



## Intervener Training Series 2023-2024

6 Weekends of **Foundational** Training for Interveners

### What Is an Intervener?

An intervener is a trained paraprofessional 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 unique and complex challenges. These challenges are mainly in the areas 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).

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| <b>October 27-28, 2023</b>  | <b>Introduction to Deafblindness and Intervention</b><br>Carolyn Monaco, Intervener Trainer                                  |
| <b>November 17-18, 2023</b> | <b>Hearing and Vision Loss, Impact of Deafblindness</b><br>Kim Simshauser, Teacher of Blind/Visually Impaired                |
| <b>January 12-13, 2024</b>  | <b>The Power of Touch</b><br>Lindsey Hegg, Teacher of Blind/Visually Impaired  |
| <b>February 9-10, 2024</b>  | <b>Concept Development</b><br>Carolyn Monaco, Intervener Trainer   |
| <b>March 1-2, 2024</b>      | <b>Communication and the Learner Who Is DeafBlind</b><br>Megan Mogan, Education Specialist, Arizona DeafBlind Project        |
| <b>April 12-13, 2024</b>    | <b>The Importance of Self-Determination and Relationships</b><br>Emma Mayes, Teacher of Developmental Cognitive Disabilities |

**Location:** Metro ECSU, 2 Pine Tree Drive, Suite 101, Arden Hills, MN 55112

**Fridays, 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.** (Dinner at 4:30 p.m.)

**Saturdays, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** (Lunch provided.)

**Reservations:** To reserve a spot for a new intervener and receive more information, district administrators should contact: [Ann.Mayes@metroecsu.org](mailto:Ann.Mayes@metroecsu.org). Reservations will be confirmed after the national child count information for the student is received by the Minnesota DeafBlind Project.

After registration is confirmed, **interveners from outside the metro area** should contact [Brandy.Johanson.Sebera@metroecsu.org](mailto:Brandy.Johanson.Sebera@metroecsu.org) for hotel accommodations. The Minnesota DeafBlind Project will make all hotel reservations.

**Registration fee:** \$400 for 6 weekends - **Limited Space Available**



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