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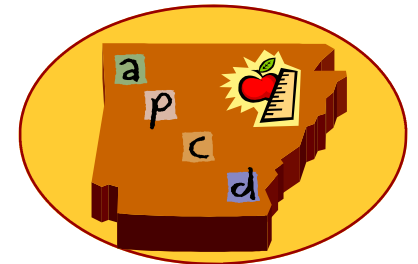
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# Arkansas Project For Children With Deafblindness



## What Is the Arkansas Project for Children with Deafblindness?

The Arkansas Project for Children with Deafblindness is a federally funded program serving individuals from birth to age 21 who are deafblind or who are at risk of being deafblind. The Project provides training, technical assistance and information to families, educators and others who work with these individuals.

The Project supports the philosophy of inclusion of the individual with deafblindness in educational, vocational, recreational and community environments. The Project's Advisory Committee includes parents, consumers, students, and representatives of education, early childhood services, the state's children's hospital, adult service providers, state agencies, higher education and advocacy organizations.

## What Are the Causes of Deafblindness?

The varied causes may include:

- Prematurity
- CHARGE Association
- Usher Syndrome
- Central nervous system dysfunction
- Viral infections such as cytomegalovirus (CMV)
- Brain diseases, such as meningitis or encephalitis
- Genetic abnormalities
- Prenatal exposure to drugs
- Various syndromes



## What Services Are Provided by the Project?

- Training based on needs expressed by local school district or individual agency
- Parent support meetings
- Family and professional networking and sharing of effective practices
- Onsite consultation by request
- Resource library for families and professionals
- Information dissemination regarding deafblindness and Project activities
- Maintenance of a state registry of children birth to age 21 who have been identified as deafblind

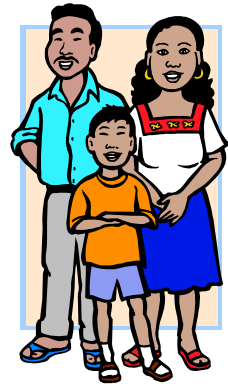
## What Training Topics Are Offered by the Project?

- Overview of deafblindness
- Communication strategies
- Functional, age appropriate curriculum
- Inclusion of students who are deafblind
- Positive behavior support for students who are deafblind
- Instructional strategies
- Collaborative teaming methods
- Parent-professional collaboration
- Early intervention
- Personal futures planning/MAPS



## Who Is Eligible for Services From the Project?

1. Individuals from birth to age 21 who have:
  - Both vision and hearing impairments.
  - Both vision and hearing impairments and an additional learning and/or language disability.
  - Been diagnosed as having a degenerative disease that will affect both vision and hearing, such as Usher Syndrome or CHARGE Association.
  - Have multiple disabilities due to generalized central nervous system dysfunction and exhibit inconsistent responses to visual and auditory stimuli. (These individuals are determined to be functionally deafblind.)
2. Education personnel and service providers serving at least one person from birth to age 21 who is deafblind.
3. Parents, family members and care providers of individuals from birth to age 21 who are deafblind.



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