

PROFESSIONAL REFERRAL POLICY

Your primary care optometrist or ophthalmologist may have referred you or a member of your family to Vision Development Center for developmental optometric services. Your doctor respects the expertise of Dr. Joan Bauernfiend and together they will provide the best care available for your particular visual needs.

Many developmental optometrists, although maintaining a special interest in certain types of vision care, may also provide primary care optometric services including comprehensive vision examinations, the prescribing of contact lenses and glasses, and diagnosis and management of eye disease. Vision Development Center does not provide services other than binocular vision and eye movement evaluations and vision therapy. As a matter of protocol and ethics, every developmental optometrist should refrain from offering primary care optometric services to you and your family. Just as the primary care doctor respects Dr. Bauernfiend's expertise, this same level of respect and confidence is regarded to your doctor in the area of primary care.

Vision Development Center is ethically bound to return you and your family to your primary care optometrist for all vision care except the special care for which you were referred.

Any prescription eyewear required during the vision care provided by a developmental optometrist should be obtained through the primary care provider's office even if the developmental optometrist wrote the prescription. Dr. Bauernfiend will refer you back to the competent care of your primary care optometrist when these special services are no longer necessary.

This code of ethics will ensure a cooperative relationship between doctors working mutually for your benefit.