

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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TN VIVA TENNESSEE
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
Aytivia 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

JANUARY 16, 12:30-2:30 PM

TN COVE Spring Meeting
Topics for Discussion: To be announced!

JANUARY (DATE TBD)

INSPIRE Academy Summer Program

One additional session to be announced soon!
All events Central Standard Time (CST)