

## OUR GOAL

Fill the gap! There is a lot of time between being diagnosed with amblyopia and your next visit with the doctor — as much as a three to six month gap. Our goal is to help you succeed in occlusion therapy by filling that gap, providing support, and giving you the information and education that you need to succeed.

## AMBLYOPIA FACTS

- Amblyopia is the most common cause of visual impairment, affecting 2-3 out of every 100 children.
- If left untreated, amblyopia can lead to permanent and irreversible vision loss.
- Only 3 out of 4 amblyopia patients are successful in correcting their vision. Lack of knowledge is the primary cause of treatment failure.
- Patching or Occlusion Therapy is the best treatment for amblyopia.

## HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Sign up to attend by calling Danielle at (717-422-3035) or contact Leora at ForSight Vision (717-848-1690x106). Also you can go to [www.achildseyes.com](http://www.achildseyes.com) or [www.forsight.org](http://www.forsight.org)

## FOR KIDS

Bring your child with his or her patch on! There will be lots of fun activities for children to participate in. While parents are learning, the children are also learning about their vision by playing games and other fun activities. Children always feel more comfortable when they are around other children, especially when everyone their size is also patching! Each child will be invited to participate in P.I.P. (Patching Incentive Program). Go to [www.achildseyes.com/patching](http://www.achildseyes.com/patching) to find out more information on this fun program. We want to make your child excited about patching and focused on the positive.

## FOR PARENTS

The group is led by Danielle D. Crull, ABOM and assisted by Leora Wiest. Danielle is a pediatric Master Certified optician and owner of A Child's Eyes. She is also the author of "Apple Patty Patches," a book explaining amblyopia in terms that even the youngest child can understand. She has been working with children and their parents for more than 20 years. Leora is a vision screener and Prevention of Blindness Specialist at ForSight Vision. Leora has over 19 years of vision screening experience.

Together with nearly 40 years experience, both Danielle and Leora have plenty of tips and suggestions available to help parents and their children achieve good vision. Parents will have the opportunity to ask lots of questions, as well as look at different types of patches and other occlusion therapies that their doctor may have prescribed. Resources will be available to help you assess your child's current visual abilities. Most of all, parents will be able to encourage one another by sharing their experiences and struggles.

Every month we will have a special feature: parents that have successfully completed patching with their children, vision professionals, and even new products to see.