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
Coeur d'Alene, ID

Region 2
Lewiston, ID

Region 3
Caldwell, ID

Region 4
Meridian, ID

Region 5
Gooding, ID

Region 6
Pocatello, ID

Region 7
Idaho Falls, ID
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.

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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

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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

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Young child finds large ball.