



Intervener Training Series 2025-2026

6 Weekends of **Foundational** Training for Interveners

Sponsored by the Minnesota Regional Low Incidence Projects, the Minnesota DeafBlind Project, and American Sign Language Interpreter Services (ASLIS), an Approved RID CMP Sponsor.

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 supports 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 communication, language, 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 verified combined hearing and vision loss (deafblindness).

October 24-25, 2025 Introduction to Deafblindness and Intervention

Carolyn Monaco, Intervener Trainer

November 14-15, 2025 Hearing and Vision Loss, Impact of Deafblindness

Kim Simshauser, Teacher of Blind/Visually Impaired

January 16-17, 2026 The Power of Touch

Lindsey Hegg, Teacher of Blind/Visually Impaired

February 6-7, 2026 Concept Development

Carolyn Monaco, Intervener Trainer

March 6-7, 2026 Communication and the Learner Who Is DeafBlind

Nancy Steele, DeafBlind Educational Consultant

April 10-11, 2026 The Importance of Self-Determination and Relationships

Emma Mayes, Teacher of Developmental Cognitive Disabilities

Location: BrightWorks, 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.)

District Requests:

To hold a spot for a new intervener, district administrators should complete the [2025-2026 Intervener Training Series Hold Request electronic form](#). For all other questions, contact: Ann.Mayes@brightworksmn.org. Reservations will be confirmed after the form is received.

After registration is confirmed, Brandy.Sebera@brightworksmn.org will contact interveners from outside of the metro area to make arrangements 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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