

Who Should Attend?

Illinois parents or guardians and their children with visual impairments and additional disabilities who are 6 years old or younger.

When and Where?

Wednesday, June 5 through Saturday, June 8, 2024

Registration will be from 2:00pm-5:00pm
Wednesday June 5, 2024

How to Register?

Registration is available at:

<https://forms.gle/vMZNUpd7ZUSmCwGS6>



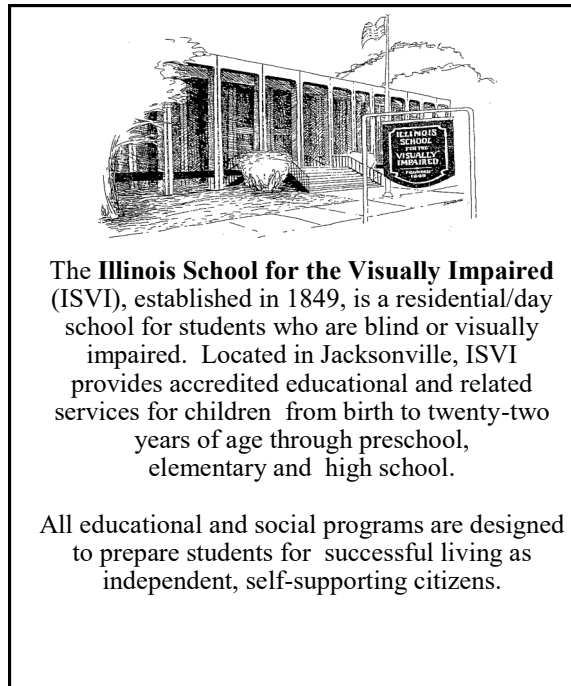
Or you can contact:

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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.

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41st Annual
Opening Doors
to parents and their young
children with vision loss



Parent/Infant Institute

June 5-8, 2024

ISVI Campus

658 E State St.

Jacksonville, Il 62650



What is Opening Doors?

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

Cost

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



Search: *Illinois School for the Visually Impaired*

Doors to Education

Session Topics: (Tentative)

- Orientation and Mobility
- Early Literacy
- Braille Workshop
- Ask the Doctor
- Cortical Visual Impairment
- Expanded Core Curriculum
- Transition from Early Intervention
- Panel Discussions
- Social/Emotional
- Peer Relationships
- Advocacy
- Sensory Processing
- Independent Living Skills
- Eating /Feeding Skills
- IEP Development
- Ocular Conditions
- Technology

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

- Classroom groupings with an Educator
- Consultation available in Functional Vision and Orientation & Mobility
- ISVI Campus tours available
- Evening child care and recreational programs
- Evening workshops and group discussions
- Programming for siblings ages 6 and under on limited basis
- Parent Networking-Opportunities
- Hands on and interactive activities

