New Resource To Help Protect Kids' Vision

(NAPSA)—More than 12 million school-age children in America have a vision problem. One in 20 preschoolers has amblyopia (a serious condition that can result in monocular blindness) and one in 50 children suffer from strabismus (or "crossed eyes").



It's never too early to start taking care of a child's sight and working to correct vision problems.

Many eye problems in children can be effectively treated and corrected if diagnosed early. The "Newborn, Infant and Toddler Vision Guide," from Prevent Blindness America (PBA), is free and offers detailed tips on when to take children for an eye exam and how to look for warning signs of possible vision problems. This educational piece was made possible by a grant from Alcon, Inc.

PBA recommends children have their vision checked at infancy, 6 months, 3 years and 5 years, with follow-ups as needed. Many children never realize that their vision is abnormal. As a child develops, an eye disease becomes more difficult to correct.

To request a free copy of the "Guide" or for more information on childhood eye diseases and safety tips (in English and Spanish), visit www.preventblind ness.org or call 1-800-331-2020.