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**CINCINNATI HEALTH DEPARTMENT AT AWL AWARDED
ONESIGHT FOCUS ON SIGHT GRANT FOR VISION CARE SERVICES**

Thousands of local students and their families will have permanent year-round access to vision care and glasses

Cincinnati, OH (June 5, 2017) – The Cincinnati Health Department is one of five partner organizations nationwide to receive a OneSight Focus on Sight grant for vision care services.

“We are proud to be able to expand our healthcare offerings to families in Cincinnati through the OneSight Focus on Sight grant,” says Dr. Marilyn Crumpton, Interim Cincinnati Health Commissioner. “The grant enables our school-based health programs to provide year-round access to vision care and glasses to students in need. The center at the Academy of World Languages (AWL) will join Oyler School in providing vision care services to children and their families.”

Research shows that clear vision empowers students to be twice as effective in school, yet in the United States one in four students, with a problem significant enough to impair their academic performance, often goes undiagnosed. “Having vision services as part of our health center at AWL allows us to intervene early in addressing vision care needs,” Crumpton adds. “We were selected from a pool of candidates based on our history of managing school-based health centers, our sustainability and the need within the communities we serve.”

“There are nearly 7,000 students who attend school in the Evanston, Walnut Hills and East Walnut Hills neighborhoods who lack regular access to medical, dental and vision care. This grant will help us address some of those needs,” states Crumpton. “Currently vision care for all three neighborhoods is provided through the vision center at Oyler School in Lower Price Hill. We are seeing 4,300 students annually for vision care.”

AWL was chosen as the site to have a second vision center because of its centralized location for East side schools. There is a 90 percent poverty rate for area schools. For AWL, more than half of the students are refugees and immigrants from more than 50 countries. The vision services will be part of a larger “health hub” which will model integrated, interprofessional collaborative health care within a school based community learning center.

There are approximately 35,000 students in Cincinnati Public Schools creating the need for expansion to a second vision center. Dr. Crumpton believes there is more than enough capacity to sustain both locations. The Cincinnati Health Department has strong support for its health hub from its partners in healthcare, including: the City of Cincinnati, InterAct for Health, the Community Learning Center Institute, Cincinnati Public Schools, Cincinnati Children's Hospital, Cincinnati Eye Institute, Ohio Optometric Association, The Ohio State College of Optometry and OneSight.

OneSight is the leading global vision care nonprofit focused on providing permanent access to vision care and glasses. By the end of 2018, 15 OneSight school-based vision centers will be open nationwide providing nearly 500,000 students and their families with access to vision care and glasses.

To learn more about the Cincinnati Health Department go to www.cincinnati-oh.gov to learn more about the OneSight Focus on Sight program and how you can help make an impact, visit www.onesight.org/focusonsight.

About the Cincinnati Health Department

Since 1826, the Cincinnati Health Department (CHD) has been committed to protecting and improving the health of the people of Cincinnati. As a nationally recognized leader in public health, CHD advocates for responsive health and human services that promote healthy living environments and social well-being, as well as works to reduce health inequities such as poverty and unemployment.

CHD has a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) designation status and serves over 40,000 patients annually. CHD operates seven Primary Care Health Centers, one free-standing dental center, one free-standing vision and dental center, and thirteen School-Based Health Centers.

About OneSight

OneSight, a global nonprofit 501(c)(3) sponsored and founded by Luxottica, is dedicated to providing sustainable access to a comprehensive eye exam and quality eyewear to those in need around the world. Over the past 28 years, OneSight has helped 9 million people in 46 countries and 49 states see clearly. With the help of dedicated partners, there are 23 permanent vision centers operating today, providing ongoing access to vision care to nearly 5 million people. That number will grow to over 20 million people by 2020. For more information, visit www.onesight.org.



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