

KanLovKids Low Vision Collaboration Clinics



The Kansas State School for the Blind is pleased to share with you our KanLovKids (KLK) Low Vision Collaboration Clinics. The purpose of the KanLovKids clinics is to provide a clinical low vision evaluation to children who are visually impaired or have a brain-based visual impairment from birth through age 21. This comprehensive evaluation is a collaborative appointment between the family, the low vision doctor and the educational team. There are two types of clinics: the Low Vision Collaboration Clinic and Low Vision Collaboration Clinic +.



is for students who are able to communicate and interpret eye charts (numbers, letters, or pictures) and communicate what they are seeing. The primary goal is to learn what tools could be utilized at home, in school, and the

community to aid the student with visually accessing his/her world. The focus of the clinic is optical device trials, prescription for the devices, and instruction on how to use the device(s). Educational teams also have the opportunity to speak with the doctor and learn more about their condition and how it may affect the student on a day-to-day basis.



is for infants and toddlers, as well as school-aged children who have alternative communication and complex needs. At these clinics, the primary goal is for educational teams to learn how the student sees and what

accommodations and supports could be implemented to aid in access to the curriculum.

A child may be referred to a KanLovKids Clinic by a family member, teacher, or their primary eye care provider. Once a referral is made, the child's education team is asked to provide the child's most recent visual assessments as well as an updated eye report, any vision related IEP goals, and why the team is requesting a KLK clinic. Family members, Teachers of Students with Visual Impairments, Certified Orientation and Mobility Specialists, and any other IEP team members are encouraged to attend the low vision evaluation to assist in providing valuable input on the child, as well as to learn about the recommendations prescribed at the clinic. The services provided at the KLK clinics are not meant to take the place of regular visits to the child's primary eye care provider, such as his/her ophthalmologist or optometrist.

If you have any questions regarding the information above, please contact the KLK Coordinators. You may also contact your regional Field Services Specialist. The KanLovKids clinic staff looks forward to working with you and your child/student.

Scan the QR code to request a clinic and complete all registration paperwork:



Questions? Please reach out! KLK Co-Coordinators, <u>kanlovkids@kssdb.org</u> Anna Cyr (913.645.5324) and Rachel Ghram (913.558.6161)