



NEC Professional Development Opportunities

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Events and Dates	Description
<p>Deafblind 101 Webinar Series <i>Introductory Level</i> Wednesdays from October 14, 2020 through December 16, 2020. Sessions will be facilitated by NEC staff and will utilize the <i>Foundational Modules on Deafblindness</i>. Certificates of attendance will be provided at the end of the webinar series (12 hours).</p>	
<p>October 14 Time: 3-4:30</p>	<p>Session 1: Introduction to Deafblindness This presentation includes an introduction to deafblindness and its various presentations. The session will cover information about deafblind learners and their unique learning needs.</p> <p>Registration: Event Registration Form Link for Session 1: Introduction to deafblindness</p>
<p>October 21 Time: 3-4:30</p>	<p>Session 2: Introduction to Vision Loss This session covers acuity measures as well as the various types of vision loss and their implications.</p> <p>Registration: Event Registration Form Link for Session 2: Introduction to Vision Loss</p>
<p>October 28 Time: 3-4:30</p>	<p>Session 3: Introduction to Hearing Loss This session will cover the types of hearing loss and their causes, as well as basic information about sound and hearing (pitch, frequency, etc.).</p> <p>Registration: Event Registration Form Link for Session 3: Introduction to Hearing Loss</p>
<p>November 4 Time: 3-4:30</p>	<p>Session 4: Interaction with Objects This session will cover information about how learners with deafblindness interact with and learn concepts from objects.</p> <p>Registration: Event Registration Form Link for Session 4: Interaction with Objects</p>
<p>November 18 Time: 3-4:30</p>	<p>Session 5: Interactions with Touch This session covers the importance of touch for learners with deafblindness and covers the basics of hand under hand techniques, assessment, and environmental considerations.</p> <p>Registration: Event Registration Form Link for Session 5: Interactions with Touch</p>

<p>December 2 Time: 3-4:30</p>	<p>Session 6: Hand-Under-Hand An in-depth session about hand under hand strategies and techniques.</p> <p>Registration: Event Registration Form Link for Session 6: Hand-Under-Hand</p>
<p>December 9 Time: 3-4:30</p>	<p>Session 7: Development of Communication This session covers the overall stages of communication development and the intentionality of communication. Attendees will learn about communicative strategies for learners with deafblindness.</p> <p>Registration: Event Registration Form Link for Session 7: Development of Communication</p>
<p>December 16 Time: 3-4:30</p>	<p>Session 8: Utilizing Routines and Calendar Systems This session includes the basics of calendar systems, materials, and how to implement their use with learners who have combined vision and hearing loss.</p> <p>Registration: Event Registration Form Link for Session 8: Utilizing Routines and Calendar Systems</p>
<p>Para/Intervener Training in Deafblindness (On-Line Modules)</p> <p>October 16-December 16th, 2020</p>	<p>This training utilizes a self-paced module completion format. As soon as you complete one module, you will be enrolled in the next module. The modules were created by NCDB, lead to certification as an intervener, and can also be used by providers for more in-depth professional development in deafblindness. The modules are more intensive than intro level training and each module takes about 6-8 hrs. to complete. The first cohort will be offered fall 2020, with ongoing facilitation to support engagement and completion. There are 27 modules in total – the first cohort will cover the following:</p> <p>Module 1: Overview of Deaf-Blindness and Instructional Principles Module 2: Sensory Systems, Brain and Learning Module 4: Building Trusting Relationships and Positive Self Image Module 5: Availability for Learning Module 25: Touch for Connecting and Learning</p> <p>Facilitated by Tina Hertzog, co-author of several NCDB modules, and national trainer in deafblindness and online learning.</p> <p>Series Registration Link: http://www.tfaforms.com/4702686?tfa_1111=a3e0d000000529M&tfa_1120=&tfa_1141=Intervener%20Modules</p>

NCDB Professional Development Series: Deafblind Strategies	<p>The National Center on Deaf-Blindness (NCDB): Six webinars on instructional strategies for children and youth who are deaf-blind. Audience: families, educators, and others interested in deafblindness</p> <p>Click here for more information</p>
November 4 Time: 3-4:30	Alternate Academic Standards
November 18 Time: 3-4:30	Accessing Grade Level General Education Curriculum
December 16 Time: 3-4:30	IEP Development
NEC Winter Summit 2021 SAVE THE DATES Fridays 9-3:00 January 15th January 22nd January 29th February 5th	<p>Virtual presentations from national and state leaders in the fields of visual impairment, deaf/hard of hearing, and deafblindness.</p> <p><i>Tentative Agenda Topics:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication and Language Development • Combined Sensory Loss and Additional Disabilities (Vision, Hearing, Touch, Combined Sensory Loss) • Strategies to Support Successful Transition and Employment • Key Etiologies Related to Deafblindness • Strategies for Building Positive Relationships and Supporting Families • State Systems Panels (Part C & B Partners) • Family-to-Family Connections • Improving the IEP Process for Families and Professionals • Key Steps for Supporting Access to the General Ed Curriculum • Home-Based Routines Now and Beyond COVID