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Saint Louis Deafblind Task Force

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THE SAINT LOUIS DEAFBLIND TASK FORCE

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and their families achieve
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The Saint Louis Deafblind Task Force

WHO ARE WE?

The Task Force is a group of providers, educators, families, and consumers committed to improving services and supports to persons who are deafblind residing in the metropolitan area and surrounding counties.

The Saint Louis Deafblind Task Force was established in 1993 because of the need to improve the lives of several persons with deafblindness. When this network of interested parties came together, supports were not being appropriately delivered. The goal was to improve adult services for persons who experienced both a visual and hearing impairment as a unique disability with unique needs.

WHAT IS DEAFBLINDNESS?

The term “deafblind” does not always mean totally blind and totally deaf. Most deafblind people have some hearing and/or some vision. The combination of these losses requires specialized supports for work, home-life and socialization.

OUR MISSION

The mission of the Saint Louis Deafblind Task Force is to assist deafblind persons and others with multiple impairments and their families achieve full access to the community through collaboration.

HOW COULD WE HELP?

- Identifying Service and Funding Agencies
- Referrals for Professional and Counseling Services
- Transition Planning
- Identifying Decision-makers and Policy-writers to Problem-solve Barriers
- Training of the Guiding Practices for Service Teams of Deafblind Persons

HOW DOES THIS WORK?

The Task Force meets regularly to identify and resolve issues regarding effective supports for the deafblind community. A case study approach helps the group maintain their focus on outcomes for individual consumers. Agencies that provide residential, vocational habilitation, educational, recreational, mental health and other professional services send representatives to share resources.

Deafblind consumers and family members join the foray to ensure their perspectives are reflected in all processes and solutions.

The Task Force also communicates with other task forces and teams throughout the Missouri to replicate solutions and supports.

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