

Robert H. Levi Symposium

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Addressing Disparities in Pediatric Eye Care: Employing an Ethics Framework in a National Call to Action

AGENDA

September 11, 2025

Johns Hopkins School of Nursing

Carpenter Room A

8:00AM – 12:30 PM

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| 8:00-8:30 AM | Registration and breakfast |
| 8:30 AM | Welcome remarks
Jeffrey Kahn, PhD
Andreas C. Dracopoulos Director, Berman Institute of Bioethics
Robert Henry Levi and Ryda Hecht Levi Professor of Bioethics and Public Policy |
| 8:35 AM | Seeing to Succeed: A Structural Justice Framework in Pediatric Eye Care
Megan E. Collins, MD, MPH
Allan and Claire Jensen Professor of Ophthalmology, Wilmer Eye Institute
Associate Faculty, Berman Institute of Bioethics
Director, Johns Hopkins Center for School Health |
| 9:00 – 10:15 AM | Session I. Perspectives on Addressing Pediatric Eye Care Needs in Baltimore |
| Moderator: | Sara B. Johnson, PhD, MPH
Professor and Director, Rales Center for the Integration of Health and Education |
| Panelists: | Suzan Mankarious, MD, MPH
Director, Health Program Planning and Evaluation, Epidemiologist
Baltimore City Health Department, Bureau of School Health
<i>Presentation Title: Bureau of School Health: Examining the Importance of Vision Screening of Students in City Schools</i>

Christine SySantos Levy
Program Implementation Manager
Johns Hopkins University School of Education, Center for Research and Reform in Education/Vision for Baltimore program
<i>Presentation Title: Vision for Baltimore – The importance of relationship building with schools and city partners</i> |

Anne T. Currie

Health Education Specialist/Data Manager

Johns Hopkins University School of Education, Center for Research and Reform in Education/Vision for Baltimore program

Presentation Title: Vision for Baltimore – The importance of data collection to measure impact

Peter Kannam

Principal, Elmer A. Henderson: A Johns Hopkins Partnership School

Presentation Title: How to set students up for success in schools – a principal's perspective on the importance of addressing vision needs

Tresa Wiggins, CRNP-PC

Sr. Nurse Practitioner at the Rales Health Center at KIPP Baltimore

Presentation Title: School Based Health Centers and Supporting Vision Needs in Students

10:15 – 10:45 AM Refreshment Break

10:45 AM – 12:00 PM Session II. System-Building Considerations in Addressing Pediatric Eye Care Needs – The Role of Partnerships and Community Connections

Moderator: **Megan E. Collins, MD, MPH**

Panelists: **Joshua M. Sharfstein, MD**

Distinguished Professor of the Practice of Health Policy and Management,
Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

Presentation Title: Framing vision as a pediatric public health priority

Sarah Polk, MD

Associate Professor of Pediatrics

Medical Director, Yard 56 Pediatrics Director, Centro SOL

Presentation Title: Promoting Health Equity for Latine Children in Baltimore

Nathan Storey, PhD

Research Associate

Johns Hopkins University School of Education Center for Research and Reform in Education (CRRE)

Presentation Title: Seeing to Learn: Connecting vision and learning in the context of evidence for school-based vision programs

Katharine Funari, OD, MPH, FAAO

Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology

Wilmer Eye Institute, Johns Hopkins Medicine, Pediatric Optometry and Adult Strabismus, Comprehensive Eye Care

Presentation Title: Eyes on Equity: Pediatric Optometric Care and Public Health Challenges

Mary Louise Collins, MD

Chairman, Department of Ophthalmology

Greater Baltimore Medical Center

Presentation Title: Addressing Disparities in Pediatric Eye Care - Perspectives from 33 years in pediatric ophthalmology

Catherine Ling, PhD, MN, BSN, RN, FAAN, FAAP

Professor, Chief Nursing Officer, Center for Community Programs,

Innovation & Scholarship (COMPASS), Johns Hopkins School of Nursing

Presentation Title: The role of school nursing in addressing student's eye care needs

Anna Kim and Winnie Liu

Medical Students (MS3)

Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

Presentation Title: Vision for All: The Student Role in Pediatric Visual Health

Dr. Jasmin Grant, MSN, MPH, DNP

School Health Program Manager

Maryland Department of Health

Presentation Title: Vision Screening and Services Resource Mapping for Maryland Students

12:00 – 12:20 PM	Advancing Health Equity in Pediatric Eye Care: Setting Priorities
12:20 – 12:30 PM	Concluding Remarks