

# Tennessee Visual Impairments Virtual Academy (TN VIVA) Events 2025-26

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).

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Monthly Professional Development & Resource Meetings for VI Professionals in Tennessee

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VISUAL IMPAIRMENTS  
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## SAVE THE DATE!

### AUGUST 22, 12:30-2 PM

VIVA Kick Off and RCVI Welcome Back to School!  
Allen H Huang, Ed.D. CTVI, CATIS

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

#### TN COVE Fall Meeting

Topics for Discussion: Testing Accommodations for Students with VI and What's in your FVLMA/ECC assessment kit?

### SEPTEMBER 23, 11 AM-NOON

Identity and Developmental Considerations When Assisting Individuals with Visual Impairments  
Ayctivia Palmer, CRC, CVE, LAC

### OCTOBER 3, 12:30-2:30 PM

Access for All: Differentiated Instruction for Complex Learners with Visual Impairments  
Melissa Hawkins, M.Ed, CTVI

### OCTOBER 21, 6-7:30 PM

College Student & Vocational Rehabilitation Discussion Panel

Quinn Howard, Cameron Burkett, & Edie Frederick

### OCTOBER 22, 12:15-1:15 PM

Learned Helplessness  
Jay Humphreys Ed.S. CTVI

### NOVEMBER 13, 11 AM-NOON

CSB's Screen Reader Training (SRT) Website  
Max Avendano

### DECEMBER 8, 11 AM-NOON

Collaborative Assessment: How Teachers of the Visually Impaired and Orientation & Mobility Specialists Work Together

Anita Henderson, M.Ed., CTVI, COMS and Virginia Burkhart, M.Ed., CTVI, & CLVT

### JANUARY 16, 12:30-2:30 PM

#### TN COVE Winter Meeting

Topics for Discussion: To be announced!

### JANUARY (DATE TBD)

INSPIRE Academy Summer Program

\*All sessions Central Time (CT)\*