

Oklahoma Deaf-Blind Technical Assistance Project

The Oklahoma Deaf-Blind Technical Assistance Project (OKDBTAP) provides technical assistance and training to children (birth to 21) who have both a hearing and vision impairment. Services are offered at **no cost** to families, educators, administrators, related service providers, and early intervention providers. This project is supported by the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP).

Who is eligible for services? Children who qualify for services must have a loss in both vision and hearing. Very few children who qualify for the census are totally deaf or blind. **Some children use hearing aides and wear glasses, some children have cochlear implants and wear contact lenses.** Qualified individuals may have additional disabilities, such as: intellectual disabilities, physical disabilities, or medical conditions.

Who can refer a child to the project? Any parent or guardian of a child with deaf-blindness, ages birth-21 years, may request technical assistance from the project. In addition, educational personnel and service providers from Oklahoma's Sooner Start Program, Oklahoma School Districts or other agency personnel serving students with deaf-blindness may request services.

What services are available? Oklahoma Deaf-Blind Technical Assistance Project provides technical assistance to children, families, SoonerStart, Oklahoma Public Schools, or other agencies serving students with deaf-blindness. Types of Technical Assistance (TA) available include: web conferencing, site visits, classroom observation, telephone TA, research/evidence based materials, in-service workshops, and statewide training. **TA includes collaborating with agencies such as the Oklahoma Parents Center, Oklahoma School for the Blind, Oklahoma Assistive Technology Center, and many others to support the child with deaf-blindness.**

Where can I get a Referral Form? Referral forms are available at the Oklahoma Deaf Blind Technical Assistance Project website: www.ou.edu/okdbp/.

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