

CHICAGO LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT

Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL) –

“Undetected and untreated eye disorders in children can result in delayed reading and poorer outcomes in school,” said Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL). “I applaud the Illinois optometrists who offer their time and talent to provide no-cost infant eye and vision assessments to prevent that from happening. I also encourage all parents to take advantage of the InfantSEE® program to help ensure that our children have the tools needed to succeed later in life.”

Representative Bobby Rush (D-IL) –

"A child's visual development is vitally important to their ability to learn and succeed later in life," said Rep. Bobby Rush (D-IL) "I applaud all of our Chicago-area optometrists for volunteering their time and talent to provide free comprehensive eye and vision assessments through the InfantSEE® program and encourage all parents to take advantage of this great service. Protect your child by detecting vision problems early."

Representative Dan Lipinski (D-IL) –

"Unfortunately, very few infants receive comprehensive vision exams," said Congressman Dan Lipinski (IL), "By catching and diagnosing eye and vision problems early, we can stop them from turning into serious health problems. I hope that parents take advantage of free examinations during InfantSEE week and that we continue to see nationwide improvements in infant wellness."

Representative Danny K. Davis (D-IL)–

“Watching your baby develop has got to be one of the most awe inspiring experiences in our lifetimes,” said Rep. Danny K. Davis (D-IL). “New parents might not know that babies are not born with a complete visual system, but that they must learn how to see. Vision problems are not common, but your baby can't tell you if they are experiencing problems. That's why a vision check-up ought to be a part of well child care. The American Optometric Association has teamed up with the Illinois Optometric Association to offer eye and vision assessments to as many Illinois babies as possible, regardless of income or ability to pay, from April 20 through April 24. Won't you help me spread the word by sharing this Web site with the new moms and dads you know? www.InfantSEE.org Together with the more than four hundred doctors of optometry in Illinois who are generously offering their services, we can help ensure the vision health of our children. Hope to SEE YOU during InfantSEE® Week in Illinois!”

Representative Jan Schakowsky (D-IL) –

“InfantSEE®’s mission is changing the lives of children around the country and right here in Illinois,” said Rep. Jan Schakowsky (D-IL). “The optometrists and partners are demonstrating their own broad vision in providing eye care for infants to benefit thousands of children in need. Through health care reform, I hope we are able to expand programs like InfantSEE® to cover every child in America.”

Representative Mark Kirk (R-IL) –

“Eye and vision assessments are a critical component of keeping our kids healthy,” Congressman Mark Kirk (R-IL) said. “Early identification of potential problems also helps reduce long-term health care costs. I hope Chicagoland families take advantage of this no-cost and important program.”