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## The typical development of children with atypical vision

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When the development of children with visual impairment and blindness (BVI) differ from that of sighted peers, it must be determined if this is an expected outcome when vision is atypical. Sighted children should not be the norm against which atypical populations are assessed. Each population faces unique developmental tasks, leading to diverse yet typical developmental patterns. The limited research on BVI children puts them at risk of being diagnosed as abnormal when their idiosyncratic development may be normal when vision is atypical. My research aims to characterize BVI children's developmental patterns in relation to their varied visual levels. I will review research on milestones that although related to positive outcomes in sighted infants, are poorly understood in those with BVI.



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