

MIDWEST REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT TEAM

MRESC TEAM OF TEACHERS FOR THE VISION IMPAIRED

Logan County began providing services to children with visual impairments in August 1976. It began as an experimental unit awarded by the state, with Corinne Piper serving as the teacher and it served only 8 students (the size of a classroom unit at that time) of varying ages on an itinerant basis. Corinne has since retired but continues to serve visually impaired children from birth to 3 years of age. As of this date, the VI Team has 5 Instructors, 2 with TVI certification (Teacher of the Visually Impaired) and three instructors with dual certification as both TVI's and COMS (Certified Orientation and Mobility Specialists). One position is dedicated solely to the provision of O&M services. As of August, 2015, the MRESC VI Team is recognized as the provider of either TVI and/or OM services on approximately 150 IEP's for students with visual impairments throughout northwest and west central Ohio.

VI teachers address the needs of students which arise as a result of vision loss. These needs may include but are not limited to: Braille instruction, use of low vision aids as well as Orientation and Mobility (independent travel as it relates to a vision loss). This Team also provides and/or facilitates functional vision evaluations, school/parent consultations, technology assessments and utilization, transition planning, daily living skills, books and material adaptations, support and development of IEPs for students with visual impairments.

The MRESC VI Team is passionate about providing quality services to our students and proud to follow the footsteps left by Corinne Piper and her vision of what quality programming for visually impaired students should look like.



L to R: Dan Zink – Mobility and Orientation Teacher – 26 yrs., Lori Scott – Vision Impaired Teacher – 22 yrs., Denise Jutte – Vision Impaired Teacher – 25 yrs., Craig Recker – Vision Impaired Teacher – 3 yrs., Lori Board – Vision Impaired Teacher – 9 yrs