



GEORGIA LIONS
**Lighthouse
Foundation**



Transforming Vision Care for Children in Georgia

Providing Clear Vision and
Opportunities One Child at a Time

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The State of Children's Vision in Georgia

During the pandemic, children not only fell behind academically, but schools also relied heavily on remote learning through laptops and other devices. Increased device use, without sufficient opportunities for long-distance vision activity, drastically affected the shape of their eyes, contributing to rising rates of myopia. Schools continue to use these devices for teaching methods and periodically use remote learning. As a result, we are seeing an increase from the national average of 20% prior to the pandemic to upwards of 50% in screenings, with a national average increased to 30% of students screened needing further vision care.

More than 300,000 children have been dropped from Medicaid and PeachCare for Kids in Georgia since the pandemic ended. Georgia ranks third in the nation for the number of children who have lost coverage.





Program Significance

Uncorrected vision issues are one of the leading—and most overlooked—barriers to academic success and child literacy. Through the Mobile School Clinic, Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation, Inc. provides on-site vision care at no charge to families.



Why This Work Matters

Students face disparities in vision care due to cost, lack of insurance coverage, and limited access to pediatric eye specialists. By embedding mobile clinics directly into schools, Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation, Inc. ensures that:

- Children receive care during the school day
- Families do not need to miss work
- No transportation is required
- Every child with a correctable vision impairment receives glasses

This is How a Mobile School Clinic Works



1

Screening provided by Georgia Lions



2

Complete eye exams by a licensed Georgia Optometrist



3

Glasses distributed

Eyeglasses Recipients



“(Glasses) help me see better and helps me see from afar so that's why I am thankful for my glasses.



“I am grateful that all students at Toomer can learn to the best of their ability without vision being a barrier.



“Thank you for giving me the free glasses to help me see better.



“I get to finally read smaller words.

Children receive clear vision, confidence & self-esteem!



Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation, Inc. provides access to affordable vision services.

Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation, Inc. is one of the few statewide organizations to provide a full continuum of vision services to children and adults who need them most.



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