

NEC Fall Trainings & Events 2022-2023

The New England Consortium on Deafblindness (NEC) is pleased to offer the following training and events for professionals and families. We will be adding additional events to this page. For up-to-date information visit www.nec4db.org

Consultation & Training to Educational Teams and Families

Consultation to Teams for Children with Deafblindness or At Risk: *Would you like support to your team about effective strategies for assessment and instruction?* We are scheduling FREE consultation and training for the current 2022-2023 school year. Don't miss out! If you would like to request consultation/training to a child's team, your family, program, or agency - [CLICK HERE](#)

Teaching Children who are Deafblind - Fall 2022 Virtual Series

A new module created by the National Center on Deafblindness that offers practical, need-to-know information essential for professionals working with children who are deafblind. This is a wonderful opportunity for teams and individual providers to learn how to implement key strategies in their day-to-day work in the classroom!

Facilitator: Maurice Belote, Deafblind Consultant.

Audience: *TVIs, TODs, SLPs, OTs, PTs, Parents, Agency Personnel*

Certificate provided for full attendance.

October 12	Session 1: An Overview Of Deafblindness	To Register: CLICK HERE
October 19	Session 2: The Impact Of Deafblindness on Learning and Teaching	To Register: CLICK HERE
October 26	Session 3: Observation Skills and Preparing Learning Environments	To Register: CLICK HERE
November 2	Session 4: Promoting Effective Interactions and Basic Strategies For Encouraging Interactions	To Register: CLICK HERE
November 9	Session 5: The Impact Of Deafblindness On Bonding and Building Trust	To Register: CLICK HERE
November 30	Session 6: Bonding and Building Trusting Relationships	To Register: CLICK HERE
December 7	Session 7: The Importance Of Peer Relationships	To Register: CLICK HERE
December 14	Session 8: Wrap Up & Final Thoughts - <i>Bringing It All Together To Promote Active Engagement</i>	To Register: CLICK HERE

Para/Intervener Training - NCDB Open Hands Open Access Modules

Para/Intervener Training - Open Hands Open Access Online Modules (OHOA)

Facilitator: Amanda Crayton

Paraprofessionals working with children who are deafblind need specialized training to support instruction and learning. Created by the National Center on Deafblindness (NCDB), the modules provide an overview of support strategies and also incorporate training for those wishing to continue additional training to become a certified Intervener through the NICE (National Intervener Certification E-Portfolio)

What is an Intervener? An intervener is a trained staff member who works one-on-one with a child who is deafblind to provide critical connections to other people and the environment. The intervener opens channels of communication between the child and others, provides access to information, and facilitates opportunities for learning and development.

The OHOA Training is designed to increase awareness, knowledge, and skills related to intervention for students (ages 3 through 21) who are DeafBlind. In addition, the NEC OHOA Training program helps participants identify effective strategies for children with whom they are currently working. The OHOA Training is a pathway to Intervener certification, and assignments completed during the course can be used for the NICE portfolio. Currently, there are several cohorts in process.

Audience: Paraprofessionals, Aides, Teacher Assistants working with DeafBlind students. Professionals interested in learning about the role and strategies Interveners use.

<p>Starting Fall 2022</p> <p>9/21/22 4:00-5:00 PM</p>	<p>NEW OHOA GROUP - Fall 2022</p> <p>Kickoff mtg – mandatory (live or view recording and complete survey)</p>	<p>To Register CLICK HERE</p>
<p>9/23/22 – 1/27/23</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● An Overview of DeafBlindness, the Sensory System, and Learning ● Building Trusted Relationships and Positive Self-Image ● The Role of an Intervener in Collaborative Teams ● Touch for Connection, Communication, and Learning 	
<p>2/3/23 – 6/16/23</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Availability for Learning ● Routines, Concept Development, and Responsive Environments ● Calendars ● Intervener Strategies 	
<p>Starting September 2022</p>	<p>NICE - Fall 2022 (Completed Modules, Pursuing Certification) <i>Audience: Those who have previously completed modules and want to pursue Intervener certification. This process requires the collection of artifacts and the completion of a portfolio.</i></p>	<p>To Register CLICK HERE</p>
<p>9/14/22 4:00-5:00 PM</p>	<p>Portfolio Kickoff meeting – mandatory (individual follow-up as needed)</p>	
<p>September 2022 forward</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nice 1 & 2 Modules; Register for Venture E-Portfolio ● 3+ coaching sessions equaling 6+ hours (live or virtual) ● Completion of NICE Portfolio within 1 year 	
<p>In Progress</p>	<p>OHOA Ongoing - Fall 2022 (Ongoing - Only open to those who are Currently Enrolled)</p>	<p>To Register CLICK HERE</p>
<p>10/8/22 – 1/21/23</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Intervener Strategies ● Touch for Connection, Communication, and Learning ● Providing Access for Vision, Hearing, and Touch 	
<p>1/28/23 – 3/22/23</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Behavior and Environmental Supports ● Orientation & Mobility in Everyday Routines ● Sexuality 	
<p>3/29/23 – 6/30/23</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Self-Determination ● Social Skills and Peer Relationships ● Transition to Adult and Community Life 	

NEC Professional Learning Community in Deafblindness - Virtual Leadership Series

Facilitators: Sulina Mohanty, Tracy Evans Luiselli, Kristen Layton-Campagna

Goals:

