



What is the Missouri DeafBlind Technical Assistance Project?

The purpose of the Missouri DeafBlind Technical Assistance Project is to develop partnerships, coordinate service networking and provide systematic training. Technical assistance, training and resources are available for individuals with vision and hearing loss (birth through 21 years of age), their families and service providers.

Objectives of the Project:

- Assist local and state agencies in the identification, tracking and referral of infants, toddlers and youth with deafblindness to improve outcomes.
- Provide an array of technical assistance activities that increase family support services, parent education and parent networking.
- Provide an array of technical assistance and professional development activities to service providers, schools and families that improve education and post-secondary outcomes.
- Strengthen the capacity of highly qualified personnel through increased training and education of Project personnel, interveners, related service providers and teacher of the students with deafblindness to increase educational and post-secondary outcomes.
- Implement a dissemination plan which includes information about the Project, teams, effective practices and material developed by the Project.
- Evaluate and measure impact and benefits to children with deafblindness, their families and their service providers.

What is an intervener?

Intervention for children who are deafblind must connect them to the world. It must provide access to clear and consistent visual and auditory information, support for the development and use of receptive and expressive communication, and support for social and emotional well-being. This connection to the world can be made through a person called an intervener. An intervener is defined as a person who works consistently one-to-one with a child who is deafblind and who has training and specialized skills in deafblindness.

For more information visit our website, [Missouri DeafBlind Technical Assistance Project](https://msb.dese.mo.gov/outreach-services/assistance-project.html)¹



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