

Missouri Deafblind Technical Assistance Project

Additional National Resources on Deafblindness

In addition to the resources and supports available through the Missouri Deafblind Technical Assistance Project, other resources and supports are available to families of infants, children, and youth with deafblindness as well as professionals that serve them. The following is a partial list of those additional resources:

Helen Keller National Center (HKNC): HKNC is a national rehabilitation program serving youth and adults who are deaf-blind. HKNC provides support services for youth and adults with deaf-blindness, their families and the professionals who serve them across the country. Regional representatives are located throughout the country. HKNC offers individualized evaluation and training which will assist consumers in achieving their own definition of success. A trans-disciplinary team works in partnership with each consumer to design a program to meet his/her needs, desires, preferences and abilities. The emphasis for the consumers in the program is to participate in learning opportunities which will lead to successful employment and a full, enriched and independent life in the community. The philosophy of the Center is one of self-determination for all consumers. Consumers may receive individualized services in a number of ways:

- 1) Participate in a full or partial day vocational training program at our headquarters in New York;
- 2) Receive short term training in their home community
- 3) Participate in a 2-week summer seminar for high school students who have combined vision and hearing loss
- 4) Attend an 8-week summer evaluation before completing high school.

Helen Keller National Center
Administrative Offices/Training Program
Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults
141 Middle Neck Road
Sands Point, NY 11050
(516) 944-8900
www.hknc.org

Region 7 Great Plains Regional Office
Beth Jordan, Regional Representative
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National Center on Deaf-Blindness (NCDB): As a national technical assistance center funded by the federal Department of Education, NCDB works to improve the quality of life for children who are deaf-blind and their families by:

- Creating visibility and direction for identified priorities through a range of practices, activities, supports and partnerships.
- Identifying and encouraging new innovations in local, state, and national practice and policy.
- Promoting opportunity for reflection, debate, and constructive dialogue around ideas and developing practice.
- Maintaining a rich repository of content, history, and knowledge, easily available and shared by all who are part of the community of deaf-blindness.

This service is at no cost. For additional information:

National Center on Deaf-Blindness
The Research Institute at WOU
Western Oregon University
345 N Monmouth Ave
Monmouth, OR 97361
(800) 438-9376 – toll free/voice
(800) 854-7013 – toll free/TTD
(503) 838-8150 – fax
<http://nationaldb.org>

The National Family Association for Deaf-Blind (NFADB): The National Family Association for Deaf-Blind (NFADB) is a nonprofit, volunteer-based family association. Their philosophy is that individuals who are deaf-blind are valued members of society and are entitled to the same opportunities and choices as other members of the community. They are the largest national network of families focusing on issues surrounding deaf blindness. **NFADB exists to empower families of individuals who are deafblind and advocate for their unique needs.** For additional information:

NFADB
141 Middle Neck Rd
Sands Point, NY 11050
(800) 255-0411 – toll free/voice
(516) 883-9060 – fax
Email: NFADB@aol.com
<http://www.nfadb.org/home.htm>

Waisman Center: The Waisman Center is the library, where information is maintained and researched on over 300 diagnoses of developmental disabilities and neurodegenerative diseases. (including deafblindness and many of its causes). Visitors can also learn about assistive technology, legal rights and legislation, special education, leisure activities and much more. For additional information:

Waisman Center
University of Wisconsin-Madison
1500 Highland Ave
Madison, WI 53705-2280
URL: <http://www.waisman.wisc.edu/>



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