacy
- Sensory Processing
- Tips for Tactual Awareness
- Independent Living Skills
- Eating /Feeding Skills

Mission Statement:

The Mission of Opening Doors is to provide support to families of infants and toddlers who are blind or visually impaired, to assist them in making informed decisions on behalf of their child, and to provide information on their child based on observation and assessment.

Doors to Exploration

- Choices of break out sessions/topics
- Small child classroom groupings with an Educator
- Consultation available in Functional Vision and Orientation & Mobility
- Each family assigned to a Developmental Therapist-Vision as a Case Manager for the event
- ISVI Campus tours available
- Evening child care and recreational programs
- Optional evening workshops and group discussions for parents
- Programming for siblings ages 5 and under on limited basis
- Coffee Café/ Parent Networking

