

# MoSPIN

## Missouri Statewide Parent Involvement Network



*A family outreach service from Missouri School for the Blind...  
...Providing a statewide home-based program at no cost to families of children,  
birth through 5 years of age who are visually impaired including those with  
additional disabilities.*

Since 1987, Missouri School for the Blind has been providing a statewide home-based program to assist Missouri families with children who are visually impaired. The program is known as the Missouri Statewide Parent Involvement Network (MoSPIN).

MoSPIN provides direct, in-home services to families throughout the state through specially trained "parent advisors." The program is designed for **parents of children** who are visually impaired and who may also have other disabilities (developmental delay/cognitive impairment, hearing loss, motor delays, etc.).

MoSPIN includes the following components:

- Scheduled home visits by parent advisors around family's schedule
- Focus on parents as their child's first and most important teacher
- Empower parents to understand their child's visual diagnosis and learning characteristics
- Parent lessons on communication techniques, sensory stimulation and basic developmental skills from the INSITE curriculum
- Ongoing support and provision of resources to families through transitions into preschool, Early Childhood education and kindergarten.

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