



# Intervener Training Series 2021-2022

## 6 Weekends of Training for Interveners

### What Is an Intervener?

An intervener is a trained professional staff member who works one-on-one with a child who has combined hearing and vision loss (deafblindness) to provide critical connections to other people and the environment. The intervener opens channels of communication between the child and others, provides access to information and the environment, and facilitates opportunities for learning and development.

### What Is the Importance of an Intervener?

Combined hearing and vision loss creates very unique and complex challenges. These challenges are mainly in the area of communication, concept development and social and emotional access and development. An intervener responds to these challenges by serving as a bridge to the world for the child who has both hearing and vision loss (deafblindness).

### VIRTUAL Weekend Training Schedule

**Friday: 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.** (Eat before joining Zoom.) **Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**UPDATED** on 5/25/2021: **All 2021-2022 training weekends will be virtual.**

October 8-9, 2021	<b>Introduction to Deafblindness and Intervention</b> Carolyn Monaco, Intervener Trainer
October 29-30, 2021	<b>Hearing and Vision Loss, Impact of Deafblindness</b> Dr. Jerry Petroff, Principal Investigator: New Jersey Center on Deaf-Blindness
November 19- 20, 2021	<b>The Power of Touch</b> Lindsey Hegg, Teacher of Blind/Visually Impaired, DeafBlind Specialist
January 21-22, 2022	<b>Concept Development</b> Carolyn Monaco, Intervener Trainer
February 18-19, 2022	<b>Communication and the Learner Who Is DeafBlind</b> Megan Mogan, DeafBlind Specialist, Arizona DeafBlind Project
March 4-5, 2022	<b>Self-Determination and Positive Behavior Supports</b> Dr. Jerry Petroff, Principal Investigator: New Jersey Center on Deaf-Blindness

To reserve a spot for a new intervener and receive more information, district administrators should contact: [Ann.Mayes@metroecu.org](mailto:Ann.Mayes@metroecu.org).

Reservations will be confirmed after complete DeafBlind student census information is received.

**Cost is \$120 for 6 weekends per participant.**



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