



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

- **Blindness versus Low Vision**
- **Social/Emotional Needs**
- **IEP and Transition**
- **Orientation and Mobility**

(Sessions are subject to change)

Southern Illinois Vision Conference
Saturday, March 16, 2019
Bellville Area Special Service Cooperative
2411 Pathways Crossing
Bellville, IL 62221

Northern Illinois Vision Conference
Saturday, April 20, 2019
Kankakee Community College
Workforce Development Center, 1st Floor
Iroquois Room (D152)
100 College Drive
Kankakee, IL 60901

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

Planning committee: Delta Gamma Center for Children with Visual Impairments; Philip Rock Center and School; Northwestern Illinois Association; Rockford Public Schools; parents of children with vision impairment; and the Illinois School for the Visually Impaired.

Schedule

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

**** 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.

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 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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Southern Conference
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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 16, 2019

Bellville Area Special Service Cooperative
2411 Pathways Crossing
Bellville IL 62221

(Registration Deadline March 11, 2019)

Saturday, April 20, 2019

Kankakee Community College
100 College Drive
Kankakee, IL 60901

(Registration Deadline April 15, 2019)

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 _____

Name _____ Relationship _____

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.

Sign _____ Date _____

Register:	Online:	Illinois School for the Visually Impaired (ISVI)
	Email:	michelle.clark@illinois.gov
	Phone:	217-479-4414 (Not accepting registrations by phone)
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	Mail:	Illinois School for the Visually Impaired, 658 East State Street, Jacksonville IL 62650