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MDE-LIO Blind/Visually Impaired (BVI) 2022-2023 Event Calendar

September 29, 2022

Essential Assessments: Learning Media Assessment

Online | Register by September 14, 2022

In this workshop, presenters will discuss how to perform a learning media assessment, including performing a basic reading inventory. This is the first workshop in a series on essential assessments.

October 1, 2022

Camp T Recreation Youth Clinic

Greenville | Register by September 14, 2022

This one-day event at Camp T will offer outdoor/indoor recreation, sports activities, and time with family and friends.

October 10, 2022

Understanding the Brain and Cerebral Visual Impairment (CVI), Part 1

Online | No registration deadline

Part one of this series will feature Dr. Lotfi B. Merabet, OD, PhD, MPH, as he discusses the human brain/visual system and neuroplasticity associated with visual impairment.

October 11, 2022

LIVE with LIO: Working with School Personnel

Online | No registration deadline

Join MDE-LIO Education Consultant Johanna Brutvan and California Education Resource Center Director Adrian Amandi as they discuss tips for working with school personnel supporting students who are BVI.

Starting October 11, 2022

Unified English Braille Class

Online | Register by September 26, 2022

MDE-LIO will offer a 16-week braille class for school personnel and adult family members supporting students who are BVI. In this class, participants will visually learn to read and write braille.

October 15, 2022

Michigan Regional Cane Quest: Fall 2022

Rochester Hills | Register by September 28, 2022

At this event, students will be challenged to demonstrate fundamental orientation and mobility (O&M) skills and travel techniques for navigating the sighted world they live in.

October 17, 2022

Understanding the Brain and CVI, Part 2

Online | No registration deadline

In part two of this series, Dr. Lotfi B. Merabet, OD, PhD, MPH, will discuss assessing visual processing deficits in CVI using virtual reality and brain imaging.

October 26, 2022

Getting to Know the BrailleNote Touch Plus

Lansing | Register by October 12, 2022

In this workshop, HumanWare Blindness Product Specialist Joel Zimba will take participants on a journey using simple braille-first commands to navigate the BrailleNote Touch Plus and access apps and other cloud services.

October 27, 2022

Navigating Assignments with the Brailiant BI 40X

Lansing | Register by October 12, 2022

HumanWare Blindness Products Specialist Joel Zimba will teach participants how to get the most out of the Brailiant BI 40X. Resources and other materials will be provided.

November 1, 2022

LIVE with LIO: Word Processing and Web Browsing Tips

Online | No registration deadline

Get tips for accessing Microsoft Word and navigating webpages with NonVisual Desktop Access (NVDA).

November 5-6, 2022

Family Nature Club: Fall Slumber Party

Greenville | Register by October 19, 2022

Join us at Camp T for a fun weekend event! This event will offer recreation activities, wildlife investigations, cooking, a campfire, and more. Families will learn about how nature prepares for winter and how shorter days also affect humans.

November 18, 2022

Knowledge Is Power: Conference for Administrators of BVI or DHH Programs or Services

Lansing | Register by November 2, 2022

Administrators will get the knowledge and resources they need to understand the unique roles and responsibilities of teachers and staff supporting students who are BVI or Deaf/Hard of Hearing (DHH).

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December 13, 2022

LIVE with LIO: Orientation and Mobility and Literacy

Online | No registration deadline

Join MDE-LIO Consultant Beth Brabbs and Certified Orientation and Mobility (O&M) Specialist Meri McGregor to explore ways you can support literacy instruction in O&M.

January 10, 2023

LIVE with LIO: Active Learning

Online | No registration deadline

In this webinar, Patricia Obrzut, MS, OTR/L, will discuss Active Learning, an approach that focuses on establishing motivating learning environments for children with multiple special needs.

Starting January 13, 2023

Train the Trainers: Assistive Technology Assessments

Online/Lansing | Registration opens in November

In this three-part workshop, teachers of students who are visually impaired (TVIs) will learn how to identify devices and services that will improve students' functional capabilities.

January 19, 2023

Essential Assessments: Functional Vision Assessment

Online | No registration deadline

Learn how to perform a functional vision assessment (FVA), including techniques for assessing various age groups. This is the second workshop in a series on essential assessments.

January 28, 2023

2023 Michigan Regional Braille Challenge

Grand Rapids | Registration opens in November

This two-stage competition is designed to motivate students who are BVI to emphasize their study of braille, while rewarding their success.

February 14, 2023

LIVE with LIO: Tips for Postsecondary Transition

Online | No registration deadline

Join MDE-LIO Consultant Pat Love and Michigan State University Resource Center for Persons with Disabilities Director Mike Hudson as they share vital tips for a successful postsecondary transition to adult life.

February 25, 2023

2023 Michigan Regional Braille Challenge

Flint and Online | Registration opens in December

This two-stage competition is designed to motivate students who are BVI to emphasize their study of braille, while rewarding their success. This event will offer students an opportunity to participate virtually.

Starting March 1, 2023

Unified English Braille Class

Online | Registration opens in January

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March 14, 2023

LIVE with LIO: Supporting Physical Education

Online | No registration deadline

In this webinar, learn about tools and techniques for adapting sports and recreation for students who are BVI.

April 11, 2023

LIVE with LIO: Summer Opportunities

Online | No registration deadline

Join Camp Tuhsmeheeta (Camp T) staff to learn about upcoming summer programs at camp and around the state.

April 13, 2023

Essential Assessments: Orientation and Mobility Assessment

Online | No registration deadline

Learn how to perform an orientation and mobility (O&M) assessment, including techniques for assessing various age groups.

May 9, 2023

LIVE with LIO: I've Got Something to Say!

Online | No registration deadline




In this webinar, learn about ways to support the complex communication needs of students with visual and multiple impairments.

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June 6, 2023

LIVE with LIO: Year-End Summary

Online | No registration deadline

Join MDE-LIO's BVI staff members to discuss your successes from this past year and any needs you have in the upcoming year.

June 20, 2023

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