**Welcoming Students**

**With a Visual Impairment/Blindness**

**To Your School**

**SEPTEMBER 10, 2019**

**Missouri School for the Blind Outreach**

This session is intended to provide information to teachers, related service providers, administrators and paraprofessionals who are or will be providing services to students with visual impairments.

**WELCOME**

8:30 Welcome/ Pre-test

Web Page Resources/LiveBinder/Folder Contents (Jane)

8:45 Say Hello to MoSPIN & MoDBTAP (Melissa/Megan)

**YOUR STUDENT(S)**

9:00 Four Things your Student wants you to know-Jane

Seeing involves more than eyes-Karen

Types of Vision loss-Karen

Vision simulation #1

What is Cortical Vision Impairment (CVI)?-Karen

The 411 on glasses-Karen

Who are our Students/National Stats?-Karen

Implications of Vision Loss-Karen

Let’s Try It! Vision simulation #2

10:30-10:45 BREAK

**PROGRAMMING FOR YOUR STUDENT(S)**

10:45 Education of Students with a Visual Impairment/Blindness-Jane

Vision simulation Activity #3

Programming and Educational Materials, Accommodations and Modifications-Karen

Computer Adaptations for iOS, Chrome, PCs-Jane

12:00 LUNCH

**ADAPTATIONS AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

1:00 APPS for your elem, middle and high school student-Karen

Basics of Braille -Jane

Adapting the Classroom Environment-Karen

Auditory Factors-Karen

Emergency Drills-Jane

Orientation & Mobility/Human Guide –Simulation Activity #4Jane

**Questions & closing**

2:00-2:15 Break

2:15 APH PRODUCT DEMONSTRATION-Yvonne

3:00 POST TEST/EVALUATION

Your instructors:

**­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­Karen Carl** is a Teacher of the Visually Impaired at Fort Zumwalt School District. She has been working with the visually impaired since 1991. She has a BS Ed. in Elementary Education from the University of Missouri-Columbia, a M.Ed. in Specialized Reading, a CTVI from University of Missouri-St. Louis, and a CTDB from East Carolina University. She also serves as an Educational Consultant with the Missouri Deaf-Blind Technical Assistance Project and Outreach Department at MSB.

**Jane Herder** is the Director of Outreach and Project Director of the Missouri Deaf-Blind Technical Assistance Project. Jane came to the Outreach Department of Missouri School for the Blind in August of 2017. Jane has 23 years as an Itinerant Teacher of the Visually Impaired and Certified Orientation and Mobility Specialist in Missouri, Colorado and New Mexico. She received her MA. Ed. degree in Severe Needs: Vision Impairments and Orientation and Mobility from the University of Northern Colorado and endorsement from the University of Northern Colorado in multiculturalism. She is a Library of Congress Certified Braille transcriber. Lastly, She has an additional MA Ed. degree in Technology in Schools from University of Missouri-St. Louis and she recently finished her graduate certificate in Deafblindness from Texas Tech University.

**Megan Burgess** is the Deafblind Project Coordinator for the Missouri Deafblind Technical Assistance Project at the Missouri School for the Blind. She has 11 years’ experience in behavioral health as a Recreational Therapist working with hearing, Hard of Hearing, D/deaf and Deafblind individuals. Megan is a graduate of Southeast Missouri University, is a fluent ASL user and has completed the Interpreting Training Program at Florissant Valley Community College. Lately, she is in the last course to receive her graduate certificate in Deafblindness from Texas Tech University.

**Mandy Clayton** comes to Outreach with 12 years prior experience as the Program Assistant at the South Carolina School for the Deaf and Blind. She currently is our Deaf-Blind School support specialist. Mandy coaches Missouri paraprofessionals/interveners and provides onsite TA to educational teams. She is the lead for VIISA, a professional development course for providers of infants, toddlers and youths with vision impairments with or without additional impairments. Additionally, Mandy directs our Family Involvement Fund and DB Kids Scholarships. Mandy is in her last course in the graduate certificate program in deafblindness with Texas Tech University.

**Melissa Moore** is the MO Statewide Parent Involvement Network (MoSPIN) Lead Parent Advisor and Family Engagement Coordinator (FEC) for the Missouri School for the Blind (MSB) Outreach Department since July 2018. Prior to that Melissa worked in the Education Department at MSB as a Special Education Teacher working with students with visual and cognitive impairments/developmental delays, deafblind, and/or having challenging behaviors/emotional disturbances for 28 years. From November 1990 through 2011, she ran the community-based off-campus Work Experience Training Program. During that time, Melissa was also the Transition Coordinator. Then from 2011 through spring 2018 she worked in various ungraded middle and high school classrooms. Melissa received her BA from St. Louis University in 1989 (MR/DD and BD/ED) and later in 1993 received her TVI Certification from the University of Missouri St. Louis at the graduate level.

**Yvonne Ali** is Missouri’s Instructional Resource Center librarian and Ex-officio Trustee of the American Printing House for the Blind. Yvonne has been with Missouri School for the Blind since 2003. Yvonne provides training on new products from APH, conducts the annual APH registration of students who are blind in Missouri and provides accessible materials and textbooks to all of Missouri’s registered students.

**Thank you so much for coming!**