

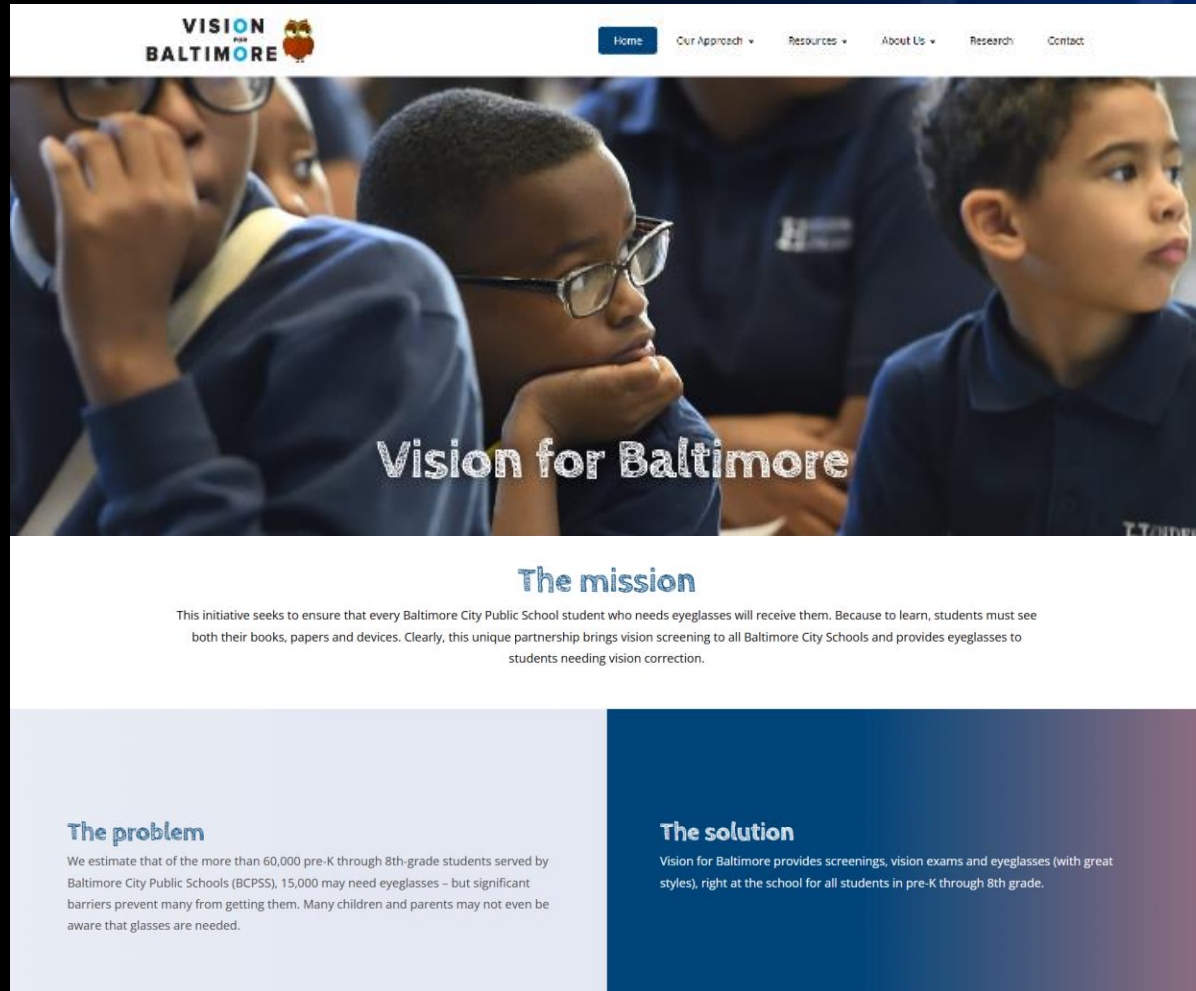


The Importance of Relationship Building with Schools and City Partners

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How do we help students gain academic achievement with school based vision services?

