The Minnesota DeafBlind Project works with families and educators to support infants, children, and youth who have both hearing and vision loss and receive special education services, up to age 22. By providing professional development and technical assistance, we help schools improve educational outcomes for their students who are DeafBlind.

The Minnesota DeafBlind Project believes in the importance of families learning all they can about combined hearing and vision loss. We provide targeted supports for individual families through video/phone calls and text, sharing of resources, training opportunities, and fostering connections within the DeafBlind network and community.



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The Minnesota DeafBlind Project staff can help you understand how deafblindness impacts a child's ability to learn. We can show you best practices for teaching a child who is DeafBlind. And, we can connect you with resources to help you raise or educate a child who has a combined hearing and vision loss.

## **Our Services:**

All services are free for families and educators, with the exception of some trainings for educators.

- **Technical Assistance** *Technical assistance* is the term the federal government uses to describe many of our services to support improved outcomes for DeafBlind children and youth. These services vary, depending on the specific needs of each child.
- Trainings for Educators and Families
   We offer workshops on topics related
   to deafblindness. Topics can range
   from communication strategies to
   understanding the effects of specific
   syndromes.

Intervener Training

In collaboration with the Minnesota Low Incidence Projects, we offer an extensive workshop for interveners who work one-on-one with students who are DeafBlind. Interveners provide critical access and connections to other people and the world around them.

- Annual Child Count We conduct a required census of students who fit the federal definition of deafblindness.
- Family Support Network
   We support families through oneon-one calls and meetings, by sharing resources, an annual picnic, a retreat for moms, Facebook group dedicated for families, and other activities.
- Materials Resource Center
   We maintain a lending library with
   resources on deafblindness and
   an adapted toy lending library for
   families.

