

KINDERGARTEN VISION SCREENING

Children may have unknown vision concerns when they start school. Vision concerns can lead to difficulty with reading and/or writing. During the school year, kindergarten children have their vision checked at school by Child, Youth and Family Community Health (Public Health) Screeners. The “Kindergarten Vision Screening Program” helps find children with vision concerns. If a child does not pass the vision screening, a letter is sent home to parents. If you receive a letter, it is important that you take your child for a complete visual examination with an eye doctor. British Columbia’s Medical Services Plan does provide some coverage for eye examinations for children under the age of 18. The Healthy Kids Program provides limited funds once in a twelve-month period for prescription eyewear for children 0 – 18 years living in low-income families.

For more information contact:

- ◆ Your local Health Unit
- ◆ HealthLinkBC at 8-1-1 (a free call) or www.healthlinkbc.ca
- ◆ BC Healthy Kids Program www.sd.gov.bc.ca/factsheets/2005/healthy_kids.htm

Health Units:

Esquimalt	250-519-5311	Salt Spring Island	250-538-4880
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