WHAT IS Deaf-Blindness?

- Deaf-Blindness is defined as a combined vision and hearing loss that impacts an individual’s learning, communication and interaction with the world.
- The type and the severity of the disability differs from child to child.
- Individuals with deaf-blindness need modifications and supports that go beyond what is typically needed with a hearing loss alone or a vision loss alone.
- Many children with deaf-blindness may also have multiple disabilities in addition to vision and hearing loss.

WHO IS Eligible for Services?

- A child does not need to be totally deaf or blind to qualify for services from the NC Deaf-Blind Project.
- Infants, toddlers and preschoolers who have a diagnosed condition that puts them at risk for having the combination of both vision and hearing loss.
- Children and youth who have been diagnosed with the combination of both vision and hearing loss that results in the need for specialized instruction and services.
- Degenerative conditions that may lead to deaf-blindness.

Additional Resources

National Center on Deaf-Blindness (NCDB)
- National Technical Assistance Center - largest collection of information related to deaf-blindness worldwide.
  www.nationaldb.org
  Voice: 800-438-9376
  TTY: 800-854-7013

National Family Association for Deaf-Blind
www.NFADB.org
Voice: 800-255-0411
Email: NFADB@aol.com

NORTHERN CAROLINA Deaf-Blind Project Partners

NC Department of Public Instruction
www.dpi.state.nc.us/organization/

Eastern Carolina University
www.ecu.edu/cs-educ/sefr/sped/dbproject.cfm

ecac
exceptional children's assistance center
www.ecac-parentcenter.org

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WHAT We Do:
The NC Deaf-Blind Project provides a variety of supports and services designed to meet the needs of families with children who have deaf-blindness, birth through 21 and their educators. All services are provided at no cost.

- Information Packets and Referral Services
- Family Specialists
- Education Consultants
- Individual Assistance with Educational Strategies
- Home and School Visits
- Networking with Other Families
- Workshops and Training
- Parent to Parent Support
- In-service Training and Supports for Educators

Visit Our Websites: http://ec.ncpublicschools.gov/disability-resources/deaf-blind
www.ecu.edu/cs-educ/sefr/sped/dbproject.cfm | www.ecac-parentcenter.org

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Services may be requested by families of children and youth with deaf-blindness, school personnel and agencies providing service to them.