

Value Statement

The New York Deaf-Blind Collaborative (NYDBC) believes that all individuals, including those who are deaf-blind, have the right to lead a full and rewarding life. All individuals should have access to the necessary skills and supports that provide them with the opportunity to do so.

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Mission Statement

The mission of the New York Deaf-Blind Collaborative (NYDBC) is to achieve measurable improvements in the quality of life for children and youth who are deaf-blind throughout New York State. NYDBC will do so through the provision of needs-based technical assistance, training and support to key agencies, personnel, and families. These initiatives will lead to an enhanced service delivery system, one providing quality, person-centered services responsive to the unique needs of children and youth who are deaf-blind.

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are reaching out to you through your child's educational program as your child may have a combined vision and hearing impairment.

Who We Are

The NYDBC is a federally funded, five-year grant from the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs. The grant provides services to families and professionals who have or serve children and youth who have a combined hearing and vision loss, ages 0 through 21, throughout New York State. Being connected with the NYDBC team can benefit you and your child in a number of ways – learning strategies to work with your child, by providing technical assistance to the professionals working with your child, to understanding educational programming options, connecting you with other parents, etc.

What We Are Asking of You

We are asking you to report information to our project so we may reach out to you to see if there is any way our project can support your family and child. The term deaf-blind is not an accurate description of most children who are considered as such. Children are considered deaf-blind if they have both a vision and hearing impairment and do not have to have a total loss in either sense. Most children who are considered deaf-blind have residual hearing and vision. Many children, but not all, who are deaf-blind also have additional disabilities. Children who are deaf-blind are frequently identified as visually impaired, hearing impaired, multiply disabled, or health impaired on their IEP's.

You can send information to us in three ways;

1. Fill out the attached form and mail it to us.
2. Download the form from our website at: <http://www.qc.cuny.edu/welcome/community/nydbc/ProjectFormsandProducts/Pages/default.aspx#forms> and email it to us.
3. Email us and we will send you a secure link where you can do it online.

Be assured that all information that you share with the project is kept confidential.

Please call or email us if you have any questions or concerns. We can be reached at NYDBC@qc.cuny.edu or by phone (718) 997 4856 (**English and Espanol**).

The NYDBC values all children and their families and strives to assist you in supporting your child to live a full and rewarding life, thank you for your time.

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