



## Making a Difference in Young Lives.

Visually Impaired Preschool Services (VIPS) empowers families by providing educational excellence to young children with visual impairments in order to build a strong foundation for reaching their highest potential.

A sighted child can often grasp complicated situations or concepts in a single glance. For a young child who is visually impaired, the world may be a puzzle made up of seemingly unconnected bits of information gathered piecemeal through sound, touch, taste and smell. The child must learn to recognize, interpret and integrate these pieces into a meaningful "picture" of the world.

Since 1985, VIPS has educated and trained blind and visually impaired preschool children, preparing them for future success in the sighted world.



VIPS believes that parents are their children's first and best teachers. Therefore, we provide a wide range of family educational support programs to help VIPS parents learn techniques to encourage their child's learning and independence. These include a parent newsletter, access to educational materials and workshops, guest speakers and recreational outings. All family members, including grandparents and significant others, are encouraged to attend.



VIPS strives to be a national leader in services to young children who are visually impaired and their parents through adherence to evidence-based, best practices in the fields of education of visually impaired and early childhood education.

VIPS has offices in Louisville, Lexington and Indianapolis, serving nearly 400 children a year in Kentucky and Indiana. VIPS is the only agency of its kind in the region.

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## Services to Children

- Assessment
- Home and Community-based Visits
- Center-based Programs
- Pre-braille and Braille Instruction
- Orientation and Mobility
- Deaf-Blind Instruction
- Onsite Eye Exams
- Consultation with Child Care Providers and Preschools
- Transition Planning
- Advocacy



## Services to Families

- Statewide Outreach
- Parent Groups
- Workshops
- Newsletter
- Community Outings
- Annual Family Retreat

## Community Services

- Referral Sources for Physicians and Other Professionals
- Interagency Collaboration
- In-Service Training
- Volunteer Opportunities
- University Practicum and Student Teacher Placement
- Student Mentoring
- "Can Do!" Educational Video Series

# Yes!

## I want to make a gift today

How to Donate.

Online: Quickest method! Go to [www.vips.org](http://www.vips.org) to donate.

By Mail: Complete the form below and mail to:

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By Phone: 502.636.3207, Toll Free: 888.636.8477

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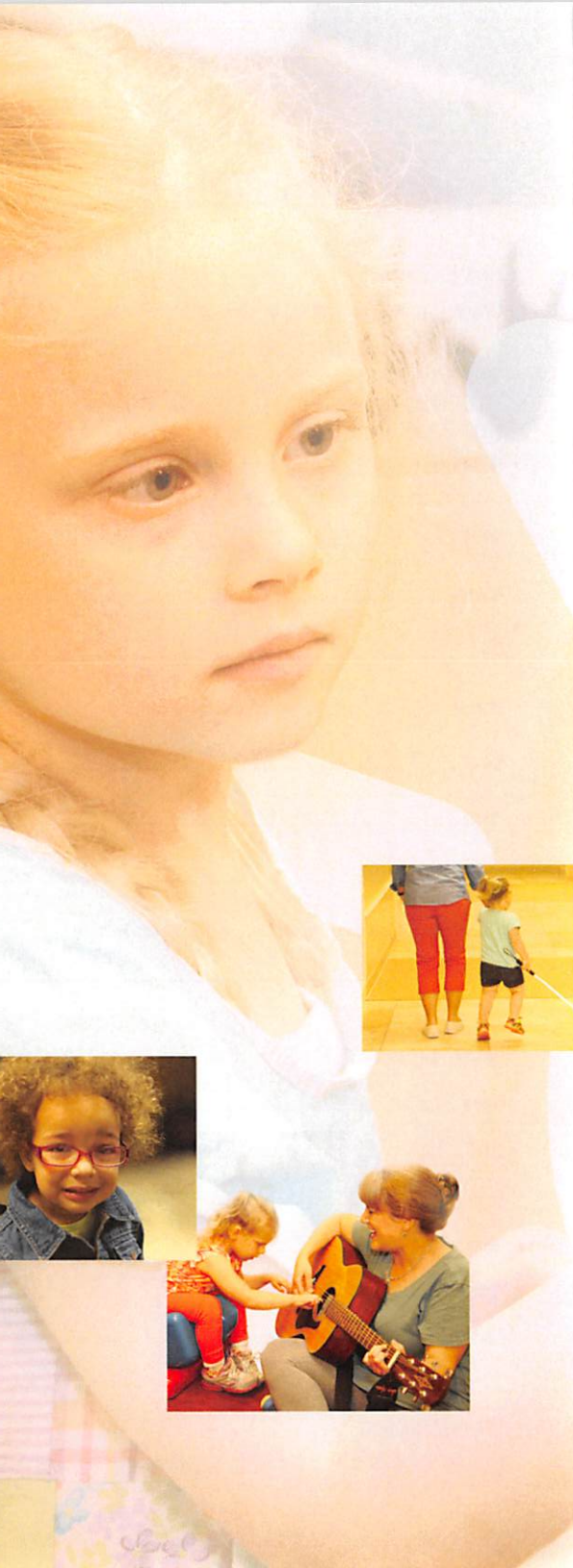
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I would like to make a monthly recurring gift.  
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VIPS- Louisville  VIPS - Central Kentucky  VIPS - Indiana



## VIPPS believes ...

- Parents are their children's first and best teachers
- Every child has a contribution to make to society and should be valued as an individual
- Young children who are visually impaired need and have a right to individualized, specialized services to empower them to function maximally in the sighted world
- Young children who are visually impaired are children first
- Offering parent education and support benefits the child's development
- Siblings, extended family members and significant others should be included in family education and support activities
- Building awareness of the needs of young children who are visually impaired and engaging in community advocacy are important responsibilities for the VIPPS staff and board members



  
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