

C.V.I. Assessment Service

Cortical Vision Impairment is now considered the leading cause of pediatric visual impairment in developed countries. Increasing numbers of babies and young children who have experienced birth trauma, prematurity or other brain insult are being diagnosed with CVI by the medical community (ophthalmologists and neurologists).

Cleveland Sight Center has a team of qualified staff members to help families and educators take the "next step" in providing services to the child. A team of CVI professionals are able to assess the child's CVI status and provide clear, succinct recommendations for interventions and strategies for instruction. Our goal is to reduce the impact of this diagnosis and increase the child's functional visual access to the world around them, including toys, people, their environment and school materials.

The team is comprised of:

*Monica Owen, OTR/L, EIS and Perkins-Roman CVI Range® Endorsed Provider

*Barb Williams, M.Ed, EIS and Perkins-Roman CVI Range® Endorsed Provider

The evaluation process includes the following components:

Step 1 –Review of medical history. Teacher interview, when applicable. Assessment using the CVI Range (Roman-Lantzy), including parent/guardian interview.

Step 2 – Development of assessment report to be shared with parent/guardian and/or school district including CVI Range score, recommendations for service, strategies and materials.

Step 3 – Follow up contact with family (3 to 6 months post assessment) to check status, progress and provide additional suggestions.

Assessment is completed at Cleveland Sight Center.

Please contact Cleveland Sight Center, Children's Services Department, for scheduling and funding details – 216-658-8777.