



## Services Geared Toward Professionals

**DeafBlind Central services are offered year-round, free of charge.**

**Phone/VP Contacts:** Project staff members are available to address your questions and/or concerns via telephone or videophone. Call a staff member to learn more about services, locate resources, ask questions, discuss recommendation reports, arrange future activities, etc. Project staff can participate in meetings via conference call.

**Referral to other agencies/organizations:** If you call the project with an issue that staff cannot address, every effort will be made to link you with a different resource.

**Dissemination:** DB Central disseminates publications and media that reflect best practices in the field of DeafBlindness through a lending library, newsletters, brochures, and a website ([www.dbcentral.org](http://www.dbcentral.org)).

**Webcams:** Using Skype, project staff can participate in meetings, conduct classroom observations, and have face to face discussions. A limited number of webcams are available for loan from the project library.

**Video Footage Review:** The team can collect video footage of the student who is DeafBlind and submit the clips for review by project staff. After viewing the footage, project staff will schedule a conference call with the team to discuss the activities. A written report of all recommendations will be sent to the team. The footage will only be viewed by project staff and tapes/DVD's will be returned to the school, or destroyed, once the recommendation report is complete. A limited number of mini video cameras are available for loan from the project library.

**Onsite Consultation:** In some circumstances it may be possible for project staff members to arrange a visit to the school. If a visit is scheduled, it is helpful for the project staff to observe typical activities. A team meeting should be scheduled on the day of the visit, in order to discuss the observation and any recommendations project staff members may have. Attempts to address and resolve issues via distance consultation will likely precede onsite visits.

**Trainings:** The project will offer a variety of regional and statewide trainings over the course of the grant. Information about trainings can be obtained by visiting the project website, [www.dbcentral.org](http://www.dbcentral.org). Administrators can book professional development trainings for their staff by contacting the project. (See "Training Opportunities.")

**Family Support:** People who are DeafBlind flourish in environments that provide consistent services and supports. A full range of family support services are available to all relatives and guardians of a child on the project census. The services are intended to promote and foster consistency with educational efforts. (See "Services Geared Toward Families.")

\*Please note: A signed "Family Consent for Services" form is required for services involving a specific student(s).



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