



**REQUEST FOR SERVICES  
to  
HELEN KELLER INTERNATIONAL**

**OPTOMETRIST  
(LA County)**

Helen Keller International (HKI), co-founded in 1915 by our namesake, is committed to saving and improving the sight and lives of the world's vulnerable by combating the causes and consequences of blindness, poor health, and malnutrition. We envision a world where no one suffers from malnutrition, disease, preventable vision loss, or blindness. HKI is well known and respected in the global health and development sectors for our expertise in translating science and research into innovative, effective programs. Our programs empower millions of people to achieve their potential through the delivery of preventative and curative solutions in eye health, nutrition, and neglected tropical diseases. Headquartered in New York City, Helen Keller International works in 19 countries across Africa and Asia, as well as in the United States.

**CHILDSIGHT® PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

Recognizing a lack of accessible, adequate vision care among low-income children in the United States, HKI established ChildSight® in 1994. This program was designed by optometrists, ophthalmologists, and public health experts to identify children at risk of refractive error, amblyopia and other serious eye conditions and ensure that these children receive eyeglasses and/or referrals for further treatment. In so doing, the program “brings education into focus”™ for children who would otherwise be left with poor vision – and unfulfilled potential. To date, ChildSight® has screened more than **2 million** students in the United States and has provided free eyeglasses to over **327,550** children living in some of our country's poorest neighborhoods.

HKI is continuing its ChildSight® vision screening program throughout the Los Angeles County communities and is seeking a consulting **optometrist(s)** to provide services to middle and/or high school aged students in the Greater Los Angeles County area schools.

**NATURE OF SERVICES**

Provide vision assessment to middle and/or high school aged students on 1- 2 agreed upon days of the week every week during the school day throughout the academic year. The program model includes an initial visual acuity screening, refraction assessment, provision of eyeglasses and/or referral for additional care.

**SPECIFIC REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION**

Please describe the nature of your experience as an optometrist and why your experience is well suited to the nature of the work described above. In particular, please be sure to address each of the following points:

- Professional experience working with middle and/or high school aged students
- Status of California license and professional liability insurance.
- Schedule of fees.

In addition, please provide your CV and three references who may be contacted by HKI. These references should be existing clients with service requirements similar to HKI.

Please submit your proposal to [jvaldez@hki.org](mailto:jvaldez@hki.org) noting ChildSight-Los Angeles: Consultant Services in the subject line.