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# Why It's Important

In the United States, 25% or 1 in 4 children have a vision issue that can affect their ability to learn.

With 80% of all learning occurring visually, children with uncorrected vision problems can suffer from poor academic performance, behavioral issues, diminished athletic ability, and social alienation.

# Vision Services - Phased Rollout

#### Portable Program

Vision team will utilize portable equipment to travel to our partnering school districts/schools to provide eye exams and eyeglasses as needed setting up onsite at each school.

Launched November 2024

#### **Vision Center**

Located centrally, students will be transported to the vision center for eye exams in small groups. It will also serve adult patients.

Construction began December 2024

### **Portable Program**

Launched November 2024 in our SBHC in Princeton School District. Utilized within our partnering school districts and will continue to fill the gap in eye health within the organization.

- 4 person staffing model: OD, Licensed Optician, Optometric Technician, Registration staff
- Portable optical equipment set-up for one eye exam lane, pre-test equipment, optician tools for fitting and dispensing, inventory of stock frames, supplies.
- Team travels to each school and sets up in space provided (i.e.: classroom, cafeteria, media room).
- Schedule days per district (based on need). Can visit any school within district with these portable capabilities.
- Eyewear ordered based on student need. Licensed Optician will deliver eyewear to the school and fit/dispense to the students.
- Eye exams and dispensing of eyewear are both billable encounters.



#### **Traditional Vision Center**

Construction began in December 2024 with completion slated for Summer 2025

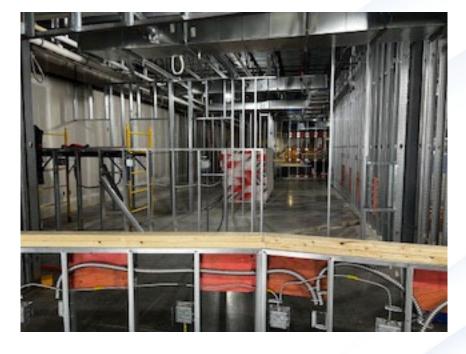
- Located in the lower level of the Mt. Healthy Family Practice, one of our main sites.
- 4 person staffing model (OD, Licensed Optician, Optometric Technician, Registration staff) with possibility for sharing a registration staff person.
- 2 eye exam lanes, pre-testing room, fitting and dispensing area including eyewear frame boards for selection of frames, registration desk and all relevant tools and supplies. Space for expansion with additional eye exam lane.
- Open Monday-Friday, 40 hours per week
- Appointments scheduled for individual patients and intentional scheduling of "school days" where students are transported to Vision Center on assigned days. This will be managed to maximize patient flow and appointment times.

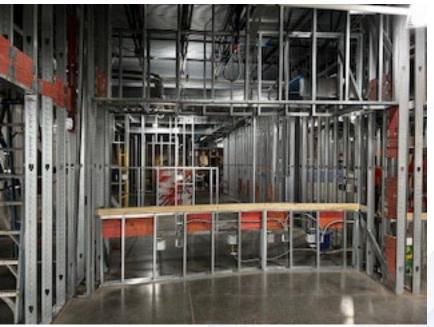
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• Leveraged as a referral site for all other THCC health centers, especially for diabetic patients.

# Traditional Vision Center Buildout









# Why establish vision services in schools?

#### Ongoing access to comprehensive eye exams and care

• Fulfillment of Rx eyewear and repair

#### Integrated partnership with schools/nurses

- Trust/Inclusion
- Up close understanding of school needs
- Support for process, consents, referrals
- Integration for IEPs and other specific student needs
- Easy access to students

Awareness / Ongoing education on importance of eye health and wellness

Regular presence and interaction changes culture



### **Practices for Successful Partnership in Schools**

Build vision into consents early.

- Aligned with enrollment.
- Raise Awareness and build patient lists prior to opening.

Leverage Advisory
Councils / Early
Adopters / Nurses

- Describe compelling need for services.
- Help to raise awareness and generate support.
- Consistent referrals

Set up for sustainability

- Revenue FQHC enhanced reimbursement model
- Partnerships for support (OCVI and Essilor Foundation)
- Accessibility of students in school
- Connected to network of integrated care.

