



SOONERSTART

SoonerStart Roles of the Vision Consultant

This position will be responsible for providing support services to families of young children with visual impairment. The consultant will participate with the local team and individual providers in the development of intervention strategies adhering to the SoonerStart core beliefs and values.

This is a regional position covering many counties of the state and working with many teams. Consultation will be learner-focused as it is provided to families and primary service providers. Vision consultants will support primary service providers to help them learn and implement strategies by providing services under the transdisciplinary/consultant model. Consultants will confer with providers and families in order to serve the best interests of the child. Consultants may provide in-service training, serve as a secondary service provider, or as a resource to teams.

Job Duties and Responsibilities may include the following:

- Assist teams in obtaining eye reports, and interpreting those reports to teams and families for the purpose of program planning.
- Serve as a resource and support to primary service providers, families, and communities by making appropriate referrals to community and statewide resources (OSB, OLBPH, Pediatric ophthalmologist, Hadley Distance Education, etc.)
- Participate as a multidisciplinary team member during assessment and the development of the IFSP. There will be circumstances when a vision consultant will be needed as part of the evaluation/transition team.
- Offer support to primary service providers and families regarding strategies to develop early literacy for low vision or pre-Braille, and orientation and mobility skills.
- Develop intervention plans as they are related to the implications of certain eye conditions, while considering the effects of the visual impairment on developmental areas and daily life.
- Incorporate the use of specialized toys, materials, and equipment with adaptations and modifications.
- Participate in transition from SoonerStart.
- Serve as a resource to the community related to: Child Find, APH Annual Federal Registry, VIISA trainings, speaking with individuals or groups in the community, or presenting in-service training.
- Continue to develop professional skills through STARS and other training opportunities related to blindness and visual impairment.