

National Center on Deaf-Blindness



FAMILY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

November 2017

“Educational Considerations for Students with Usher Syndrome”

The Usher Syndrome Coalition estimates that there are more than 7,000 children with Usher Syndrome in the United States. Yet in 2015, the state deaf-blind projects reported that roughly 300 children with Usher Syndrome were served. Where are these students being educated? And are their educational needs being adequately met?

This 90-minute webinar recording features Family Engagement Coordinators Carly Fredericks and Patti McGowan, both parents of children with Usher Syndrome, along with Nancy O'Donnell, Former Director of the USH Trust Registry. They share personal stories and informative resources. To watch please go to: <https://nationaldb.org/library/page/2700>

Monthly Phone Calls for Spanish-Speaking Families

California Deafblind Services will be resuming free monthly calls geared to Spanish-speaking families of children with deafblindness. Join them for these 90-minute teleconferences that help provide information and support on the **3rd Tuesday of the month at 6pm Pacific / 9pm Eastern** (except when indicated otherwise). See the schedule for full details:

<https://nationaldb.org/events/detail/news-and-announcements/10/1447>

To register for the calls and obtain call-in information, please contact the California Deafblind Services Family Engagement Specialist, Myrna Medina, by email or phone at myrnam@sfsu.edu or **323-363-7499**.

Grief Support for Families

As you can imagine, death is a very traumatic experience for families. When coupled with a secondary loss of connection to the deaf-blind community, healing can be even more challenging. To help, we've created a list of resources where family members can obtain information and support:

<https://nationaldb.org/wiki/page/10/753>.

Also, our second Parent Grief Support Group will begin January 10, 2018 and continue for 5 consecutive months. These web-based, peer-to-peer meetings allow parents who have lost a child to process their grief and learn coping strategies that have helped others. The meetings will be held on Wednesday evenings, twice per month. **We are asking interested parents to commit to the entire 5-month series.** Enrollment is free. For more information and to register, go to:

<https://nationaldb.org/wiki/page/10/757>

2017 Transition Institutes: Planning for the Future

Is your child getting close to their transition to adult life? If so, please consider going to the following link to learn more about how you can more effectively plan for this key time in your young adult's life: <https://nationaldb.org/pages/show/2017-transition-institutes-planning-for-the-future>



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