



Vision Screenings

(PROVIDED BY FOCUSFIRST)

Free vision screenings will be conducted for Head Start, Early Head Start, and Home-Based children who are between the ages of 6 months – 4 years.

The screenings will be held from 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at your child’s Center on the date indicated below. When arriving for your child’s screening, we ask parents to please remain in their vehicle. Your child will be escorted to the screening area and returned once the vision screening is completed. These measures are being taken to ensure the health and safety of all persons.

Please email the screening permission form to your child’s caseworker by September 18, 2020, or bring it with you to the screening. Should you have any questions about the vision screening, please call your child’s caseworker.

All Head Start and Early Head Start children are required to have an annual vision screening.



Center	Date of Screening
Abbeville Center	September 22, 2020
Batesburg Center	September 22, 2020
Edgefield Center	September 22, 2020
Greenwood Center	September 22, 2020
Greenwood Home-Based	September 22, 2020 @ Greenwood Center
Lexington Center	September 23, 2020
McCormick Center	September 25, 2020
North Hodges Center	September 23, 2020
Pineview Center	September 25, 2020
Platt Springs Center	September 24, 2020
Rikard Center	September 25, 2020
Saint Andrews Center	September 24, 2020
Saluda Center	September 24, 2020
Sanders Center	September 23, 2020
Laurens Home-Based	September 23, 2020 @ Sanders Center



Email Addresses for Caseworkers

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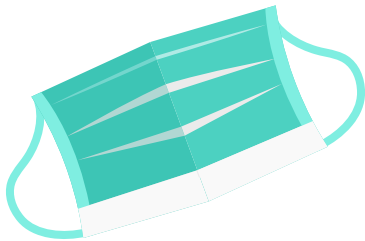
FOCUSFIRST SCREENING PROCEDURES

BEFORE THE SCREENING



The Service Member will complete a temperature check and symptom screening.

The Service Member will ensure they have all PPE and Sanitizing supplies:



Mask



Face Shield



Hand Sanitizer



Sanitizing Wipes

DURING THE SCREENING

The Service Member will put on their mask and face shield before entering the center and keep it on at all times. The Service Member will call the center to let them know they have arrived and follow all safety protocols.

When conducting the screening, Service Members will avoid close contact with children as much as possible, keeping in mind that the camera operates about 3 foot from the child being screened.

AFTER THE SCREENING

The Service Member will return to their car and then wipe down the camera and supplies with the sanitizing wipes.

Questions? Contact us at:

205-202-4780

focusfirst@impactamerica.com



FREE VISION SCREENING

FocusFirst is providing a free vision screening at your childcare center. Since 2006, FocusFirst has screened more than 600,000 children. Of those screened, over 60,000 were suffering from undetected vision problems. Undetected vision problems in children can lead to difficulty in the classroom, slow social development, and, in some cases, permanent blindness.

A FocusFirst vision screening can help to ensure that your child has a healthy start to life.

- The screening uses a high-tech digital camera and is non-invasive. We simply take a photograph of your child's eyes.
- If a potential vision problem is detected, you will have access to free or low-cost eye care.
- If your child already wears glasses, the screening will confirm that the glasses are the correct prescription.



If your child is found to have a potential vision problem, he or she will be referred to our partner organization Sight Savers America. Sight Savers will contact you to provide information about your child's vision assessment and will assist all families needing information on local eye care resources. For children from low income families, Sight Savers America will coordinate free comprehensive eye care services.

Please fill out the attached form completely and return it to your childcare director.

For more information, call our offices:

Alabama & General Inquires: (205) 934-0664

Tennessee: (855) 459-1923

South Carolina: (864) 412-5489

Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina: (205) 934-0664

Note: This program is based on a screening process; it is not diagnostic. Screening is intended to identify children with a wide range of eye problems who should seek the services of an eye care professional for examination and diagnosis. As with any screening process, there is no assurance that all problems will be detected. Eye problems not detected by this screening process include diseases affecting the retina and optic nerve, glaucoma, certain forms of astigmatism, and color blindness. No screening process, including that of FocusFirst, is a substitute for a full examination by a qualified eye-care professional.





