

# Anophthalmia/Microphthalmia

Anophthalmia/microphthalmia (an-oph-thal-mia/mi-croph-thal-mia) are birth anomalies of the eyes. In anophthalmia, a baby is born without one or both eyes. In microphthalmia, one or both eyes are small because they do not develop all the way. Anophthalmia and microphthalmia happen as the baby is developing during pregnancy, and can happen with or without other anomalies. Children with anophthalmia are blind in the affected eye(s). Children with microphthalmia often have limited ability to see or are blind in the affected eye(s). To learn more about anophthalmia/microphthalmia, go to the CDC website ([tinyurl.com/y8r5za3x](https://tinyurl.com/y8r5za3x)).

## Resources for families

### Northwest support resources

- Oregon Family to Family Health Information Center  
[tinyurl.com/ycwhffwc](https://tinyurl.com/ycwhffwc)
- Washington Parent to Parent (P2P) Programs  
[tinyurl.com/yaucv2mk](https://tinyurl.com/yaucv2mk)
- NW Association for Blind Athletes  
[nwaba.org](https://nwaba.org)
- Oregon's children who are blind or who have low vision are served by regional programs  
[tinyurl.com/ya6lapr4](https://tinyurl.com/ya6lapr4)

### National/international/online resources

- Wonderbaby  
[tinyurl.com/cbjc615](https://tinyurl.com/cbjc615)
- ICAN  
[tinyurl.com/ycdv33w9](https://tinyurl.com/ycdv33w9)
- ICAN [Facebook]  
[tinyurl.com/ybmrap8x](https://tinyurl.com/ybmrap8x)

### Information for you and your care team

- Thoughts from a kindergarten teacher about welcoming a blind student to class  
[tinyurl.com/ybuvcyp](https://tinyurl.com/ybuvcyp)

### Family stories

- Your Baby Has Anophthalmia  
[tinyurl.com/y9tevuqs](https://tinyurl.com/y9tevuqs)
- AJ's Story  
[tinyurl.com/ydcgm8w](https://tinyurl.com/ydcgm8w)
- Ella's Story  
[tinyurl.com/y8dac5e9](https://tinyurl.com/y8dac5e9)

### Clinical trial information

- Children and Clinical Studies  
[tinyurl.com/y75s4twm](https://tinyurl.com/y75s4twm)
- Find an approved clinical trial  
[tinyurl.com/zp3jesq](https://tinyurl.com/zp3jesq)

### Insurance information and help

- Getting insurance for children (OR)  
[tinyurl.com/ydfaeyoy](https://tinyurl.com/ydfaeyoy)
- Getting insurance for children (WA)  
[tinyurl.com/yca9lkey](https://tinyurl.com/yca9lkey)
- Understand your health insurance  
[tinyurl.com/ychy6qnz](https://tinyurl.com/ychy6qnz)
- General/Oregon Health Plan  
Questions: 855-323-6744

### Other resources

- MACS  
[tinyurl.com/ya9j77sn](https://tinyurl.com/ya9j77sn)
- Camp Abilities  
[tinyurl.com/y8udcuus](https://tinyurl.com/y8udcuus)
- Oregon Commission for the Blind  
[tinyurl.com/y855g38a](https://tinyurl.com/y855g38a)
- Talking Book and Braille Library  
[tinyurl.com/yb959wrq](https://tinyurl.com/yb959wrq)

### Books for parents and children

- Bibliography available by calling the Oregon Family to Family Health Information Center at 855-323-6744
- Swindells' online library search  
[tinyurl.com/y9t2jwcx](https://tinyurl.com/y9t2jwcx)