



## **NEW PARENT VISION RESOURCE PACKET**

In collaboration with the Illinois Department of Human Services Bureau of Early Intervention and Hearing and Vision Early Intervention Outreach is pleased to provide this electronic packet of information regarding vision loss. The packet contains an assortment of state and national resources that were specifically selected for new parents. The purpose is to provide basic information about vision loss. We hope this will assist you in making important decisions for your child. Several of the resources contain information about where you can obtain additional resources.

The resources are as follows:

1. **Supporting Families: Visual Impairment** and **Supporting Families: Dual Sensory Loss**. These booklets were developed by **Hearing and Vision Early Intervention Outreach**, an Early Intervention training and technical assistance program in Illinois. It outlines Illinois resources related to vision loss and early intervention. [http://www.morgan.k12.il.us/isd/hveio/documents/vision\\_supp\\_families.pdf](http://www.morgan.k12.il.us/isd/hveio/documents/vision_supp_families.pdf) and [http://www.morgan.k12.il.us/isd/hveio/documents/deafblind\\_supp\\_families.pdf](http://www.morgan.k12.il.us/isd/hveio/documents/deafblind_supp_families.pdf)
2. **Division of Specialized Care for Children** brochure. DSCC is available to support your family. You may contact Ginger Mullin by calling toll free 800-322-3722 or emailing: [ilsound@uic.edu](mailto:ilsound@uic.edu)
3. **American Printing House for the Blind** The American Printing House for the Blind is the world's largest nonprofit organization creating educational, workplace, and independent living products and services for people who are blind or visually impaired. [www.aph.org](http://www.aph.org)
4. **Family Connect** Family Connect is an online, multimedia community created by the American Foundation for the Blind (AFB) and the National Association for Parents of Children with Visual Impairments (NAPVI). This site gives parents of visually impaired children a place to support each other, share stories and concerns, and link to local resources. [www.familyconnect.org](http://www.familyconnect.org)
5. **Opening Doors** This multi- day program held every year at the Illinois School for the Visually Impaired was formally known as Parent Infant Institute. Illinois families of children with vision loss ages 5 or under are eligible. <http://www.isvi.net/Opening%20Doors%20Conference.htm>
6. **Illinois School for the Visually Impaired** [www.isvi.net](http://www.isvi.net)
7. **Lions Camp and other summer camps**  
<http://www.lionsofillinoisfoundation.org/services/camplions/camplions.htm>  
<http://www.isvi.net/Summer%20Camp-What's%20It%20All%20About.htm>
8. **Conferences for Parents of Children ages Birth to 21 with Visual Impairments**  
[http://www.morgan.k12.il.us/isd/hveio/documents/NI-V\\_SI-V%202011\\_Flyer.pdf](http://www.morgan.k12.il.us/isd/hveio/documents/NI-V_SI-V%202011_Flyer.pdf)

If you have questions about Early Intervention services, please contact your Early Intervention Service Coordinator at your local Child and Family Connections office. For further technical assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Hearing and Vision Early Intervention Outreach by calling toll free 877-731-8184 or emailing [gail.olson@illinois.gov](mailto:gail.olson@illinois.gov).