

C.V.I. Assessment Service

Cortical Vision Impairment (C.V.I.) is considered the leading cause of pediatric visual impairment in developed countries. Increasing numbers of babies and young children who experience birth trauma, prematurity, or other brain insults/injuries are being diagnosed with CVI by ophthalmologists and neurologists.

An accurate CVI assessment, which measures the impact of CVI on a child's development and learning, is critical for the educational programming for these children so that they can visually understand the world around them, visually access their education, and thrive socially. Cleveland Sight Center has a team of qualified providers to help families and educators take the next step in meeting the needs of a child with a CVI diagnosis or a child who displays the characteristics of CVI. A team of CVI professionals will conduct an assessment, then provide clear and succinct intervention recommendations, strategies for instruction, life skills, and social interactions. Our goal is to reduce the impact of this diagnosis and increase the child's functional visual access to the world around them.

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:

<u>Step 1</u> – Review of medical history; Teacher interview and review of school ETR and IEP, when applicable; Parent/guardian interview and in-person assessment using the CVI Range (Roman-Lantzy, 2018).

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

<u>Step 3</u> – Follow up contact with family and/or school team (2 to 4 months post assessment) to check status, progress and provide additional suggestions.

Assessments are completed at Cleveland Sight Center

Please contact Cleveland Sight Center, Children and Young Adult Services Department, for scheduling and pricing details:

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