

Prevent Blindness North Carolina (PBNC) will expand and improve its Star Pupils program which assists school systems across 18 central North Carolina counties in providing early vision screening and access to young children. Star Pupils serves children with vision problems that often go unnoticed and untreated through early detection and access to care. Specifically, PBNC will roll out a new online recertification training format, develop a database of certified vision screeners, distribute best practice vision screening tools, and provide access to vouchers through a web-based application process. Approximately 350 school system staff and volunteers will be targeted for vision screening training and certification. Certified screeners in the 18-county region are projected to screen approximately 60,000 children in the 2014-15 school year.