

Fairfield Vision Center: Quick Response Saves Vision



It was a normal day in the vision clinic, if there ever is such a day, as LeeAnne* walked into the clinic with burry vision. As Dr. McManis looked at her eyes, it was clear something was wrong with her retina. Dr. McManis quickly called a retina specialist who was able to describe a course of action. After steroid injections to LeeAnne's eyes as well as oral medication treatment, she is able to see well with her glasses once again.

Fairfield: How a Vision Check-Up Can Improve Grades

A year ago, at the Fairfield Vision Center, in walked an 11 year-old girl named Emma. She had never worn glasses and her mid-semester grades were straight F's. Emma was greeted warmly by the front desk and quickly called back to the optometrist's office. As Dr. McManis examined her eyesight, it became clear Emma couldn't see more than a foot in front of her face. She was given a free pair of glasses and was told to come back in 30 days for a check-in. A month later, Emma had transformed her grades from all F's to 4 C's and 2 F's that were very close to being D's. A simple pair of glasses allowed Emma to be more engaged in the classroom, and feel more confident in her ability to be a successful student.



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Academy of World Languages Parent Appreciates Dental Center's Quick Response

"My 10 year old son showed me a blister in his mouth this week. I didn't think it was a big deal but I was at AWL and asked if their new dentist could look at it. She suggested that it may indicate that he had an abscessed tooth and took an X-ray to confirm. It turns out that a tooth was abscessed and it needed to be removed to eliminate and prevent the spread of the infection. I was not expecting that news and he was scared as he is not a fan of needles. But, the dentist and dental staff were AMAZING. In a short period of time, he painlessly had the tooth removed and still played in his basketball game that next day. He did not even realize that he'd gotten an injection to numb the tooth. I highly recommend the AWL Dental Center and am so glad that my son had a positive dental experience and won't be as anxious about future appointments."

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A Smile Restored at Roll Hill School



Olivia is an 8-year-old girl from Roll Hill School. She slipped and fell in the bath tub breaking off two front teeth. One tooth had the nerve of the tooth hanging out. *OUCH!!* We were able to complete the root canal to save the front tooth and build them back up with fillings. Olivia and mom were so happy to get them fixed! Mom just couldn't believe it because Olivia had just had her checkup and cleaning with the preventive team at Roll Hill the week before with no cavities. Thanks to the school nurse for helping connect them to our school based dental center for quick treatment, so we were able to save both teeth.

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Oyler's SBHC Protects Girl from Additional Abuse

Oyler School, which is located in the Lower Price Hill neighborhood of Cincinnati, has a comprehensive School-Based Health Center which includes medical, dental, vision and behavioral health care. Harley, a young student at Oyler was visiting the SBHC with complaints of pain while urinating. After a thorough investigation during Harley's visit, it was evident she had been molested by a family member. The Nurse Practitioner decided to test Harley for sexually transmitted infections (STIs), and the test came back positive. The family member was arrested that day, and Harley was treated for an STI. Without the SBHC there to intervene, Harley could have been abused for many more years.



Facilitating Active Living, Healthy Eating at Saylor Park

I recently saw Evan for a well check. His mom brought him to us because she was concerned that Evan's Body Mass Index was a bit high for his age. At the consultation we discovered that Evan has flat feet and is pigeon toed and this was causing pain while walking or running. This pain was making it difficult for him to be active, even though he was interested in participating in sports.

Evan had previously been referred to physical therapy to correct the misalignment in his feet and legs. But the appointment time was not convenient for his parents' work schedule. We did some research and discovered a physical therapist through Mercy who had longer evening hours. They found a therapist who could work with pediatric patients. Evan enrolled, completed the program and had significant improvements in his feet and legs. Evan has since joined a baseball team and has been able to remain active. He is now pain free! In our follow up visits we focused on ways to increase fruit and vegetables and lower sugar in-take.

Evan's mom was so impressed with his improvements that she has been coming to see us as her primary care provider. She also wants to lose weight and start eating healthier. We have been able to do education with the whole family on nutrition and physical activity. When leaving in the evenings, we can see the whole family walking to the local park to get their daily exercise. Both mom and student have made great improvements in their health. We can continue to monitor and help them as Mercy Saylor Park School-based Health Center is so convenient for our students, families and community members.

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