



# You're Invited

## Conferences for Illinois Parents of Children with Vision Loss

Parents of children ages birth through twenty-one are encouraged to join us for in-depth discussions of useful topics. Learn from experts in the field as well as from fellow parents.

### The Conference Program

- **Technology**  
Technology is forever changing as is Assistive Technology. Learn more about low tech and high tech supports for visual impairment.
- **Social/Emotional**  
This session will discuss social/emotional issues specific to families and children with vision loss. It may include issues such as bullying, making friends, impact on families, acceptance of adaptive equipment, etc.
- **Special Needs Planning**  
Come learn and discuss some issues that you might have questions on. What is Guardianship? Is it right for my child? What other issues might I need to think about as my child turns 18. (We hope parents of children of all ages will benefit from this discussion---not just parents of older children.)
- **Panel of Parents**  
Several parents of children with Visual Impairments will be led by a moderator to discuss topics such as family dynamics, advocacy, social/emotional issues and/or things that work for their family and things that have not worked.

(Sessions are subject to change without notice)

**Southern Illinois Vision Conference**  
**Saturday, March 03, 2018**  
Mt. Vernon Primary Center  
401 N 30th Street  
Mt. Vernon, IL 62864

**Northern Illinois Vision Conference**  
**Saturday, April 21, 2018**  
SASED Administration Center  
2900 Ogden Ave.  
Lisle, IL 60532

**Time: 9:00 Check-in, 9:30 – 3:15 Conference Program**

**Planning committee:** Delta Gamma Center for Children with Visual Impairments; Northwestern Illinois Association; Rockford Public Schools; Four Rivers Special Ed District, The School Association for Special Education in DuPage County (SASED); Crystal Lake Elementary District 47; parents of children with vision impairment; and the Illinois School for the Visually Impaired.

# *Schedule*

9:00 — 9:30 .....	<b>Registration</b>
9:30 — 9:45 .....	<b>Welcome</b>
9:45 — 10:45 .....	<b>Session I</b>
10:45—11:00 .....	<b>Break</b>
11:00—12:00 .....	<b>Session II</b>
12:00—12:45 .....	<b>Lunch and Networking</b>
12:45 — 1:45 .....	<b>Session III</b>
1:45 — 2:45 .....	<b>Session IV</b>
2:45 — 3:00 .....	<b>Break</b>
3:00 — 3:15 .....	<b>Q&amp;A and Wrap-Up</b>

**\*\* Session topics and times subject to change without notice \*\***

## *Family Funding*

Families of children attending the conferences may be eligible for funding to help pay for lodging, mileage and childcare expenses. The Arc of Illinois and the Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities offer Consumer Involvement Program-Consumer Stipend funds. To request a copy of the application form, please contact the Arc of Illinois at 815-464-1832 or find one online at [www.thearcofil.org](http://www.thearcofil.org).

STARnet has funding to help families with children with special needs (between the age of birth to 6 years old) attend a conference Age eligibility and amount varies throughout Illinois. To inquire about these fellowships and the eligibility criteria, go to [Starnet.org](http://Starnet.org) OR contact--

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***Service providers are welcome to attend. This is a great opportunity to gain a new perspective and earn professional credits in a fun, family-friendly atmosphere! EI and CPDU credits are available.***

**CHILDCARE IS NOT PROVIDED.** Assistance with some expenses (may include child care) related to attending the conferences is possible (see family funding section in this flyer).

**REGISTRATION CONFIRMATION** — About 2 weeks prior to the conference, you will receive a confirmation packet that will include program agenda, area hotel information, a map, and driving directions. All registration confirmations will be sent through Email unless US mail delivery is requested.

**INVITE TEACHERS** — Your child's providers/teachers are welcome to attend with you as a team. EI and CPDU credits are available to teachers.

**HELP PUBLICIZE THIS EVENT** — Feel free to make copies of the flyer and registration forms. Distribute forms to friends. Hang flyers in prominent places in your community.

**TRANSLATION and ADA ACCOMODATIONS** — ADA accommodations are available including sign language and Spanish interpreting. Please make requests on the registration form and submit **at least 3 weeks prior to the conference date.**



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# Registration Form

## Conferences for Illinois Parents of Children with Vision Loss

Please mark which conference you wish to attend:

Southern Illinois Vision Conference

Northern Illinois Vision Conference

**Saturday, March 03, 2018**

Mt. Vernon Primary Center  
401 N 30th Street  
Mt. Vernon, IL 62864

**(Registration Deadline March 1, 2018)**

**Saturday, April 21, 2018**

SASED Administrative Center  
2900 Ogden Ave.  
Lisle, IL 60532

**(Registration Deadline April 16, 2018)**

List all who will be attending and their relationship to the child with vision loss. If the attendee is a child, please list their age. Notice: **Children must be at least 12 years old to attend.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Street

City

State

Zip

County

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Check here if you would like registration information via US mail rather than Email.

Name of child you are representing \_\_\_\_\_ Age of child \_\_\_\_\_

Child's diagnosis \_\_\_\_\_

Please explain any translation or ADA accommodation needs during this conference: *(Accommodations request must be submitted three weeks prior to conference)*

Choose appropriate format for handouts: Regular print Large print Braille Electronic

*I give permission for photos of all people in my party to be taken at the conference for future educational use.*

<b>Register:</b>	<b>Online:</b>	<a href="#">Illinois School for the Visually Impaired (ISVI)</a>
	<b>Email:</b>	<a href="mailto:jason.crotchett@illinois.gov">jason.crotchett@illinois.gov</a>
	<b>Phone:</b>	217-479-4436 <b>(Not accepting registrations by phone)</b>
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