The image is a screenshot of the 'Vision for Baltimore' website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the logo 'VISION FOR BALTIMORE' on the left and links for 'Home', 'Our Approach', 'Resources', 'About Us', 'Research', and 'Contact' on the right. Below the navigation bar is a large hero image showing three young students in a classroom; two are wearing glasses. Overlaid on the bottom of this image is the text 'Vision for Baltimore'. Below the hero image is a section titled 'The mission' in blue. The text below it states: 'This initiative seeks to ensure that every Baltimore City Public School student who needs eyeglasses will receive them. Because to learn, students must see both their books, papers and devices. Clearly, this unique partnership brings vision screening to all Baltimore City Schools and provides eyeglasses to students needing vision correction.' Below this is a two-column layout. The left column is titled 'The problem' and contains text about the need for eyeglasses among Baltimore City Public Schools students. The right column is titled 'The solution' and describes the vision screening and eyeglass provision services provided by the initiative.

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Vision for Baltimore

The mission

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The problem

We estimate that of the more than 60,000 pre-K through 8th-grade students served by Baltimore City Public Schools (BCPSS), 15,000 may need eyeglasses – but significant barriers prevent many from getting them. Many children and parents may not even be aware that glasses are needed.

The solution

Vision for Baltimore provides screenings, vision exams and eyeglasses (with great styles), right at the school for all students in pre-K through 8th grade.

1. Connecting Services



Screening

- BCHD will screen all students in grades pre-K to 8 at Vision for Baltimore schools.
- Screenings help detect children who might have eye problems. An eye exam is recommended for students who fail a vision screening.



Eye Exams

- VTL will conduct exams for students who fail a vision screening and return a consent form.
- The eye exam is performed by a licensed optometrist. No eye drops are used.
- If a child is found to need glasses, they pick their own WP frames and glasses are ordered.



Eyeglasses

- VTL will return to schools ~4 weeks after eye exams to distribute glasses, fit them properly, and provide education on wear and care.
- One replacement pair is provided within the year for lost or broken glasses.



Monitoring

- JHU staff will work together with school staff to encourage students to wear their glasses.
- This can include creating a list for teachers of all students wearing glasses, tracking usage, and ordering replacements.

BALTIMORE CITY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BALTIMORE
CITY HEALTH
DEPARTMENT


Vision To Learn
Focus on the Future

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2. Gaining Understanding

Our Partners

- What do you do?
- How does it work?
- How can we help?
- What would you like to be easier?

Our Customers

Schools

- We are here to help!
- What Works with the partners?
- What we can make easier?

Parents

- Is this convenient?
- Is it safe?
- Is it timely?
- What does it cost?

Students

- Would i look cute?
- Are other kids doing it?
- Do i need it?



3. Creating a system

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS





Baltimore City Health Department (BCHD)
BCHD will screen all pre-k to 8th-grade students at Vision for Baltimore schools. An eye exam is recommended for students who fail the vision screening.



Consent Forms
Students who fail the vision screening will receive a no-cost eye examination after we receive a consent form from parents.



Vision To Learn
A licensed optometrist will perform the eye exam. If a student needs glasses, an optician will assist with selecting frames, and ordering the glasses from Warby Parker.






Warby Parker Glasses
VTL will return with glasses in approximately 4 weeks.



Monitoring Program and Replacement Pair
V4B will follow up with school staff to encourage students to wear their glasses, educate on wear and care, and monitor the overall success of the program.









GET EXCITED! WE ARE COMING TO YOUR SCHOOL THIS YEAR!


Because we know how important vision is for you to succeed in school, we provide complete vision services directly at your school.



Electronic Consent
e-Consents are available to all families with an updated/registered email address through BCPSS.



Paper Consent
Hard copies will be distributed and collected by the school.



Telephone Consent
A school representative or V4B team member will call you to complete one on your behalf.

