

What is Deafblindness?

Deafblindness is a condition in which both a hearing and vision loss are present at the same time. ***The combined effects of these losses, even if both are mild, create unique challenges for the child, family & educator.***

- In the United States deafblindness affects more than 10,000 children between birth and 22 years of age
- Deafblindness has more than 70 known causes.
- The student does **NOT** have to be labeled as deafblind in accordance with LA Bulletin 1508 (*Pupil Appraisal Handbook*) to be eligible for inclusion in this Project.

If you suspect a child has both hearing and vision impairments, please contact Louisiana Deafblind Project for further information and referral.

Email: ladbp@lsuhsc.edu

HDC Mission

HDC was established in 1974 as Louisiana's University Center of Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, one of a network of 67 UCEDDs across the country.

Our mission is to strengthen and increase the capacity of local communities to support and include individuals with developmental disabilities and their families in all aspects of life in the community.



For more information about deafblindness or the Louisiana Deafblind Project contact:

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Visit the LADBP website at
<http://www.hdc.lsuhs.edu/ladbp>

Louisiana Deafblind Project For Children & Youth

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Who is eligible?

Children & youth, birth to 22 years, with varying degrees of combined hearing and vision losses and needing educational support.

Who requests services?

Family member and/or service provider of a child with combined vision and hearing losses can request services.

Services are confidential and are provided at no cost to the student, families, educators, or other service providers.

How to request services?

Complete a Referral Application.

Direct the Form to:

**LA Deafblind Project for Children & Youth
LSUHSC, Human Development Center**

411 South Prieur St.

New Orleans, LA 70112

Contact the LADBP by phone, fax, e-mail, or via our Web site.

Phone: 504-556-3455 / Fax: 504-556-7574

Email: ladbp@lsuhsc.edu

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Services

- Transition planning for students with deafblindness
- IEP development support
- Deafblind awareness training for public
- Resource Library
- Consultation with schools & School districts
- Information and Referrals regarding resources for individuals with hearing and vision loss (evaluation, training, assistive technology communication systems)
- American Sign Language and Braille classes for families and service providers
- Intervener training for families and paraprofessionals working with students with significant disabilities
- Workshops and conferences
- Family education and marketing
- Louisiana Deafblind Registry

Confidentiality

The LA Deafblind Project is authorized under Federal regulation (Part D, Section 685 of IDEA) to identify children and youth who are deafblind and reside in Louisiana.

Referral by teachers, administrators and school systems can be made in accordance with Reg. 99.31 of FERPA without parental consent.

Additionally, the LA Deafblind Project follows the mandated confidentiality standards of FERPA and HIPPA Acts.

Typical Questions

What is the purpose Louisiana Deafblind Registry?

A. *The registry is a list of those students with deafblindness who could benefit from technical assistance.*

How can a student receive the services provided by the Louisiana Deafblind Project?

A. *Register for the Project by contacting the Project staff at the address and/or phone number listed on this brochure.*

My student/child is classified as having multiple disabilities — not deafblind.

Would he/she be eligible for services?

A. Yes. Regardless of the student's exceptionality, the student may be eligible for services if he/she meets the criteria listed under "Who is eligible?".

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