



New York Parent Association for Deaf-Blind

NYPADB e-news

Help NYPADB to co-sponsor the 2016 Deaf-Blind Family Learning Retreat

gofundme.com/2a7bpsj2

All monies raised through this fundraiser will be used by NYPADB to support this year's DB Family Learning Retreat along with Visions VCB and NYDBC. NYPADB hopes to contribute:

- a welcome gift for each child
- Snack Time for the children's groups
- an Art Therapist to work with our children and provide tactile art materials
- a volunteer stipend for ASL interpreters and sign language volunteers.

Please donate to this wonderful family experience where we learn, play, and share together. Thank you!

Deaf-Blind Family Learning Retreat

Save the Date – July 21-24, 2016

At Visions VCB (More info will follow)

Disability Issues – Where do the Candidates Stand?

<http://articles.complexchild.com/feb2016/00681.html>

Deaf-Blind Training Program

Introduction to Deafblindness

The first course in the Deafblind Training Program, Introduction to Deafblindness (ComD 4660), is being offered Summer Semester at Utah State University. Registration is underway now, and the first day of class is May 9. Those who have already completed ComD 4660, can register for the 2nd course, ComD 4840, Vision and Hearing Loss, for Fall Semester. The courses can be taken for university credit or for non-credit. They can also be taken at the graduate level or the undergraduate level. See the attached file for the 2016 Summer Flyer, or contact Linda Alsop at linda.alsop@usu.edu.

New Intervener Certificate Program at Central Michigan University!

Great news, the DBI program is now live on CMU's Global Campus website!

Here is a link to get more information:

<https://lf.globalapp.cmich.edu/degreeConc/UCERT/DBI>

Here is a link to register:

www.cmich.edu/global/programs/Pages/Degrees.aspx?dc=ucert&cc=DBI

Ask the Expert: Q&A with David Brown

Presented by the CHARGE Syndrome Foundation

May 22nd, 2016 at 7 p.m. EST (Closed Captioning).

Registration is limited and, as always, on a first-come-first-served basis. If you wish to participate in this live webinar and ask questions of our presenter, please **register now** to reserve your spot.

<https://www.kintera.org/AutoGen/Register/Register.asp?ievent=1160073&en=5eLzFIPjG4IIJSPmE3JFJOMwGfKDLQPqF4IIKTNxFfIGKOMrGjJOKTMsHcIKJWOIH>

NYDBC Transition Institute

NYDBC is very happy to announce that we will be hosting our first-ever statewide transition institute focused on the needs of transition age young adults who are deaf-blind between the ages of 14-21!

DATES: July 7 - 9, 2016

Thursday, July 7th & Friday, July 8th - Professionals & Families

Saturday, July 9th - Families ONLY

ACCEPTED ATTENDEES:

- Professionals working directly with transition age young adults with dual sensory loss, including transition counselors, social workers, vocational rehabilitation counselors, etc.
- Family members with a child who is deaf-blind between the ages of 14-21.

LOCATION: Queens College 65-30 Kissena Blvd. Queens, NY 11367

STIPENDS AND SUPPORT FOR TRAVEL AVAILABLE!

LODGING PROVIDED FOR LIMITED NUMBER OF OUT-OF-TOWN ATTENDEES (PROFESSIONALS & FAMILIES)!

SPACE IS LIMITED!

REGISTRATION DETAILS COMING SOON!

For more information please contact: susanne.morrow@qc.cuny.edu

HIMS Low Vision Product Line – Interactive Webinar

Learn about new Low Vision Products

Tuesday, May 10, 2016, 3:00pm ET

Register at: <https://hims-inc.com/webinar-registration/>

NYPADB does not endorse any product. The webinar demonstrates the type of products available to help those with low vision.

NFADB Call for Nominations

To All NFADB Members:

The National Family Association for Deaf-Blind has **open positions on its Board of Directors**. We are looking for people to join our Board of Directors to represent families that have children of any age that are deaf-blind. Nominees must be a member of NFADB for at least one year. The **Executive Committee** positions of President, Treasurer and Affiliate Coordinator are also up for re-election this year. Only current or past board members may run for these Executive Committee positions. An elected term lasts for two years with the opportunity to run for one position for up to 3 consecutive 2-year terms (6 years).

