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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY- CONDUCTING EARLY CHILDHOOD VISION SCREENING

In 2014 the Department released the **Guiding Practices in Early Childhood Vision Screening** (<http://nceln.fpg.unc.edu/sites/nceln.fpg.unc.edu/files/resources/GuidingPracticesEarlyChildhoodVisionScreening.pdf>). As continued follow-up, there will be 8 sessions held around the state that will train individuals in the management of the vision refractory equipment and in the developmental vision screening procedures outlined in the Guiding Practices document. The eight preschool demonstration assessment teams will host these sessions. The targeted audience includes appropriate preschool assessment team members, early intervention diagnosticians, and school nurses that conduct vision screenings on preschool students. Space is limited to 50 participants per site. Each participant should bring the vision screening equipment they currently use.

Participants should follow the link to register below, or access the links on the “Upcoming Events” page on the Early Learning Network website home page (<http://nceln.fpg.unc.edu/>).

Regions	Date	Registration Link
Northeast	March 1 9:00-12:00	Martin County Telecenter, 415 East Blvd, Williamston, NC 27892 https://unc.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_6lH6oDgjmW1Bhul
Southeast	March 8 9:00-12:00	Craven County Board of Education, 3600 Trent Rd, New Bern, NC 28562 https://unc.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_9o5EjrcPbtbZnfv
Northcentral	March 28 9:00-12:00	Johnston County Schools, Glenn Building, 501 S. 2nd St, Smithfield, NC 27577 https://unc.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_6EBUEp3Hv67NDz7
Sandhills	March 23 9:00-12:00	Public Works Service Center, 601 N Fifth St, Sanford, NC 27330 https://unc.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_9zxZan6hKqg0eeF
Piedmont-Triad	March 10 9:00-12:00	Poplar Springs Elementary, 223 Hobe Kiser Rd, King, NC 27021 https://unc.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_d505W2s5cPekLGZ
Southwest	March 22 9:00-12:00	Smith Family Center, 1600 Tyvola Rd., Charlotte, NC 28202 https://unc.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_cd98KnuMJplUAWV
Northwest	March 24 9:00-12:00	Catawba County Schools, 2285 N. Anderson, Newton, NC 28568 https://unc.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_cUgC8YyBT7QPISx
Western	March 17 9:00-12:00	Buncombe County Schools, 175 Bingham Road, Asheville, NC 28806 https://unc.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_3qllKEAvjFCucYZ

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