

IESDB Educational Specialists coordinate their services with:

- ◇ **Infant-Toddler Program (Health and Welfare)**
- ◇ **Idaho DeafBlind Project**
- ◇ **Local school districts and preschool programs**
- ◇ **Local ophthalmologists, optometrists and other medical professionals**
- ◇ **Other specialists, including occupational therapists, physical therapists, and orientation and mobility specialists**

IESDB Educational Specialists work with families throughout the state. If you have questions regarding your child's vision or services that we provide, please contact:

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Region 1
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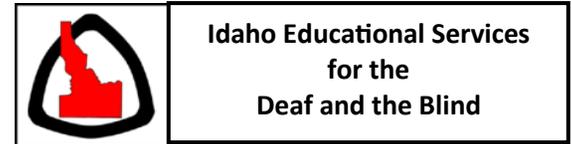
Region 3
Caldwell, ID

Region 4
Meridian, ID

Region 5
Gooding, ID

Region 6
Pocatello, ID

Region 7
Idaho Falls, ID



for Families of Infants and Toddlers who are Visually Impaired/Blind



Young boy with cane walks on balance beam with assistance from his dad.

IESDB Outreach Services: Early Intervention

Qualifications:

- ◇ Children birth through three
- ◇ Children with a significant visual impairment as documented by an ophthalmologist, optometrist or physician
- ◇ Significant loss can be acuity of 20/70 or worse in the better eye with correction. It may also mean 20 degrees of peripheral vision or less.
- ◇ Qualifying children may have a cortical or neurological visual impairment or an eye condition that is degenerative

Costs:

IESDB Outreach services are free of charge to families of children with a qualifying vision loss.

Location of Services:

IESDB serves families, communities and school districts all across the state. Please see the back of this brochure for the regional office nearest you.

Educational Specialists

are certified teachers of the visually impaired/blind who work with qualifying children birth through three and can:

- ◆ Provide information on how vision loss affects early childhood development
- ◆ Offer suggestions on ways to arrange the environment to encourage the promotion of all the senses
- ◆ Provide information on the visual system and eye reports
- ◆ Introduce the expanded core curriculum (daily living skills, orientation and mobility, adaptations in literacy, etc.)
- ◆ Encourage networking with other parents and professionals
- ◆ Provide information on relevant workshops and webinars
- ◆ Continue to work with students from preschool through graduation

Partnership:

IESDB Educational Specialists work with the Infant-Toddler Program to promote family-oriented services through:

- ◇ A service coordinator with information on community resources
- ◇ Assessments in various developmental areas
- ◇ An Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP)
- ◇ Home visits
- ◇ Transition assistance to a preschool program in the local school district



Young child finds large ball.