

Community Outreach Impact Report:



Sheridan School District Collaborative Service Day

EyeVan Event: 6/5/2026
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Outreach EyeVan Program: Overview

The Community Outreach Mobile Vision Program, affectionately known as the EyeVan (EV) is an essential part of the 3rd year clinical training for optometry students. It provides 3rd-year students with **direct patient-care experience** and introduces them to impact of community-based optometric care and exposure to alternate environments for providing care.

Part of the 3rd year Clinical Education and Advanced Outreach Experience

- Participation is integrated into the **Patient Care** course sequence and contributes to clinical skill development and professional readiness and builds upon their 1st and 2nd year Outreach exposure during the pediatric vision screening program.
- **3rd Years** are required at minimum to complete one EV each semester during their third year; however many interns find additional opportunities to join

Program Benefits

- Application of newly learned skills in real-world settings
- Direct contributions to community public health issues
- Opportunities to volunteer for additional clinical experience
- Teamwork and collaboration with peers and faculty
- Experience with diverse populations with multiple challenges
- Strengthening relationships with local community partners



Oregon Foundation for Vision Awareness (OFVA): *Overview*

The [Oregon Foundation for Vision Awareness \(OFVA\)](#), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit operating under the parent organization, the [Oregon Optometric Physicians Association \(OOPA\)](#). OFVA is a charitable organization whose mission is to provide education and charitable services related to eye care for the general population, with a particular focus on underserved and underprivileged individuals. The Foundation also serves as a clearinghouse for future financial assistance programs, charitable contributions, and grant initiatives supporting low-income and indigent care.

Key activities include: fundraising to reduce barriers to accessing vision services statewide and supporting scholarships that advance the profession and expand community impact.



Collaborative Service Day Event: *Problem Statement*

- **Sheridan School District** has been fraught with multiple barriers and challenges to access of vision services
- Approximately **120 screened kids** were unable to secure timely eye care
- **Barriers include:** no local available resources that would accept vision coverage; transportation; language, financial



Collaborative Service Day Event:

Executive Summary

- **Pacific Community Outreach Mobile Vision Clinic** delivered a high-impact, community-centered care to children (K-12) within the Sheridan School District (SSD).
- Through a partnership between the **Pacific University College of Optometry, SSD** and the **Oregon Foundation for Vision Awareness**, no-cost vision services were provided to school aged children who were identified through vision screenings a need for further eye examination.
- This event provided a rich, robust experiential learning for optometry students interns.



Overall Impact

On Friday, June 5th 2026, a **full day mobile vision event** was provided to the Sheridan School District at their high school gym

- **35** full comprehensive exams were performed, to include dilated ocular health exams
 - **>25%** of identified screening failures received vision care; closing the loop of access to services
- **41 available exam slots**
 - 38 booked/3 no-shows
- **23 pairs of free glasses** were ordered
 - **71%** of examined kids recieved
 - SWEEP optical and Essilor Vision Foundation
- **8 referrals** for continuity of care
 - 1 medical referral (cataracts)
- **Gift in Kind Valued: \$28,847**



