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### **Quotes from Clients:**

-A client had this to share about his first visit to Cleveland Sight Center:

"Within an hour of being at the Sight Center, I knew that I had found family and had found my place. We have a wonderful support system in the Sight Center."

-The parents of a young client in Children & Young Adult Services (CYAS) recently said this about CSC:

"Your visit to our home to help our daughter with her vision became the missing piece of the puzzle to our big question mark about her development. Although we don't know why she is delayed, we do know more about her because of your expertise, advice and therapy. We are grateful for the existence of Cleveland Sight Center, but more importantly that we had you enter our lives. You will forever have a special place in our daughter's life."

### **Educating the Community:**

-Kristen Callahan (Manager, School Age Educational Services) and Laurie Zebrasky (Manager - Early Childhood Services) gave a virtual presentation to all of the Cleveland Clinic therapy staff (Physical Therapists, Occupational Therapists and Speech Language Pathologists) across the region on Tuesday, September 21st.

The presentation was titled “Working with Children with Visual Impairments” and was viewed by over 100 workers in Northeast Ohio Cleveland Clinic satellite locations where therapies are offered, including the main campus and Shaker Children’s Rehab Hospital. Kristen and Laurie provided an overview of common ocular impairments in children as well as cortical vision impairment, informing staff of red flags and indicators to watch out for in their sessions. They also provided strategies, accommodations, considerations and resources to help therapists work successfully with children with vision loss in the medical setting.

-Tom Sawyer (Outreach Specialist) presented an agency overview and blindness etiquette training to members of the Ohio Association of Senior Centers and gave an agency introduction and themed topic on blindness in a “Barriers by Design” panel presentation as part of ADA Cleveland’s “Call for Access” virtual webinar series. The Outreach department also scheduled upcoming presentations at Garfield Heights Senior Center (CSC overview) and Concord Reserve Independent Living in Westlake (Tips, Tools and Techniques presentation).

## **What’s Happening at CSC:**

-Members of the Early Intervention team participated in an educational in-service session on Thursday, September 23rd titled “When is Cortical not Cortical?” The session was a review of a case study presented by Angela Roumie (Early Childhood Intervention Specialist), Barb Williams (Early Childhood Intervention Specialist) and Keith Filip (Orientation & Mobility Specialist, Preschool). Angela had a client, who should have had cortical vision impairment, but she had questions...provoking thoughts on cortical vs cerebral, which is a current trend.

-Does your department have a donor, volunteer, client or family that you would like to spotlight with a success story feature? Let the Marketing Department know! We would love to share their story on our social media, website and “In The Know” as well as provide some creative and engaging marketing materials for your team. Please send your ideas to Megan Schaefer ([mschaefer@clevelandsightcenter.org](mailto:mschaefer@clevelandsightcenter.org) or x4568).

## **Upcoming In-Service Education Opportunities:**

-The following are upcoming in-service education opportunities open to staff members. For additional information or to sign up, contact Keith Filip ([kfilip@clevelandsightcenter.org](mailto:kfilip@clevelandsightcenter.org) or x8786).

October 28th: “The Importance of Proper Frame Fitting and Use of Tints”  
Presented by Tony Becker and Erin St. Denis of Cleveland Sight Center’s Low Vision Clinic. One reoccurring issue is children struggling to wear their corrective lenses. When should tints be considered?

November 18th: “The Importance of Visual Acuity”  
Presented by Dr. Leah Steele, Optometrist with Madison Eye Care. The importance of visual acuity (Tier 1 of Dutton’s frame work of cerebral) and Q&A.

## Items of Note:

-What's New in JAWS, ZoomText and Fusion 2022? Freedom Scientific is offering public beta testing on these soon-to-be-released products and opportunities to provide feedback and bug reports. To learn more, [click here](#).

## Did You Know:

-Did you know cucumbers are 96% water?