



### **My Child Has Been Referred for an Eye Exam, and I Have Some Questions...**

#### **My pediatrician told me my child was fine. Should I ignore the screening referral?**

If your child received a vision referral, he or she needs a complete eye exam. Many pediatricians do not have the specialized equipment to do this type of exam, but they may be able to refer you to an eye specialist.

#### **I can't take time off to take my child for an exam. Can't it wait a few months?**

It's very important to have your child examined as quickly as possible. The earlier the treatment, the quicker the response and recovery of normal sight. Your child's sight is priceless.

#### **I don't have insurance or can't afford the exam. What should I do?**

There are many options to get help or a free eye exam:

- If you qualify financially, the Naples Lions Club Foundation can offer you a free voucher for an eye exam and glasses for your child. See the attached application form to apply
- Contact your doctor or the Health Department for advice and assistance.
- Most insurance plans will cover this eye exam. Check with your child's provider

#### **Where to Go or Call for Further Help:**

- Naples Lions Club- 239-353-4800- [napleslionsclub.com](http://napleslionsclub.com)
- Collier County Health Department – Naples- 239-252-8200, Immokalee- 239-252-7300
- Florida Lions Eye Clinic — Bonita Springs (239) 498-3937
- Local Lions Clubs — Check your phone book
- Division of Blind Services — 239-278-7130
- Check the yellow pages of your local phone directory and look for an ophthalmologist.

Ask if they examine children.

