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## Get your child's eyes checked for impairments

September has been designated Cortical Visual Impairment (CVI) Awareness Month, to promote public recognition of top cause of pediatric visual disabilities in the developed world.

CVI too often goes undiagnosed, misdiagnosed, and without appropriate follow-up care and education plans.

At the same time, advances in visual neuroplasticity research have shown that with early diagnosis, appropriate functional vision assessment, and specifically-designed intervention, children with CVI can make progress in how they access their visual world and in all areas of their learning.



Miami Lighthouse for the Blind is conducting early assessment and intervention for students with CVI and is committed to building strong collaboration with South Florida pediatric neurologists, ophthalmologists, and developmental optometrists.

With this expertise, infants and school-aged students at Miami Lighthouse can receive proactive early screening and diagnosis by a medical professional, post-diagnosis CVI range functional vision assessment, early education-based intervention, and ongoing parent, educational team, and community education and awareness regarding the unique needs of students with CVI.

Awareness and recognition of CVI are the first steps toward its proper diagnosis, medical intervention and educational response.

Miami Lighthouse is proud to serve as a community resource to parents of children with this disorder and all other causes of visual impairment.

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