

Professional Development

2024-2025

New York DeafBlind Collaborative



Benefits to your staff:

- Professional development contact hours & certificate of completion*
- Content training for educators & related service providers*
- Topics relevant to professionals working with infants, toddlers, children & youth who have dual sensory loss and/or multiple disabilities*
- All training and services are FREE!*

It's time to plan professional development for the 2024-2025 school year!

The New York DeafBlind Collaborative (NYDBC) is under the guidance of the U. S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) and provides technical assistance that supports best practices for infants, toddlers, children and young adults who have combined hearing and vision loss and may also have multiple disabilities.

Professional Development Topics

<p>DeafBlindness/Dual Sensory Loss</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to deafblindness and common etiologies • Etiology-specific training (CMV, Usher Syndrome, CHARGE Syndrome, etc.) • Understanding the impact of vision & hearing loss • Identification & referral of students with hearing & vision loss • Cortical visual impairment (CVI) • Functional assessments of communication, vision, hearing • Availability for Learning 	<p>Communication</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication development: pre-symbolic, symbolic & language • Alternative & augmentative communication • Assistive technology • Respectful touch & appropriate hand use • Strategies to support interaction & communication development • Sign language modifications & adaptations • Tactile Sign Language • ProTactile/Touch techniques • Supporting tactile interaction & positioning 	<p>Educational Team Support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting students with complex healthcare needs • Interveners & intervention strategies • Collaborative teaming • Parent/professional partnerships <p>IEP/Curriculum Access</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to the general education curriculum & curriculum adaptations • IEP & goal development • Person Center Planning • Developing routines and functional skills
<p>Transition/Employment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transition planning for young adults who are DeafBlind • Pre-ETS (Pre-Employment Training Services) • Registering with adult services 	<p>Self-Determination/Autonomy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orientation & mobility • Self-determination • Recreation & leisure • DeafBlind culture & identity 	

Please share this document with the appropriate administrator in your school or agency. Training is open to all NYS medical, early intervention, educational and related services providers.

Contact us at 718-997-4856 or email us at nydeafblind@gmail.com to get your professional development scheduled today!

Thank you,

The NYDBC Team

Visit our website for more information: www.nydeafblind.org

*All training and technical assistance are provided **free of charge.***