Child Screening Form

Please fill out this form completely. We will only contact you if your child has a potential vision problem.

1. Child Information

First Name																				
Last Name																				
Date of Birth	M	M	/	D	D	/	Y	Y	Y	Y										

Gender: _____

Current Eyewear:
(circle all that apply)

None Glasses Contacts

2. Parent / Guardian Information: Please list at least one contact for your child.

If you do not want your child to be screened, you do not need to complete this section. Skip to section 3.

Primary Contact

Name: _____

Relationship to Child: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Secondary Contact

Name: _____

Relationship to Child: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

3. Screening Opt- Out: Only complete this portion if you DO NOT want your child screened for vision problems:

Please initial below if you DO NOT want your child to receive a free, non-invasive vision screening. If you want your child to be screened, skip this section.

_____ NO, I DO NOT WANT MY CHILD TO RECEIVE A FREE VISION SCREENING
INITIAL HERE

4. FocusFirst Screening Result (to be completed by FocusFirst screener)

Screening Complete – Passed

Complete Eye Exam Recommended – Failed

No Result – Camera Unable to Screen

Absent

Parent Declined Vision Screening

No Result – Crying, Uncooperative, Too Young



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Learn more at impactamerica.com/visionresults

Vision Screening Preparation and Process

PARENT INFORMATION & OPT-OUT FORMS

Please be proactive about getting the enclosed forms completed. Ensure that parents understand the importance of early screening and intervention. We suggest asking parents to fill out the forms at check-in or checkout. If parents do not wish for their child to be screened, they must sign the appropriate line at the bottom of the screening form and write “NO” in the adjacent box. Because our screening method is non-invasive and poses no risks, FocusFirst may screen all children without completed forms. However, a completed form is preferred, as it allows us to quickly contact the parents of any children who fail the screening.



HOW DOES IT WORK?

FocusFirst uses a special camera, the SPOT digital screening system, to capture a photograph of the child's eyes.



- As simple as taking a photograph
- No need for eye drops
- Unlike the eye chart method, requires no response from a pre- or non-verbal child
- Can screen children as young as six months
- Detects a wide range of eye abnormalities (e.g., myopia, hyperopia, astigmatism, alignment problems, etc.)

ROSTER

To ensure a quick and efficient vision screening, we ask that centers email us at FocusFirstSC@ImpactAmerica.com with a roster at least two days prior to the screening. The roster should include each child's first name, last name, date of birth (MM/DD/YY), and gender (M or F). This allows us to upload your children's information into our camera before we arrive at your center. If you are not able to provide us with a roster beforehand, please have a printed or written copy of your roster available for our screeners on the day of your appointment so that they may type the information into a spreadsheet and upload it to our camera.

ON THE SCREENING DAY

Our screener will arrive 30 minutes early to set up and input the children's information into the camera. Please let us know if you will not have an extra staff person available to assist in the screening room. Screening time can vary from 30 seconds to several minutes per child, depending on age and behavior, the room (see below), and the number of adults assisting. FocusFirst screens children ages 6 months and up.



CHOOSING A ROOM

Please designate an enclosed room that can be made dark enough for children's eyes to dilate. If the room is large enough, it can be much faster to have 2 - 3 infants or a whole class of toddlers or preschoolers in the room at one time.

RESULTS

Results will be sent to your center 1 - 2 weeks after the screening. Your results packet will include a list of all of the children screened, organized by result: "Screening Complete" (pass) or "Complete Eye Exam Recommended" (fail). Your packet will also include an individual result for each child; these are to be distributed to parents.

FOLLOW-UP VISION CARE

If a child's vision screening indicates a *possible* vision problem, the parent will be contacted by Sight Savers America about follow-up eye care services.

YOUR SCREENING CONFIRMATION

Your screener will call a few days before the screening to confirm the appointment. If you have any questions in the meantime, please call us at **(864) 412-5489**.

THANK YOU! WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOUR CENTER TO ENSURE THAT ALL OF YOUR CHILDREN HAVE THE BEST VISION MEDICALLY POSSIBLE.