

## Missouri Deaf-Blind Technical Assistance Project

### FAMILY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE OPPORTUNITIES



The Missouri Deaf-Blind Technical Assistance Project (MoDBTAP) is excited to offer financial support to families of children with deafblindness. MoDBTAP will provide financial assistance for family members of infants, children and youth (ages birth through 21) who are deaf-blind to further their knowledge and understanding of their child's disability and/or the programs and services that support their child, through the Deaf-Blind Kids Scholarship Program and the Family Involvement Fund. The financial assistance provided should be used to attend conferences and workshops (e.g. registration fees, lodging, travel), as well as to participate in online trainings and webinars or other agreed-upon opportunities.

In general, there is a \$500 limit per person or \$1000 limit per family per year, but awards may vary depending on total applications received. Monetary limits are subject to change depending on demand. We recommend that you apply as soon as possible. Applications will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. Thereafter, award letters will be sent to applicants. The funding year runs through September 30, 2020. "Family" includes parents, stepparents, siblings, grandparents, legal guardians, and foster parents.

#### Requirements for reimbursement:

- Infant, child, or youth must be registered on the annual deaf-blind census; contact MoDBTAP to check if a child is registered.
- If approved for funding, applicant must save and submit original receipts for actual expenses and secure an agenda and/or program guide. The applicant must also complete all necessary paperwork required by the State of Missouri for reimbursement (Registering with MoBUYS, etc). You will be contacted with instructions to complete the reimbursement process after your application is approved.
- We only ask that you share your knowledge with families that may not have been able to attend. This can be through a video posting on the MoDBTAP website, presentation at family groups, a short written post for our website, or other agreed-upon give-back.

#### Suggested activities:

During this time of decreased public contact, we encourage you to take advantage of some of the wonderful virtual trainings available for families of children with deafblindness. Some opportunities include:

- **Perkins Online Classes:** Please visit <https://www.perkinselearning.org/earn-credits/online-class>. Topics include transition, needs of students with Cortical Visual Impairment, and Strategies for Students with Vision Impairment and Multiple Disabilities.
- **HKNC Online Classes:** Please visit <https://www.helenkeller.org/hknc/available-classes>. Topics include communication, advocacy, independent living and Haptics.
- **ASL Online Classes:** several options available. Options include Gallaudet (<https://www.gallaudet.edu/asl-connect-education/online-asl-courses>); DEAF, Inc. (<https://www.deafinc.org/signclasses.html>); or one of your choice. Varying ability levels are available.
- **Other opportunities:** Don't see what you want here? Any opportunity related to the special needs of your child can be funded! Additional opportunities can also be found in the MoDBTAP LiveBinder at <https://www.livebinders.com/b/2552754>. Please include a link to the training you are requesting in the "additional comments" box on the application.

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Financial Support Application**



**Today's Date:**

**Name of Child:**

**DOB:**

**Name of Family Member(s) Attending:**

**Relationship to Child:**

**Mailing Address:**

**Phone Number:**

**Email Address:**

Name of Activity:

Date(s) of Activity (if known):

Location:

Actual Cost of Event:

Amount Requested (max \$1000\*):

Additional Comments (include web link to requested training):

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**Signature**

You may fax, email or mail application.

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Additional questions, please feel free to call or email Mandy at 314-633-1553 or  
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\*Dependent upon number of applications, award amount may increase.