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Low Vision Rehabilitation Network

The Lions Low Vision Rehabilitation Network (Lions LOVRNET) will serve as a model for community based healthcare in partnership with the low vision rehabilitation experts at the Lions Vision Research and Rehabilitation Center of the Johns Hopkins Wilmer Eye Institute (Lions Vision Center). The Low Vision Rehabilitation Service is a multi-disciplinary team of doctors and rehabilitative specialists who work closely with the low vision patient to address vision issues causing problems with the performance of activities of daily living.

LOVRNET OFFERS

Access to low vision rehabilitation services through low vision evaluations, tips on how to adjust daily activities to adapt to visual impairments, and other assistive devices while increasing the level of extensive services in the home and community.

TOGETHER WITH

Local Optometrists, ophthalmologists, ophthalmic and optometric technicians, occupational therapists, rehabilitation therapists and social workers,

WE PROVIDE

Low vision rehabilitation services to assist blind and visually impaired individuals; initiate and facilitate peer support groups; educate the public on stereotypes associated with blindness and visual impairments.

OUR GOALS

Increase quality, effectiveness, and efficiency of low vision in patient communities by increasing referrals from ophthalmologists to low vision rehabilitation providers. Demonstrate how the growing demand for low vision rehabilitation services are available and accessible throughout Multiple District 22.

OUR MISSION

Train and equip Lions Club members to educate the public and doctors in the community about Sow vision and low vision rehabilitation services. Coordinate care by matching low vision patients to local service providers in their area online or by phone.

FACTS

Low Vision rehabilitation is highly effective in restoring the ability of visually impaired and blind people to function in everyday life.

*80% of Americans with low vision are over age 65

*Most low vision is caused by age-related eye diseases

*0nly about 15% of those needing low vision services in Multiple District 22 are currently receiving low vision rehabilitation.

*Low vision is caused by degeneration and diabetic retinopathy

Lions LOVRNET will serve the growing demand for low vision rehabilitation services using educational resources and programs.

Multiple District 22 Lions Vision Research Foundation, Inc. (LVRF) is a 501 (c) (3) organization established in 1988 to support low vision research and rehabilitation for the visually impaired. The objectives of the foundation are being met through the partnership of the Lions of Multiple District 22 (Maryland, Delaware and the District of Columbia) and Lions Vision Research and Rehabilitation Center (Lions Vision Center) at the Wilmer Eye Institute of the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions, Baltimore, Maryland.

Low Vision refers to chronic disabling visual impairments that cannot be corrected with eyeglasses or with medical or surgical treatment. Most low vision in the U.S. is caused by age-related eye diseases, with age-related macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy, and glaucoma leading the list. Inherited eye diseases are a leading cause of low vision in children and young adults. The most recent estimates indicate that between 4 and 5 million Americans presently have low vision.

The number of people with low vision is expected to double over the next decade due to the aging of the U.S. population.

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Executive offices are located at the Baltimore **headquarters** of the Blind industries and Services of **Maryland (BISM). BISM** also serves as a Lions LOVRNET partner.

Referral or Interests in services

Low Vision patients/clients can refer themselves, ophthalmologists can refer, local Lions club member, or contact Lions LOVRNET directly for services in their home community.

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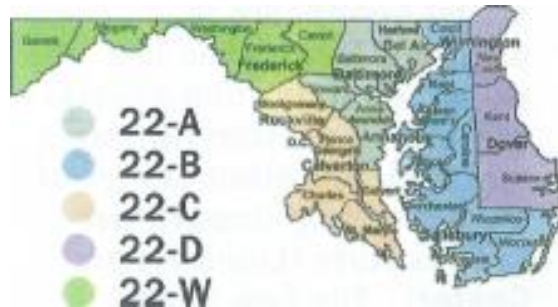
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