



## PROJECT REACH: Illinois DeafBlind Services

*Serving youth who are DeafBlind, their families,  
and their schools*

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### MENU OF FAMILY SERVICES

**UNIVERSAL** – Universal TA is meant for everybody, and participants may or may not be associated with a child with DeafBlindness. No referral form is needed, but people who DO refer for targeted and intensive services may also benefit from using general services.

Level of commitment: **None, or brief communications** by project staff with recipients, by telephone or email

Examples of services:

- Project Reach website to get description of project, specialist contact information, newsletters, forms, links to other resources
- Support navigating NCDB (National Center on Deaf-Blindness) website for information on selected topics, products, online resources and training
- Suggestions for resources on other OSEP (Office of Special Education Programs) project websites
- Suggestions for etiology-specific support groups or research groups
- Connections to Illinois Advocates for the DeafBlind (IADB) or National Family Association of the DeafBlind
- Social media sites, like Facebook groups (CHARGE Syndrome, IADB, Project Reach) and Family Fun Fact on Facebook and Twitter.
- Brief phone consultation followed by brief email of a resource
- Project Reach Products, (e. g. Job Coaches Guidebook, Statewide Recreation Guide)
- Book and DVD loan
- DeafBlind 101 Simulation Kit Loan

**TARGETED** - These services are designed to provide information about deafblindness, but not specific to your child. Examples of activities include, watching a video online, attending a workshop, or reading a book, article or fact sheet.

Level of commitment: **More communication** between project staff and participants, and participants' evaluation of activity is expected. Event may be one time, or a series of events.

### Examples of services:

- National Communities of Practice (F2F, Grief Support).
- Conferences or trainings hosted by Project Reach
  - Family Leadership Conference
  - Midwest Transition Institute
- Series of regular phone consultations by a DeafBlind Specialist over a period of time and/or a series of email Q&A communication (consultation); a more substantial, sustained communication process between DeafBlind Specialist and potential TA recipient **OR**
- Less sustained communication that may result in general technical assistance such as:
  - Online video links on a specific topic, strategy
  - Toy or equipment loan (e.g.: Switch Assessment Kit)
  - Connections to a local or state resource, agency, or group
  - Connections to national resources (e.g., Helen Keller National Center)
  - NCDB products with working processes around specific topics (e.g. Literacy Website, READY Tool, EI Framework)
  - Project products
  - OHOA modules through National Family Deaf-Blind Association (not yet available)

**INTENSIVE** – Intensive TA services will always be attached to a child on the Project Reach Child Count, and a Project Reach Targeted and Intensive Referral Form will always be completed. Services are often provided on-site and require a stable, ongoing relationship between the project staff and the family. The services are a negotiated series of activities designed to change adult and child learning. Activities include an initial onsite family consultation, submission of videos showing the child and family members engaged in adult skills identified for improvement, and a follow-up meeting. Project Reach staff provide support in skills change through coaching. This form of technical assistance is a very individualized and collaborative service, emphasizing the use of practices that have been proven to work.

Level of commitment: **Ongoing, interactive communication** between project staff and participants, and evaluation of adult learning and of the activity are expected. Events are scaffolded and may include general and targeted activities.

### Examples of services:

- Intensive In-Home Child-Specific Coaching of Deaf-Blind Development or Communication Strategies.
- Attendance at meetings to share information about evidence-based practices

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