

# Tennessee Visual Impairments Virtual Academy (TN VIVA) Fall Events 2022

TN VIVA is a professional development learning series for school educators, community stakeholders, and families looking to learn about best practices, supports, and resources for students with visual impairments (blindness, low vision, and deafblindness). Events CST.

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- Tennessee School for the Blind
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**AUGUST 19, 1-2:30 PM**  
RCVI Welcome Back to School!

**Allen Huang**

Director of Accessible Instructional Materials and Outreach Services, TN School for the Blind

**SEPTEMBER 20, 2-3 PM**

Role of Low Vision Specialist for Students with VI

**Josh Robinson, O.D.**

Low Vision Specialist, Vanderbilt University Medical Center

**SEPTEMBER 30, 12:30-2:30 PM**

Tennessee Vision Educators

**Consortium Meeting** Quarterly meeting to discuss timely issues and news; focused on TVIs and O&M specialists, all educators supporting students with VI are welcome.

**OCTOBER 4, 10-11 AM**

Inclusion is Belonging: Promoting Peer Engagement and Relationships for Students with Multiple Disabilities, Including Visual Impairment

**Elizabeth Biggs, Ph.D.**

Vanderbilt University

**OCTOBER 21, 12:30-2:30 PM**

Hindsight is 20/20: What We Wish We Knew Sooner & Lessons Learned from Experienced TVIs  
(Panel Discussion with Q&A)

Karen Blankenship, Sue Patrick, Amy Covington, & Mary Ann Siller

**NOVEMBER 1, 2-3 PM**

Vision Therapy: What It Is, and What It's Not  
**Stephanie McMillen, O.D.**

**DECEMBER 6, 2-3 PM**

Best Practices & Resources for Assistive Technology Planning and Instruction

**Allen Huang**

Director of Accessible Instructional Materials and Outreach Services, TN School for the Blind

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## JANUARY 24, 10-11 AM

### Preparing Students with Visual Impairments for Postsecondary Education or Employment

Hilary Travers, Ph.D. & Christina Muri Irland  
Transition Tennessee, Vanderbilt University

## FEBRUARY 10, 12:30-2:30 PM

### Assessment & Instruction Considerations for Students with Cortical Visual Impairment

Suzanne Dinwiddie, TVI, COMS  
Tennessee Deafblind Project

## FEBRUARY 23, 6-7:30 PM

### Bioptic Driving – Adult Perspectives & Tennessee Requirements (Panel Discussion)

Josh Robinson, O.D., Lauren Hanner,  
Arthur Humphrey, & Josh Harper

## FEBRUARY 28, 2-3 PM

### Teachers of Students with Visual Impairments, Orientation & Mobility Specialists, and Educational Interpreters: What Makes a Dynamic Team?

Allison Conway, TVI, COMS  
Tennessee School for the Blind  
Danielle Petersen, NIC-A  
Tennessee School for the Deaf

## MARCH 7, 2-3 PM

Save the Date: Topic To Be Announced

## MAY 5 12:30-2:30 PM

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