

Module: **Visual Conditions and Functional Vision:
Early Intervention Issues**

**Session 1: Working With Families and
Eye Care Professionals**

Video Transcript: Family Reactions Following Visual Diagnosis VCM 1-02

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Narrator

Two children with visual impairments are shown playing with their parents with toys.

Mother

At that time I needed to know the truth about my son, but I also needed compassion from the person that was giving me this most startling news of my life.

Father

We had very little to say at the time because, um, you know, we set, we set physicians up in, in, in the social structure of our world today as, as, as gods basically. Uh, and they do great work, and they're tremendous people and, and provide a lot of good things for a lot of people. But when you're told by, by God himself that you have no hope, then you have no hope.