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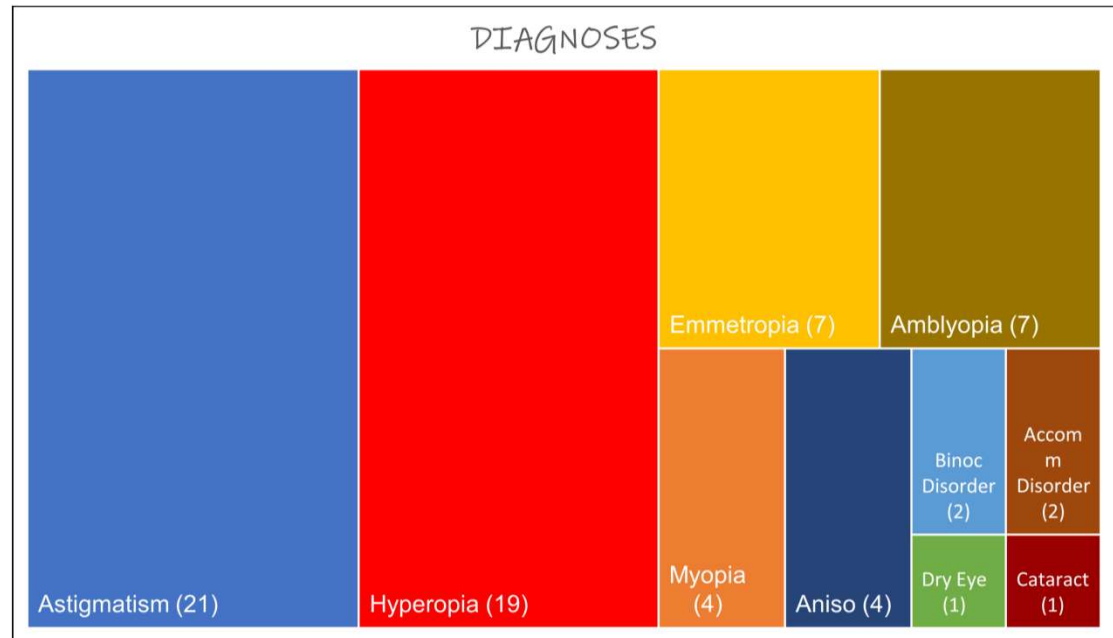
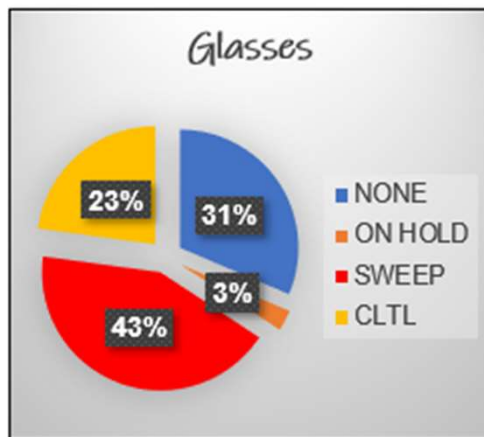


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Key Metrics & Outcomes

Summer 2026 - Community Outreach EyeVan: Collaborative Service Day Event					
School	# Kids Examined	Glasses Ordered	Refer and/or Follow Ups	% Referral Rate	No-Shows
Sheridan School District (SSD)	35	23	8	23%	3* (8%)

