



Do you have a child with vision impairment? You might like to join the Australian Childhood Vision Impairment Register

The Australian Childhood Vision Impairment Register is sponsored by the Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children, in partnership with families, teachers, health professionals and low vision agencies. The Register is the first of its kind in Australia, and collects data on Australian children with vision impairment. This data is used to improve services for children and by researchers who work in the area of eye disease and disorders of vision.

Families are invited to register their children. The age range is 0-18 years, with any eye condition diagnosed by an eye doctor (ophthalmologist) that causes vision impairment in both eyes. Families can access our website to begin the registration process at:

www.vifamilynetwork.org.au

The criteria for being included on the Register are available on this website, and if families are unsure, they can email (jill.watson@ridbc.org.au) or call the Register staff, who will help out (02 9872 0303). If families don't have access to the internet they can call Register staff who will mail materials to join (02 9872 0303).

This website also gives access to low vision events and useful resources. Registered families can join an online parent forum where they can meet, chat, and share ideas and experiences with other families.

If you have a child with vision impairment we hope that you will consider joining this important Register.

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