



North Carolina Department of Public Instruction
Exceptional Children Division

Are you the parent, teacher or service provider to a child, birth – 21 years of age, *with both hearing and vision loss?*

Do you need information or assistance in working with the child? – We can help!

WHAT We Do:

The North Carolina Deaf-Blind Project (NCDDBP) provides a variety of supports, services, training and technical assistance activities to

children (birth to 21), who have a combination of hearing and vision loss, their families, educators and service providers. All supports and services are provided at **no cost!**

- Information Packets and Referral Services
- Family Specialists
- Education Consultants
- Individual Assistance with Educational Strategies
- Home and School Visits
- Networking with Other Families
- Workshops and Training
- Parent to Parent Support
- In-service Training and Supports for Educators

WHAT IS Deaf-Blindness?

- Deaf-Blindness is defined as a combined hearing and vision loss that impacts an individual's learning, communication and interaction with the world.
- The type and the severity of the disability differs from child to child.
- Individuals with deaf-blindness need modifications and supports that go beyond what is typically needed with a hearing loss alone or a vision loss alone.
- Many children with deaf-blindness may also have multiple disabilities in addition to hearing and vision loss.

GETTING HELP Early is Really Important:

- Hearing and vision are essential to a child's early development.
- When hearing and vision are significantly impaired, skills that could be reached early could be more difficult to accomplish later in life.
- Getting appropriate supports and services early is the key to success!

SOME COMMON Causes of Deaf-Blindness:

- Prematurity
- Usher Syndrome
- Asphixia
- Encephalitis
- CHARGE Syndrome
- Cytomegalovirus (CMV)
- Meningitis

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