North Carolina Department of Public Instruction
Exceptional Children Division

Are you the parent, teacher or service provider to a child, birth – 21 years of age, with both hearing and vision loss?

Do you need information or assistance in working with the child? — We can help!

The North Carolina Deaf-Blind Project (NCDBP) provides a variety of supports, services, training and technical assistance activities to children (birth to 21), who have a combination of hearing and vision loss, their families, educators and service providers. All supports and 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
Deaf-Blindness is defined as a combined hearing and vision 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 hearing and vision loss.

Hearing and vision are essential to a child’s early development.

When hearing and vision are significantly impaired, skills that could be reached early could be more difficult to accomplish later in life.

Getting appropriate supports and services early is the key to success!

SOME COMMON Causes of Deaf-Blindness:

- Prematurity
- Usher Syndrome
- Asphixia
- Encephalitis
- CHARGE Syndrome
- Cytomegolovirus (CMV)
- Meningitis

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