



Intervener Training Series 2021-2022

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 has combined hearing and vision loss (deafblindness) 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 the environment, and facilitates opportunities for learning and development.

What Is the Importance of an Intervener?

Combined hearing and vision loss creates very unique and complex challenges. These challenges are mainly in the area of communication, concept development and social and emotional access and development. An intervener responds to these challenges by serving as a bridge to the world for the child who has both hearing and vision loss (deafblindness).

Virtual/Online Weekend Training Schedule

In-Person Weekend Training Schedule

Friday: 6:00-8:30 p.m. (Eat before joining Zoom.)

Friday: 5:00-9:00 p.m. (Dinner provided at 4:30 p.m.)

Saturday: 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Saturday: 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. (Lunch provided)

Training will be virtual/online in the Fall of 2021 with the potential for in-person later. Location changes will be communicated with participants two weeks prior to the event.

October 8- 9, 2021	Introduction to Deafblindness and Intervention Carolyn Monaco, Intervener Trainer
October 29-30, 2021	Hearing and Vision Loss, Impact of Deafblindness Dr. Jerry Petroff, Principal Investigator: New Jersey Center on Deaf-Blindness
November 19- 20, 2021	The Power of Touch Lindsey Hegg, Teacher of Blind/Visually Impaired, Deafblind Specialist
January 21-22, 2022	Concept Development Carolyn Monaco, Intervener Trainer
February 18-19, 2022	Communication and the Learner Who Is Deafblind Megan Mogan, Deafblind Specialist, Arizona DeafBlind Project
March 4-5, 2022	Self-Determination and Positive Behavior Supports Dr. Jerry Petroff, Principal Investigator: New Jersey Center on Deaf-Blindness

To reserve a spot for a new intervener and receive more information, district administrators should contact: Ann.Mayes@metroecu.org.

Reservations will be confirmed after complete deafblind student census information is received.

If in-person training is feasible after November 2021, the Minnesota DeafBlind Project will make all hotel reservations for out-of-metro participants. All rooms will be double occupancy, unless another arrangement is made.

Cost is \$200 for 6 weekends per participant. Due to potential continued social distancing requirements if meeting in person, space is limited.

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