

Montana DeafBlind Project

Making Connections
Providing Resources



IDENTIFYING DEAFBLINDNESS

Deafblindness is a combination of vision and hearing loss that affects a person's ability to communicate, learn, and access information. Most people who experience deafblindness have some usable hearing and/or vision.



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Why Connect to the Montana DeafBlind Project?

We help families, teachers, and providers get the information they need to support children with deafblindness from birth through 21. Anyone can refer a child, and the sooner, the better!

Families

- ▶ Learn to identify and interpret responses and behaviors
- ▶ Boost confidence in parenting
- ▶ Increase your child's experience with the world and people around them

Educational Teams

- ▶ Access resources about deafblindness and its impact on learning
- ▶ Identify classroom supports and accommodations
- ▶ Get strategies to build communication skills

Medical Teams

- ▶ Provide information and resources to support families after a deafblind diagnosis
- ▶ Understand related conditions and syndromes

Vision, Hearing, Speech, & Mobility Specialists

- ▶ Access resources, training, and support for teams and families
- ▶ Learn strategies for serving children with deafblindness

Service Providers (VRBS, DDP, & Others)

- ▶ Support teams in using individualized transition planning tools
- ▶ Get strategies for work experiences, accommodations, assistive technology, and independent living



Contact us to see how we can help you meet your needs in serving children with deafblindness.