



Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired  
Outreach Programs

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## Texas Family Resources on DeafBlindness

The following resources were compiled by the Texas DeafBlind Project to be shared with families at their child's annual Individualized Education Program meetings (often referred to as ARD meetings).

### State Supports:

- **Texas DeafBlind Project, Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired:** <http://www.tsbvi.edu/deaf-blind-project-1/tx-db-project>
- **ESC DeafBlind Specialist contact information:** <http://www.tsbvi.edu/esc-contacts>
- **State Services for Individuals with Visual Impairments/Blindness:**
  - **Blind Children's Vocational Discovery & Development Program** (Heath and Human Services Commission): <https://hhs.texas.gov/services/disability/blind-and-visually-impaired/blind-childrens-vocational-discovery-and-development-program>
  - **Transition Program** (Texas Workforce Commission): <http://www.twc.state.tx.us/jobseekers/vocational-rehabilitation-youth-students>
- **Texas School for the Deaf Education Resource Center on Deafness:** [http://www.tsd.state.tx.us/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC\\_ID=174971&type=d&pREC\\_ID=361563](http://www.tsd.state.tx.us/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=174971&type=d&pREC_ID=361563)
- **Texas Medicaid Waiver Programs:**
  - **Deaf-Blind Multiple Disabilities Medicaid Waiver Program:** [https://hhs.texas.gov/sites/hhs/files/basic\\_page/dbmd\\_english.pdf](https://hhs.texas.gov/sites/hhs/files/basic_page/dbmd_english.pdf)
  - **Long-term Care Program Comparisons:** <https://hhs.texas.gov/sites/hhs/files/documents/doing-business-with-hhs/providers/resources/ltss-waivers-2-8.pdf>
- **iCanConnect (free communication technology and training to stay connected with family and friends):** <http://www.icanconnect.org/>
- **Texas Project First website:** <http://texasprojectfirst.org/>
- **Navigate Life Texas website:** <https://www.navigatelifetexas.org/en/search?q=deafblind>
- **Parent Companion – the first five years website:** <http://www.parentcompanion.org/>
- **Texas Deafblind Child Count:** <http://www.tsbvi.edu/fact-sheet-for-parents-on-the-texas-deafblind-child-count>
- **IEP Quality Indicators:** [http://www.tsbvi.edu/attachments/other/IEP\\_Indicators.pdf](http://www.tsbvi.edu/attachments/other/IEP_Indicators.pdf)

## National Supports (federally funded programs):

- **National Center on Deaf-Blindness website:** <https://nationaldb.org/>
  - **Library:** <https://nationaldb.org/library>
  - **Family Matters webpage:** <https://nationaldb.org/families>
  - **I wish I had... booklet and video:**  
<http://documents.nationaldb.org/Family/Iwish.pdf>
- **Helen Keller National Center**  
**National Website:** <https://www.helenkeller.org/hknc>
  - **Regional Representative (TX, AR, LA, NM, OK):** Molly Sinanan, M.S.,  
[molly.sinanan@hknc.org](mailto:molly.sinanan@hknc.org), Voice: 516.393.7997, VP: 512.394.8334

## Qualified Personnel for Individuals with DeafBlindness:

- **Teachers for Students with DeafBlindness:** <http://www.tsbvi.edu/tdb-home>
- **Individualized Supports (Interveners, Service Support Providers and Interpreters for individuals with DeafBlindness):**
  - **Open Hands Open Access Intervener Services Learning Modules:**  
<http://nationaldb.org/library/page/2269>
  - ***Interveners in the Home and Community – An Under-recognized Imperative* article:** <https://nationaldb.org/library/page/2458>
  - **Interveners and Children who are DeafBlind website:**  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ug5wxz8ack>
  - **A Family's Guide to Interveners – Download the booklet:** <http://intervener.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/06/A-Familys-Guide-to-Interveners.pdf>
  - **Determining the Need for an Intervener in Educational Settings in Texas:**  
<http://www.tsbvi.edu/determining-the-need-for-an-intervener-in-educational-settings-in-texas>
- **Teachers of Students with Visual Impairments:** <http://www.tsbvi.edu/tb-jobs/tb-tvi>
- **Teachers of Students who are Deaf/Hard of Hearing:**  
<https://texasdeafed.org/topics/deaf-education-in-Texas>
- **Orientation & Mobility Specialists:** <http://www.tsbvi.edu/orientation-and-mobility-items/2110-the-role-of-the-orientation-and-mobility-teacher-in-the-public-schools-1>

## Communication and Literacy:

- **Communication for Children with DeafBlindness, or Visual and Multiple Impairments:** <http://www.tsbvi.edu/distance/communication/>
- **Literacy for Children with Combined Vision and Hearing Loss:**  
<http://literacy.nationaldb.org/>

## Family Organizations:

- **Meet Your Family Organizations:** <http://www.tsbvi.edu/family-support-organizations>
- **NFADB Deaf-Blind Awareness Video:** <https://nationaldb.org/library/page/2287>