

# Letting Kids Be Kids.

Answers, Services, and  
Support for Early Blindness  
and Visual Impairment.



Hello.

Welcome to Braille Institute's Child Development Program. We're committed to letting kids be kids and helping them grow up to reach their full potential, regardless of their visual impairment. You are your child's most valuable teacher and advocate. Our goal is to assist you in locating resources and support to maximize your child's growth and development. We help families see beyond sight loss and focus on the bright future ahead.

**Our service is free of charge!**

There are no hassles with insurance or coverage concerns.

# Getting Started

If your child (ages 0-6) is blind or visually impaired, call us to make an appointment for a free consultation:

You can reach the Child Development Center at 323-906-3112 or call 1-800-BRAILLE (272-4553).

We're here Monday through Friday, 8.30am to 5pm.

We accept referrals from Braille Institute regional centers, physicians, social service agencies, school

districts, parents, and family members. Before we provide services, parental consent is required.

We work with families living in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, or San Bernardino counties.

We look forward to hearing from you!



## Our Services

Sight loss and even blindness don't stop kids from growing up. We encourage each child's independence.

### **Our Child Development Consultants can:**

- Make home visits to address your child's developmental and educational needs; we will suggest age-appropriate activities designed to help your child safely explore their environment and build on emerging skills
- Attend medical visits with you to support your understanding of your child's visual diagnosis
- Connect you with resources in your community to meet your child's educational needs
- Consult with community infant and preschool programs to encourage your child's participation in activities
- Explore social experiences with your child outside of the home



We also host a variety of opportunities for parents and caregivers to get together with educators, medical experts, and each other.

### **Community Parent Groups**

Connect with other families and caregivers to socialize and broaden your support network.

### **Braille Boot Camp**

An annual three-day hands-on workshop for families, caregivers, teachers, and professionals to “get the feel” for braille and brush up on your skills.

### **Educational Series**

Monthly educational series by specialists and pediatric ophthalmologists provide a wide range of topics including eye exams, eye patching, encouraging visual stimulation, and a whole lot more.

### **Braille Institute Services**

We will introduce you to a full range of free services, including an introduction to early literacy through Braille Institute’s Special Collections books.



If a child age 6 or younger is blind or visually impaired, Braille Institute's Child Development Program is here to help.

Our staff are experienced child development specialists with special education training in the specific needs of children with visual impairments. We value a play-based approach and encourage your child's family to join in the fun, whenever possible.

We help children 7 years and older too. Just visit [BrailleInstitute.org/youth](https://BrailleInstitute.org/youth); or call one of our Regional Centers to learn about our programs for kids, teens, and young adults.

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Charlize has taught me how to see life colorfully as she is such a powerhouse; though she cannot see the world, I am confident she will someday teach the world how to see her rainbow. ”

**Tiffany H.**

Mother of Charlize (3 years old)





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