



Let's Compare!

Teacher of the Visually Impaired (TVI)

versus

Vision Therapist

TVI

VT



An **educator** who works with children who have blindness, low vision or visual disabilities and their families

A **medical professional** (sometimes an optometrist) who works with anyone who has vision problems

Provides **education and training** for caregivers and **access** to the school curriculum for the student

Provides supervised **eye exercises** for the patient

Addresses **developmental or educational goals** in an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) or Individualized Education Plan (IEP)

Addresses visual processing issues and/or helps to **build visual skills**

Service provided in the **home or school** (or other natural environments)

Service provided in **doctor's office** (or sometimes at home)

Serves children and/or their families from **birth to 22**

Serves **all ages** (most require **3 years or older**)

Funded by IDEA Part B or C with **no cost to families**

Funded by private **insurance, Medicaid or out-of-pocket payments**