- Contribute to and learn within an ongoing “Community of Practice” for providers working with children who are deafblind or at risk
- Receive access to *Deafblind Leadership Toolbox* with resources and specific instructional content
- Engage in collegial interaction and share among practitioners working with children and families
- Receive individual coaching and support to develop and achieve professional goals and interpersonal skills connected to your current or future job placement
- Develop leadership and consultation skills in deafblindness, related fields, and with local and state agencies
- Develop and implement a *Leadership Action Plan* to address the needs of children and youth who are deafblind, their families, and service providers

*Attendance and Leadership Action Plan Required

*Certificate Provided Upon Successful Completion

<p>October 7, 2022 12:00-3:00 PM</p>	<p>NEC Professional Learning Community in Deafblindness Facilitators: Sulina Mohanty, Tracy Evans Luiselli, Kristen Layton-Campagna Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Community Building ● Personal Leadership & Goal Setting 	<p>To Register CLICK HERE</p>
<p>October 11, 2022 <i>Optional</i></p>	<p>Community Conversation: Ensuring Access to the General Education Curriculum for Emergent Communicators</p>	<p>To Register CLICK HERE</p>
<p>November 18, 2022 12:00-3:00 PM</p>	<p>Topic:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Prioritizing Time & Energy ● Practices in Deafblindness 	<p>To Register: CLICK HERE</p>
<p>November 7, 2022 <i>Optional</i></p>	<p>Community Conversation: Developing IEPs for Students Who Are DeafBlind</p>	<p>To Register CLICK HERE</p>
<p>January 13, 2023 12:00-3:00 PM</p>	<p>Topic:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Working Through Conflict ● Practices in Deafblindness 	<p>To Register: CLICK HERE</p>
<p>March 31, 2023 12:00-3:00 PM</p>	<p>Topic:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Maintaining a Positive Culture ● Practices in Deafblindness 	<p>To Register: CLICK HERE</p>
<p>May 5, 2023 Virtual Onsite Option</p>	<p>Topic:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Leadership Action Plan Showcase 	<p>To Register: CLICK HERE</p>

<p>Beginning September 2022</p>	<p>NEC Transition Team Initiative (NEC-TTI) Transition planning for young adults who have <i>combined vision and hearing loss</i> requires an organized team approach, involving the student, family, and team. NEC's Transition Team Initiative brings together families, professionals, and agencies who commit to ongoing meetings to address transition planning. NEC-TTI incorporates evidence-based practices to promote future opportunities for greater independence and improved quality of life. Teams will meet regularly with a NEC Facilitator, and address Transition Action Plans.</p> <p>Targeted Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Person-centered planning incorporated in the student's educational program • Family engagement supported throughout planning • Identification of supports and services provided by state and local agencies • Service providers learn key aspects of transition assessment, program development, and implementation strategies as outlined in the Transition Action Plan. <p>To learn more or inquire about the team process, please contact nec@perkins.org</p>	<p>To Register YOUR TEAM:</p> <p>CLICK HERE</p>
<p>TTI Team Meetings Beginning Sept-Oct. 2022</p>	<p>Potential Topics Based on Team/Student Priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of TTI - Successful Transition Planning for Young Adults with Combined Vision & Hearing Loss • Person-Centered Planning: Linking Planning to Instruction • Ingredients for a Transition-Focused Educational Program • Strategies & Models for Vocational Experiences • Daily Living Skills and Expanded Core Curriculum • Community Connections and Recreation • End of Year Celebration of Achievements! 	
<p>The Impact of Cancer Treatment in Children: Considerations for Sensory Assessment and Learning: Providers working with children who have had cancer treatment should be aware of potential neurodevelopmental issues. These sessions will outline the impact of cancer treatment on vision and hearing, and neurocognitive function.</p>		
<p>January 2023</p>	<p>Cancer Treatment in Children: Associated Sensory Changes & Neurocognitive Function Presenters: Matthew E. Fasano, Psy.D. & Rachel Landsman, Psy.D.</p>	<p>To Register CLICK HERE</p>
<p>February 2023</p>	<p>Cancer Treatment in Children: Assessment Considerations Presenters: Matthew E. Fasano, Psy.D. & Rachel Landsman, Psy.D.</p>	<p>To Register CLICK HERE</p>
<p>Marvin's Farm Adventure – Story Time Series! Details: You're invited to join family story time, a family-only online space for story time and crafts! Each story time will feature 45 minutes of story and songs, followed by 15-minute craft session. Storytime is FREE and you will receive a box with all of the needed craft supplies and your very own Super Sparkle Rescue Dog and Marvin Doll! The program will be recorded and can be viewed at a different time once you are registered with the group. Location: Virtual Zoom meeting and private Facebook Group For more information contact please contact NEC at nec@perkins.org or (617) 972-7517</p>		
<p>Fall 2022</p>	<p>Recorded sessions and materials will be sent to families who register</p>	<p>To Register: CLICK HERE</p>

NEC Family Networking Events:

We offer opportunities for families to engage in fun community events and meet other families who have a child who is deafblind.

* Amy - we can include families of children who are D/HH here too.....

October 2nd 12:00-2:30	Family Apple Picking, Berlin Orchards, Berlin MA	To Register: CLICK HERE
May 2023 TBD	Spring Bike Event	
August 2023 TBD	Family Zoo Day!	