

### ASPECT participants gain:

- Confidence in telling their vision story
- Community
- New perspectives by listening to other diverse participants.
- Knowledge about the eye and a wide range of eye disorders
- Awareness of advocacy and how it can be applied
- Opportunity to join Prevent Blindness' Eyes on Capitol Hill advocacy day.
- Purpose in their vision experience for an improved society.

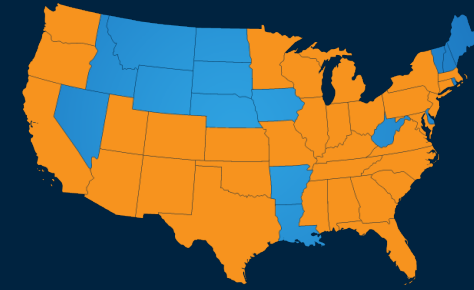
“Knowledge is power, especially when it comes to your own eye condition which I felt I learned in this program.”

## SUCCESS

### ASPECT program 2020-2026



**303**  
advocates



**40+ states**  
+ District of Columbia  
+ New Zealand, Nigeria,  
Canada, South Korea,  
and Pakistan



**9** interns,  
**+ 2** co-facilitators,  
**+ 2** program  
managers

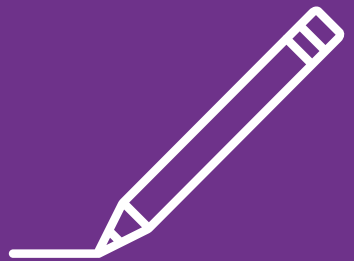
### ASPECT participants include:

- Individuals of all ages personally impacted by visual impairment or blindness
- Parents
- Care Partners
- Eye Care Providers
- Researchers
- Genetic Counselors
- Diabetes Educators, RNs
- Public Health professionals
- Community Health Workers
- Mental Health professionals
- Vision Rehabilitation Specialists & OTs
- Vision Nonprofit professionals

“Even though we all had different eye conditions and journeys, we all shared something in common, we were all there to better ourselves and the community around us by wanting to educate others who lack an understanding of what it's like to live with vision loss.”

### Graduates of ASPECT have applied their training...

- Improving communication with their doctors
- Meeting Members of Congress
- Guiding vision research funders on vision and aging-related priorities
- Giving feedback to software and computer engineers on accessible software and apps
- Participating on patient advisory boards of pharmaceutical companies
- Joining the Prevent Blindness Mental Health Task Force to help identify gaps and opportunities in mental health and vision and eye health
- Contributing to fact sheets and educational videos on specific eye conditions
- Providing input on clinical trial design and social media campaigns



“I learned the importance of community ... a shared desire to use a less than good diagnosis to make a positive difference for others.”

### ASPECT advocates commit to:

- Attend and contribute to discussion in a total of 10 Zoom classes, held every other week.

# Funders

LIMITLESS VISIONARIES

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PHARMACEUTICALS

**AMGEN**   
Rare Disease

**Kyowa KIRIN**

COURAGEOUS SUPPORTERS

**Alcon**

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