



# Intervener Training Series 2020-2021

## 6 Weekends of Training for Interveners

### What is an Intervener?

An intervener is a trained professional staff member who works one-on-one with a child who is deafblind to provide critical connections to other people and the environment. The intervener opens channels of communication between the child and others, provides access to information and facilitates opportunities for learning and development.

### What is the Importance of an Intervener?

Deafblindness creates very unique and complex challenges caused by the combined effect of both vision and hearing loss. These challenges are mainly in the area of communication, concept development and social and emotional development. An intervener responds to these challenges by serving as a bridge to the world for the child who is deafblind.

**In-Person Weekend Training Schedule**  
**Friday: 5:00-9:00 p.m.** (Dinner provided at 4:30 p.m.)  
**Saturday: 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.** (Lunch provided)

**Virtual/Online Weekend Training Schedule**  
**Friday: 6:00-8:30 p.m.** (Eat before joining Zoom.)  
**Saturday: 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**

Training will be held either In-Person or Virtual/Online. Location will be communicated with participants two weeks prior to the event. **NEW In-Person Training Location: Metro ECSU, 2 Pine Tree Drive, Arden Hills, MN 55112 (Training Room)**

### Training Dates

- October 23 & 24, 2020 **Introduction to Deafblindness and Intervention**  
Carolyn Monaco, Intervener Trainer: George Brown College
- November 6 & 7, 2020 **Hearing and Vision Loss, Impact of Deafblindness**  
Dr. Jerry Petroff, Principal Investigator: New Jersey Center on Deaf-Blindness
- November 20 & 21, 2020 **The Power of Touch**  
Lindsey Hegg, Teacher of Blind/Visually Impaired, Deafblind Specialist
- January 22 & 23, 2021 **Concept Development**  
Carolyn Monaco, Intervener Trainer: George Brown College
- February 19 & 20, 2021 **Communication and the Learner Who Is Deafblind**  
Dr. Stephanie MacFarland, Teacher Trainer, University of Arizona Megan Mogan, Deafblind Specialist, Arizona DeafBlind Project
- March 5 & 6, 2021 **Self-Determination and Positive Behavior Supports**  
Dr. Jerry Petroff, Principal Investigator: New Jersey Center on Deaf-Blindness

District administrators **spot reservation for new intervener contact: [Ann.Mayes@metroecsuo.org](mailto:Ann.Mayes@metroecsuo.org)**  
**NEW! Reservations will be confirmed after a completed deafblind student census form is received.**

To reserve a hotel room, participants should contact: [Jackie.Bauer@metroecsuo.org](mailto:Jackie.Bauer@metroecsuo.org) after registration is confirmed. The Minnesota DeafBlind Project will make all hotel reservations. All rooms will be double occupancy, unless another arrangement is made.

**Cost is \$400 for 6 weekends per participant.** Due to social distancing requirements, space is even more limited.



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