



## ATTENTION!!! Counselors, Social Workers & Nurses

Please use the following information to aid in assisting families with finding vision care for the students who do not pass the vision screening:

## Miami Lighthouse Heiken Children's Vision Program – Instant Vision Program

The Instant Vision Program at your School provides an efficient and comprehensive way to service the most students in the least amount of time:

- The following criteria determines program eligibility:
  - 1. Student qualifies for free or reduced school meals
  - 2. Student does not have private insurance that covers eye exams
  - 3. Student does not have Medicaid or Kid Care that covers eye exams
  - 4. Student is unable to access eye health care (financially disadvantaged children who may not meet the first three eligibility criteria and who are deemed unable to access eye health care)
- After consent forms (at least 10) are signed by parent/guardian, the Instant Vision bus or van can be scheduled to visit the school site. Procedures and parent consent forms may be obtained at:

http://www.miamilighthouse.org/HeikenFund.asp or http://comprehensivehealthservices.dadeschools.net

- On the scheduled date: An eye care physician (optometrist) administers comprehensive eye examinations to qualifying students. An eye care technician assists with diagnostic testing and fitting prescribed eyeglasses.
- If prescribed, an optician dispenses eyeglasses at the school site, approximately two to three (2-3) weeks after the examination.
- The Program serves 15-25 students in a school day.
- To schedule an appointment for a mobile unit to visit to your School, please call (305) 856-9830.

## Miami Lighthouse Heiken Children's Vision Program – In Office Program

If you have less than 5 students in need of eye care that meet the eligibility criteria, these students can be referred to participating doctors in their private offices, as close to the student's home as possible.

To refer students to the In-Office Program, fax a completed consent form (same as the Instant Vision Program consent form), using the IN-OFFICE PROGRAM fax cover sheet to the Heiken office. The doctor's office will notify the parent directly to schedule the appointment. The Heiken office will also fax the doctor's contact information to the school, to be given to the parent.

## For more information, please call Carmen Arguijo at the Miami Lighthouse – Heiken Children's Vision Program at (305) 856-9830. Completed consent forms should be faxed to (305) 856-9840.