



Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired
Outreach Programs

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Texas Family Resources on Deafblindness

The following resources were compiled by the Texas Deafblind Project to be shared with families at their child's annual ARD

State Supports:

- **Texas Deafblind Project, Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired:** <http://www.tsbvi.edu/deaf-blind-project-1/tx-db-project>
- **ESC Deafblind Specialist contact information:** <http://www.tsbvi.edu/esc-contacts>
- Texas Workforce Commission
 - **Transition Program:** <http://www.twc.state.tx.us/jobseekers/vocational-rehabilitation-youth-students>
 - **Deafblind Services** <http://www.twc.state.tx.us/jobseekers/vocational-rehabilitation-youth-students>
- **Texas School for the Deaf Education Resource Center on Deafness:** http://www.tsd.state.tx.us/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=174971&type=d&pREC_ID=361563
- **Texas Medicaid Waiver Programs:**
 - **Deaf-Blind Multiple Disabilities Medicaid Waiver Program:** <https://www.dads.state.tx.us/services/faqs-fact/dbmd.html>
 - **Long-term Care Program Comparisons:** https://www.dads.state.tx.us/providers/waiver_comparisons/
- **iCan Connect** – free communication technology and training to stay connected with family and friends: <http://www.icanconnect.org/>
- **Texas Project First website:** <http://texasprojectfirst.org/>
- **Navigate Life Texas website:** <https://www.navigatelifetexas.org/en/search?q=deafblind>
- **Parent Companion – the first five years website:** <http://www.parentcompanion.org/>
- **Texas Deafblind Child Count** <http://www.tsbvi.edu/fact-sheet-for-parents-on-the-texas-deafblind-child-count>
- **IEP Quality Indicators** http://www.tsbvi.edu/attachments/other/IEP_Indicators.pdf

National Supports (federally funded programs):

- National Center on Deaf-Blindness website: <https://nationaldb.org/>
 - Library: <https://nationaldb.org/library>
 - Family Matters webpage: <https://nationaldb.org/families>
 - I wish I had... booklet and video:
<http://documents.nationaldb.org/Family/Iwish.pdf>
 - Helen Keller National Center
National Website: <https://www.helenkeller.org/hknc>
 - Regional Representative (TX, AR, LA, NM, OK): Molly Sinanan, M.S.,
molly.sinanan@hknc.org, Voice: 516.393.7997, VP: 512.394.8334

Qualified Personnel for Individuals with Deafblindness:

- Teachers for Students with Deafblindness: <http://www.tsbvi.edu/tdb-home>
- Individualized Supports (Interveners, Service Support Providers and Interpreters for individuals who are deafblind):
 - Open Hands Open Access Intervener Services Learning Modules:
<http://nationaldb.org/library/page/2269>
 - *Interveners in the Home and Community – An Under-recognized Imperative* article: <https://nationaldb.org/library/page/2458>
 - Interveners and Children who are Deafblind website:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ug5wxz8ack>
 - A Family's Guide to Interveners – Download the booklet:
<http://intervener.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/06/A-Familys-Guide-to-Interveners.pdf>
 - Determining the Need for an Intervener in Educational Settings in Texas: <http://www.tsbvi.edu/determining-the-need-for-an-intervener-in-educational-settings-in-texas>
- Communication and Literacy
 - Communication for Children with Deafblindness, or Visual and Multiple Impairments: <http://www.tsbvi.edu/distance/communication/>
 - Literacy for Children with Combined Vision and Hearing Loss:
<http://literacy.nationaldb.org/>

Family Organizations:

- Meet Your Family Organizations: <http://www.tsbvi.edu/family-support-organizations>
- NFADB Deaf-Blind Awareness Video: <https://nationaldb.org/library/page/2287>