

Families Matter!

Resources for Families of Children who are Deaf-Blind

National Center on Deaf-Blindness (nationaldb.org)

The national technical assistance center is funded by the U.S. Department of Education and works with a network of state projects to support families. Visit the site to find extensive information on deaf-blindness and keep up with our current initiatives.

- **Family Engagement Initiative** (nationaldb.org/groups/page/10/family-engagement): This national initiative collaborates with state projects and national family organizations to ensure that families have the support they need to partner effectively with education and service providers and to create a cohesive network of family leaders across the country.
- **NCDB Library** (nationaldb.org/library): A large collection of online resources on all aspects of deaf-blindness organized by topic. Some of the resources are aimed at families; others at professionals or researchers.
- **For Families** (nationaldb.org/families): Page with resources especially for families, including our new *Families Matter* video series (a new video story will be posted every few months, each featuring a different family).
- **Families Matter Video Stories** (nationaldb.org/families/familiesmatterstories) The Family Engagement Initiative, regularly publishes web-based stories about children who are deaf-blind and their families.
- **Recursos En Español** (nationaldb.org/pages/show/recursos-en-espanol): Many of the nationally produced resources from the NCDB Library translated into Spanish.
- **Open Hands, Open Access: Deaf-Blind Intervener Modules** (moodle.nationaldb.org): A series of 27 online modules designed to train interveners. Also, a great resource for parents—you can sign up for free and work through them at your own pace.
- **Families Lead** (familieslead.org): A tool to train family leaders, which includes personal stories and a wealth of resources on all aspects of leadership.
- **Facebook** (www.facebook.com/nationaldb): Follow NCDB on Facebook! We post news stories, interesting resources, and a weekly tips and highlights including family fun facts (Fridays).



Perkins eLearning

www.perkinselearning.org:

Videos, webinars, online courses, and other resources designed to provide professional development to teachers of children with visual impairments or multiple disabilities.



WonderBaby

www.wonderbaby.org:

An excellent site for parents of young children with visual impairments or multiple disabilities. It's made up of articles and blog posts written by parents on a wide range of topics and includes many tips and activities.



FamilyConnect

www.familyconnect.org:

A site from the American Foundation for the Blind for parents of children with visual impairments.



The National Family Association for Deaf-Blind

National Family Association for Deaf-Blind www.nfadb.org:

A nonprofit organization empowering families to advocate for individuals who are deaf-blind. Connects families through Facebook, webinars (in English and Spanish), a toll-free number, and a semiannual online course on the role of interveners in educational settings.



CHARGE Syndrome Foundation www.chargesyndrome.org:

A nonprofit organization that works to improve the lives of people with CHARGE syndrome through outreach, education, and research. Supports families via a director of outreach, webinars, a provider database, extensive online resources, and an international conference every two years.



Usher Syndrome Coalition

www.usher-syndrome.org:

An advocacy and support organization where you can connect with other families, find information on the latest research and legislation, read blog posts, sign up for the newsletter, and join advocacy efforts.



Center for Parent Information and Resources

www.parentcenterhub.org:

Every state has at least one federally funded parent center, which provides parents of children with disabilities information about local educational services and their child's rights under IDEA. Visit this site to find your local parent center and browse general resources about special education.

