

# Supporting Children with Visual Impairments

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# Who We Are

**DGCKids** is a nonprofit dedicated to helping children who are blind or have a visual Impairment, and their families, thrive.

## We Provide:

- Early Intervention Services (infants and toddlers)
- Preschool Age Programs
- School Age (K-12) Programs
- Family Support Services



# Our Services + Programs

Infant + Toddler



Family Support



Preschool Age



School Age



# Services + Programs

## Infant + Toddler

- Personalized in-home support from **certified vision teachers**, with other specialists involved as needed such as
  - ❖ **Orientation and Mobility Specialists**
  - ❖ **Child Development Specialists**
  - ❖ **Physical, Occupational, Speech Therapists**
- Play-based learning through parent-child playgroups.
- Sensory-friendly family activities to support early growth and bonding.



# Services + Programs

## Preschool Age

- Monthly themed playgroups with sensory play, movement, music, and crafts.
- An inclusive, supportive space for **social-emotional growth**.
- A chance for families and children to connect and create lasting relationships.



# Services + Programs

## Youth (K-12)

- Monthly meet-ups tailored to each age group, focusing on
  - ❖ Friendships
  - ❖ Independence
  - ❖ Social skills
- Outdoor adventures and trips that encourage trying new things, confidence, and independence.
- Tandem Adventurers, a cycling program for ages 10+.



# Services + Programs

## Family Support

- Groups to share, listen, and lift each other up.
- **Resources, referrals**, and one-on-one **guidance**.
- Short-term **counseling** and emotional support.
- Tailored support navigating school, medical, and government systems.
- **Family-friendly events** that build community.



# Outreach

- ❖ We partner with childcare centers across the Greater St. Louis area to offer **FREE vision screenings for children (6 months to 6 years)** who are at risk or may not otherwise have access to care.
- ❖ Presentation and education on visual impairment and DGCKids
- ❖ Community events to increase awareness of visual impairment in children.



# Thank You!



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