## What to Expect:

## **Friendships**

Date: Wednesday, April 6, 2016

Time: 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Location: The Chicago Lighthouse Vision Rehabilitation Center

222 Waukegan Road | Glenview, IL 60025

For: Parents/caregivers of children with visual Impairments

Fee: This program is offered FREE of charge with pre-registration

but space is limited. Childcare is provided

Is it difficult to imagine your child having friends? How will your child make new friends? How will your child deal with his/her disability? Kids can be mean, what will the school do to support your child? What do you need to do to support your child?

This presentation will provide the foundation and knowledge to assist you as you move forward with your child. You cannot always be there to help them, so what is needed to teach your child how to help themselves and make friends? Together we will discuss the similarities and challenges your child may experience and discuss many different approaches useful in gaining confidence and making friends. Please bring all your questions and concerns so we can explore what to expect with friendships.

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"I believe...that when students who are blind or have low vision are provided with the instruction, practice and tools they need to gain competence and confidence in managing personal independence, they will go on to live more independently into adulthood which is a triple win: good for them, good for their communities and good for the world."

Shelle has been in the field of visual impairments for over 35 years providing direct service, technical assistance to school districts, training educational professionals, coordinating special education programs for multiple districts and chairing statewide vision leadership groups. Shelle has been a strong advocate for students with vision impairments birth to 21.



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