

FREE CE COURSE

WEBINAR

# I Want to Help Those with Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities: Now What?

Tuesday, May 17th  
9:00 P.M. ET | 6:00 P.M. PT



## One-Hour COPE-Accredited CE Course

Presented by **Katie Connolly, OD, FAAO, Associate Clinical Professor**

### CE Course Description:

Many practitioners want to be able to provide inclusive health care and serve those with all levels of impairment but may not know how to start. This course will discuss tips for developing an Intellectual & Developmental Disability (IDD) friendly practice, services to consider offering, how best to co-manage with other providers in your area and ways you can get out in the community to help spread awareness and education.

### Learning Objectives:

- Discuss ways to set up a practice to serve those with all levels of IDD
- Discuss opportunities to provide awareness, education, and care in the community
- Discuss best practices for when and how to co-manage with other health care providers

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Special Olympics and its Vision and Eye Health Program "Opening Eyes" invite you to the seventh course in a COPE-Accredited CE series: I Want to Help Those with Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities: Now What? Therapeutics for Pediatrics and IDD: "Just Say Yes"

If you missed the sixth course titled "Therapeutics for Pediatrics and IDD: "Just Say Yes" you can access the lecture on-demand through the Learning Portal and receive 1-hour COPE Accredited CE credit. Note: You will be required to register and create an account for entry to the [Learning Portal](#).

This series was developed to help eye care practitioners (ECPs) understand how they can better meet the unique needs of this marginalized group. Indiana University School of Optometry is the activity administrator.



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Dr. Katie Connolly is an Associate Clinical Professor and the Chief of Pediatric and Binocular Vision Services at Indiana University School of Optometry. She serves as Director of the Myopia Management Clinic as well as the Coordinator of the Pediatric Optometry Residency program. She teaches in clinic,

laboratory and classroom and leads several vision screening and eye exam initiatives at the local, state, and international level. She is a Clinical Director for Special Olympics Lions Club International Opening Eyes®. Dr. Connolly's special interests include amblyopia, strabismus, vision therapy, myopia management, and inclusive health.



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Special Olympics is the largest sports and health organization dedicated to children and adults with IDD. Outside of the year-round commitment to sports and competition, Special Olympics offers comprehensive health and fitness programming for its athletes and families. The [Special Olympics Healthy Athletes program](#) provides free health assessments and education in 8 health disciplines, including vision and eye health assessments through [Special Olympics Lions Clubs International Foundation Opening Eyes®](#).

Health data collected through Opening Eyes® indicates that, in North America, 47% of athletes needed new prescription glasses and 17% had indication of eye disease. People with IDD suffer some of the lowest access to vision care of any population globally. The Special Olympics Lions Club International Foundation Opening Eyes® program aims to change the lives of those with IDD across the globe by creating increased access to care and by providing practical training opportunities for ECPs and students.

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