

What Happens at a CLVP Low Vision Clinic Appointment?

What is CLVP-BC?

The Children's Low Vision Project – BC (<u>CLVP-BC</u>) brings together professionals trained in Ophthalmology, Optometry, Orientation and Mobility, Access Technology and Education. The team evaluates each child, prescribes, and dispenses low vision devices, and makes recommendations to support the child, their family, teachers, schools, and other professionals working with the child. The CLVP team's primary focus is to improve the literacy skills and quality of life for these students.

Typically, those that attend CLVP with the students are:

- > Parents
- > Teacher of Students with Visual Impairments (TSVI)
- > Intervenor
- > Orientation & Mobility Instructor

Parents/students should arrive at least 15 minutes before the appt time.

TSVI's, Intervenors and parents should be prepared to stay for the entire clinic appointment which could take 2-3 hours. There are opportunities for breaks during the appointment.

It is important to bring the following to the clinic:

- > All low vision devices the student uses currently or has received at a past CLVP-BC clinic
- > Portable technology that the student is using (laptop/iPad)
- > Glasses
- > Hearing Aids and FM system (if applicable)
- > Questions for the team from parents and student

The CLVP clinic process is a series of 8 stations that provide assessment information and recommendations for students and their families and school teams:

- > Intake with an TSVI Educational Specialist
- > Optometrist Functional Vision Assessment in a classroom type setting
- > TSVI Educational Specialist Low Vision Devices Assessment and trial of Devices
- > Orientation & Mobility Instructor O&M Mini Assessment and Devices trial
- > Access Technology Specialist Trial of Assistive Technology
- > Ophthalmologist Full Ophthalmology exam
- PRCVI and other Community Organizations Opportunity to learn about what PRCVI services are as well as other organizations like BC Blind Sports and Blind Beginnings
- > Wrap Up Entire team gathers to review clinic results and recommendations

A full report will be sent to parents after the clinic that can also be shared with the student's medical professionals, school, and team members.