

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?

Sunday, May 31, 2020 through Wednesday, June 3, 2020.

Registration will be from 3:00pm-5:00pm on Sunday, May 31, 2020.

How to Register?

Registration is available online at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1FAIpQLSeF9FsRy5uBh8G2FiKKIs45bG40pKg-qG7CDBC7JfQbwdXI9w/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1> or you can contact:

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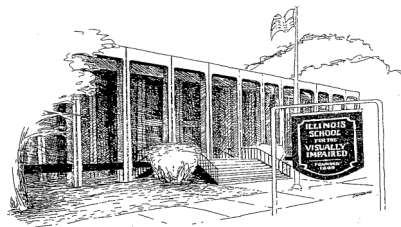
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Register by April 15th

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



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.

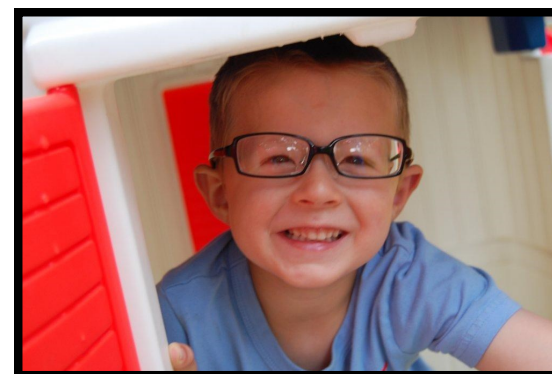
All educational and social programs are designed to prepare students for successful living as independent, self-supporting citizens.

Programs, activities and employment opportunities in the Illinois Department of Human Services are open and accessible to any individual or group without regard to age, sex, race, sexual orientation, disability, ethnic origin, or religion. The department is an equal opportunity employer and practices affirmative action and reasonable accommodation programs.



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37th Annual
Opening Doors
to parents and their young
children with vision loss



Parent/Infant Institute

May 31– June 3, 2020

at the

**Illinois School
for the Visually Impaired
Jacksonville, Illinois**



What is Opening Doors?

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

Cost

- **Housing—FREE**
- **Food—FREE**
- **Registration—FREE**



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

Doors to Education

Session Topics: (Tentative)

- Orientation and Mobility
- Early Literacy including Math Concepts
- Medical Eye Conditions
- Ask the Doctor
- Cortical Visual Impairment
- Expanded Core Curriculum
- Transition from Early Intervention
- Panel Discussions
- Speech & Language
- Peer Relationships
- Advocacy
- Sensory Processing
- Tips for Tactual Awareness
- Independent Living Skills
- Eating /Feeding Skills
- IEP Development

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
- 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
- Evening workshops and group discussions for parents
- Programming for siblings ages 5 and under on limited basis
- Parent Networking-Opportunities