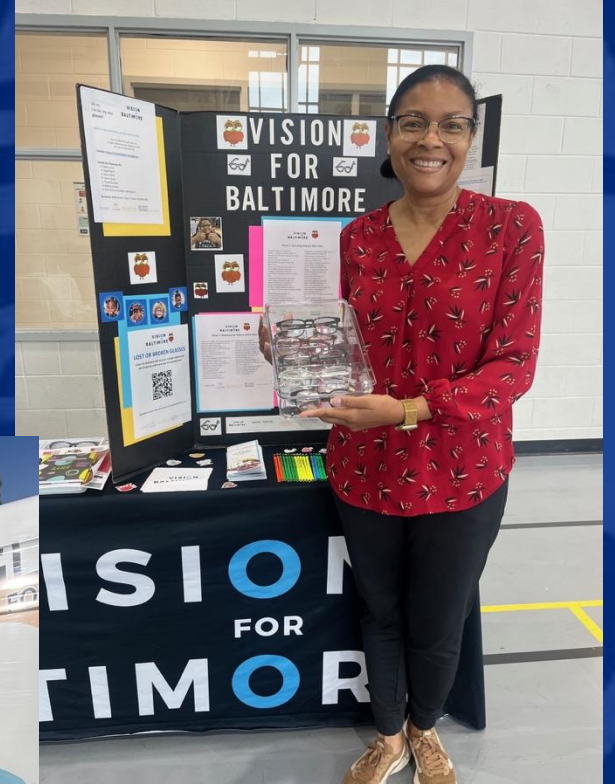
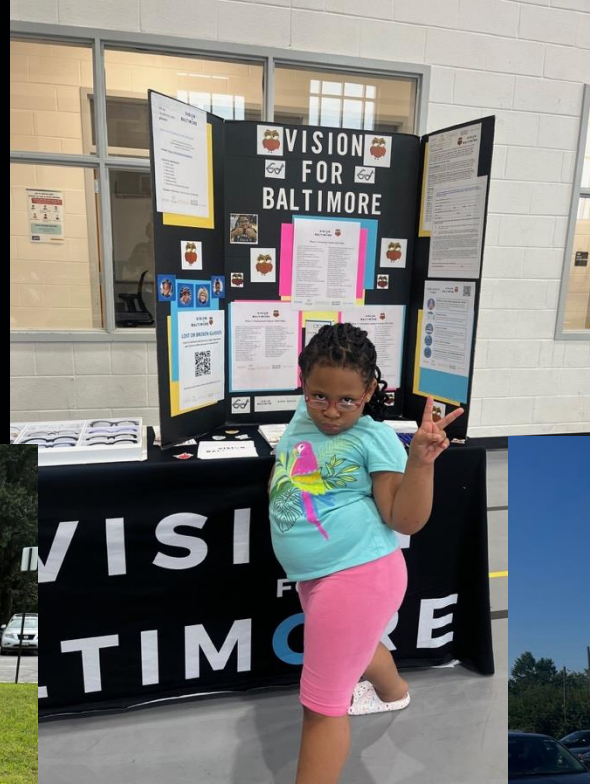
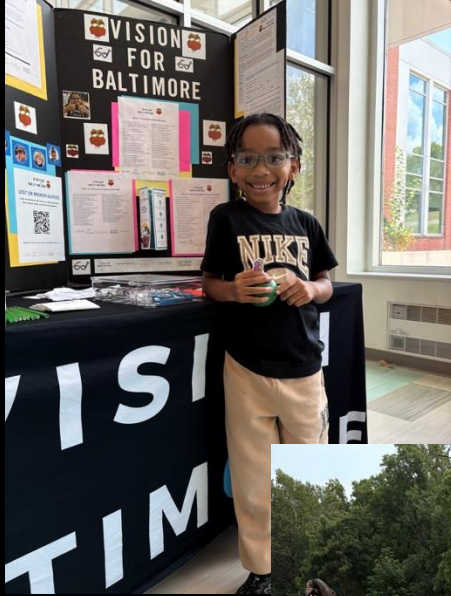
Please return your Consent Form
We ask that you complete a consent form to receive an eye exam and glasses if needed.

Questions? Contact us at v4b@bcps.k12.md.us or 410-616-2344

4. Who is Bringing the Doughnuts?



5. Building Community



6. Ongoing Support

Oh no,
I broke my new
glasses!

VISION
FOR
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WHAT TO DO IF YOU BREAK OR LOSE YOUR GLASSES:

Vision For Baltimore will send you
a single replacement pair of glasses within
one year of receiving them.

Contact: <https://visiontolearn.org/glasses>

Or scan the QR code below

Include the following info:

- Child's name
- School Name
- Date of Birth
- Parent Name
- Phone Number
- Mailing Address
- Description of problem with glasses



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