

MISSISSIPPI HEARING-VISION REGISTRY

Project staff maintain a registry of individuals, birth to 21 years of age, who have, or are suspected to have, both visual and hearing losses. This registry enables staff to consider prevalent syndromes or research for instructional strategies.

HOW TO APPLY

If you suspect a child has both hearing and visual impairments, contact Mississippi Hearing-Vision Project for further information and support.

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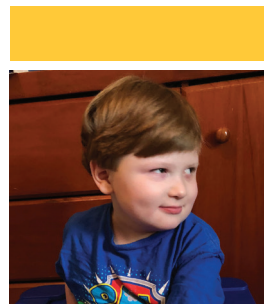
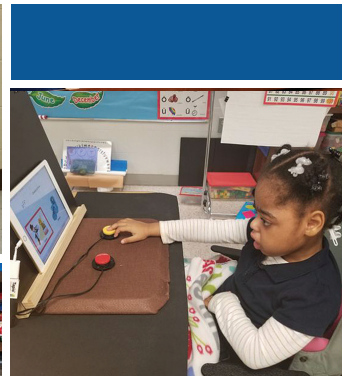


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MISSISSIPPI HEARING-VISION PROJECT

*Technical Assistance Services for Children
and Young Adults Who Are Deaf-Blind*



The **Mississippi Hearing-Vision Project** provides training and assistance to families, administrators, educators and service providers of children (birth to 21) who have both a hearing and visual impairment, also referred to as deaf-blindness. All services are confidential and provided at the request of families and service providers. ***School districts do not need to obtain parental permission to register students with the Mississippi Hearing-Vision Project.*** Referrals are covered under the exceptions of Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) § 99.31 as a viable case where prior parental consent is not required.

WHAT DOES DEAF-BLIND MEAN?

Deaf-blindness is a condition in which both a hearing and visual loss are present at the same time. The **combined effect** of these losses, **even if both are mild**, creates unique challenges for the individual to learn.

SERVICES MAY INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- » Direct Support for Educational Staff
- » Web Conferencing or Distance Mentorship
- » Team Collaborations
- » Online Deaf-Blind Learning Modules
- » Professional and Paraprofessional Development Opportunities
- » Transition Support and Resources
- » Family Workshops, Support and Networking
- » Loan Library
- » State and National Resources
- » Long-term Support & Expertise to Participating Families for Navigating Their Child's Educational Journey

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Children, birth to 21 years, with **varying** degrees of hearing and visual losses are eligible. Very few children who qualify for services are totally deaf and blind. Qualified individuals may have additional disabilities, such as cognitive, motor disabilities or/and medical conditions.

Please refer the student to the Mississippi Hearing-Vision Project if you are able to circle one condition under visual impairment AND one condition under hearing below. Keep in mind that the following conditions do not reflect all syndromes and conditions that may qualify a child. Therefore, it is best to contact project staff directly for more information.

DEGREE OF VISUAL IMPAIRMENT

Low Vision (20/70 to 20/200)

Legally Blind (20/200 or less)

Field Restriction of Less Than 40 degrees

Light Perception Only

Totally Blind

Cerebral/Cortical Visual Impairment

Diagnosed Progressive Loss

Documented Functional Vision Loss

Further Testing Needed (for up to one year, while visual abilities are being determined)

DEGREE OF HEARING LOSS

Mild (26 – 40 dB)

Moderate (41 – 55 dB)

Moderately Severe (56 – 70 dB)

Severe (71 – 90 dB)

Profound (91+ dB)

Auditory Neuropathy

Central Auditory Processing Disorder

Documented Functional Hearing Loss

Further Testing Needed (for up to one year, while hearing abilities are being determined)