Dear Parent/CDS/Special Education Director:

Maine’s Division for the Blind & Visually Impaired (DBVI) is mandated to provide services to children with a vision impairment (birth to completion of high school) which affects their ability to learn. Education Services for Blind & Visually Impaired Children (ESBVIC) a program of Catholic Charities Maine (CCM) is contracted by DBVI to provide these education services.

The Teachers of Blind & Visually Impaired (TVIs) may provide the following services: assessment of vision & corresponding implications for learning, direct teaching of necessary disability-specific related skills, and/or consultation to schools & families. TVI’s providing services to children are part of the Early Childhood Team, the Individualized Education Program Team, or the 504 process. Upon receiving a completed application packet, the ESBVIC supervisor assigns the child to a TVI who will then provide an assessment to help determine the functional implications of the vision loss.

It is essential for determination of services from ESBVIC and DBVI that all the documents included in the referral packet are returned. Please note that ESBVIC needs a medical eye report from an eye doctor so we can proceed in processing the student’s application. If you do not have the doctor’s report, please make sure the releases are signed, and we will request the report.

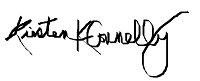
Information to return in the enclosed, self addressed, stamped envelope

1. Application Form
2. Medical Eye Report – from Child’s eye doctor
3. Client Consent to Email Usage in Treatment
4. Authorization to Disclose Information for Ophthalmologist
5. Authorization to Disclose Information for CDS/SCHOOL
6. Authorization to Disclose Information for DBVI
7. Authorization to Disclose Information to APH

If you have questions, please call Zachary Pike at (207) 523-4133 or toll free 1-888-941-2855. Send faxes to

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Sincerely,



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