*41 appointments available/38 booked/3 no-shows



Educational Impact

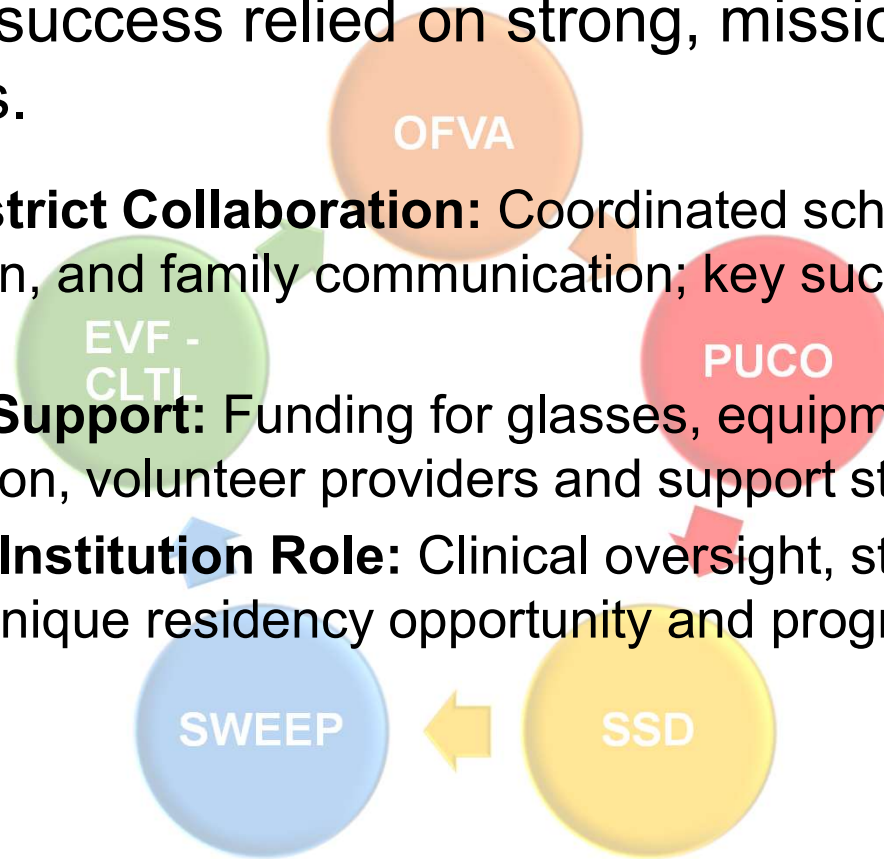
- **Students Participating:** 16 x 3rd year interns
- **Clinical Skills & Gained Knowledge:** Refraction, Slit Lamp, BIO, dilated fundus exams, entrance skills, cover test, critical decision making, charting, SPOT autorefractor, retinoscopy, public health awareness, teamwork, professional mentorship
- **Experiential Learning Hours:** 4-5 hour/intern = 80
- **Faculty Supervision Hours:** 8-10 hours/provider = 45 hours



Community Partnerships

The clinic's success relied on strong, mission-aligned partnerships.

- **School District Collaboration:** Coordinated scheduling, student identification, and family communication; key success district nurse champion
- **Nonprofit Support:** Funding for glasses, equipment, and transportation, volunteer providers and support staff
- **Academic Institution Role:** Clinical oversight, student training, data reporting, unique residency opportunity and program evaluation



Stories, Testimonials & Human Impact

- **Patient Story:** One student (screen and teacher referred) never had an exam, and had vision acuity so inadequate that they would legally be required to wear glasses to drive. Had an exam been provided sooner, some of this would've been avoided.
- **Family Feedback:** One parent commented after the clinic and said her daughter had been terrified after an experience in a clinic a couple of years ago, and her daughter loved the provider that took care of her yesterday, and it was the best experience
- **Student Reflection:** Students described the clinic as a transformative learning experience that strengthened clinical skills and deepened understanding of community health needs.
- **Partner Quote:** “I’m VERY excited and relieved to say the Vision Barrier gap has been “closed” just in time for summer break!”

Equity & Access Outcomes

The clinic directly addressed structural barriers to care.



- **Transportation Barriers Reduced:** Services delivered onsite at schools
- **Cost Barriers Eliminated:** No-cost exams and glasses
- **Language Access Provided:** Bilingual staff and translated materials
- **Support for Rural & Underserved Populations:** Outreach targeted communities with limited access to optometric services

Sustainability & Future Directions

The Pacific EyeVan Mobile Vision Clinic continues to expand its reach and refine its model and impact on both community support and clinical education.

- **Next Steps:** Look for long range solutions for access to care; raise state legislative awareness through advocacy; mentor future professionals the importance of community service
- **Future Clinics:** Schedule another event with SSD in the Fall to continue the effort for closing access gaps and raise awareness of needs
- **Legislative and Policy Integration:** Invite policy makers to future events; increase local provider volunteer support; increase community awareness of challenges; placement of vision services in SBHC
- **Funding Needs:** Support for equipment upgrades & maintenance, medical supplies, optical materials, administrative assistance and transportation resources



Grateful for the chance to make a difference...

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