NFADB is the largest national network of families focusing on issues surrounding deaf-blindness. The mission of NFADB is to empower the voices of families of individuals who are deaf-blind and to advocate for their unique needs. A board member can come from any state and will stay connected with professional organizations, Congressional Representatives and Senators. Board members will sit on or chair at least one working committee and will help to expand our State Affiliates Program. We are looking for serious candidates that can help our organization make a difference in the lives of families dealing with deaf-blindness. NFADB is looking for specific skill sets. If you possess one or more of these skills, please consider running for a board member position: Advocacy, Leadership, Fundraising, Grant Writing, Social Media and Technology, Affiliate Network development, Collaborative work with professional organizations to increase family engagement and promote the use of individual supports across the lifespan for people who are deaf-blind.

For more information or to nominate yourself or someone you know for the position of Board Member or Executive Committee Member, please contact Sheri Stanger at nfadb.sheri@gmail.com or at 914-478-7248. An application will then be mailed or emailed to you and you will need to participate in a phone interview and send in 3 letters of recommendation by June 6, 2016. The appointments will be made in July 2016. Thank you for your interest and for your continued support of the National Family Association for Deaf-Blind.

Sincerely,
Sheri Stanger
Sheri Stanger - Board Member
Nominations Committee Chairperson
nfadb.sheri@gmail.com
914-478-7248 (voice)

National Federation of the Blind 2016 Braille Enrichment for Literacy and Learning (BELL) Academy Application

<https://nfb.org/bell-summer-program-form>

The application process for each NFB BELL Academy contains three steps. Additionally, please note that the facilitators of the NFB BELL Academy in your area may opt to conduct an interview or collect additional information about your student before accepting your student into the Academy. Application, selection, and registration processes differ from state to state, so please contact your state coordinator (information below) with any questions you have about the process.

New York BELL Academy FAQs

We will hold 2 BELL Academy program(s) this year at the following location(s):

Location One

West Halem

New York, NY 10460

Dates: Mon, 07/25/2016 - Fri, 08/05/2016

Times: 8:45 am - 3:00 pm

Registration Fees: None.

Lunch: Lunch and snacks will be provided.

Transportation: Transportation needs will be considered on a case by case basis.

Additional Information:

Program Coordinator Contact Information

Name: Arthur Jacobs

Phone: (303) 910-4060

Email: ajacobs633@aol.com

Location Two

Syracuse Area (TBD)

Baldwinsville , NY 13027

Dates: Mon, 08/15/2016 - Fri, 08/26/2016

Times: 9:00 am - 2:30 pm

Program Coordinator Contact Information

Name: Mary Lou Mendez

Phone: (315) 345-2034

Email: successwithoutseeing@gmail.com

Tactile Books for Very Young Children (article)

<http://www.pathstoliteracy.org/blog/tactile-books-very-young-children>

Art in Sight

Join us for our program for individuals who are blind or partially sighted. Each month, specially trained MoMA lecturers highlight specific themes, artists, or exhibitions through verbal description and touch.

Programs are scheduled once a month from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 10 Sculpture

This program is free of charge.

Space is limited and preregistration is required. Reservations may be made one month in advance.

For more information or to register, call Access Programs at (212) 408-6347 or e-mail accessprograms@moma.org.

Wheelchairs, portable stools, FM headsets for sound enhancement, and large print and Braille information brochures are available.

MoMA is located at 11 West 53 Street between Fifth and Sixth avenues.

Please enter at the **Film entrance** east of the main MoMA entrance under the curved silver canopy.

Calling All Family Leaders - NFADB Symposium

This summer, NFADB will be hosting their parent leadership conference in Austin, TX, **July 16 – 18**, at St. Edwards University. The day prior, on July 15, NCDB will be holding a family specialist training for individuals who serve in the role of Family Specialist for their state deaf-blind project. The agenda for the family specialist day includes:

- Taking a strategic approach to engaging and connecting families, and
- Mentoring and supporting families.

We hope that all family specialists working for state deaf-blind projects will be able to attend both events. Formal registration for the symposium will begin soon via the [NFADB website](#). As we all know, the cornerstone of a successful life for a learner who experiences deaf-blindness is a strong support system. This training will be a major step forward in advancing parent leadership skills and building family networks. Questions? Contact [Clara Berg](#) or [Megan Cote](#).

2016 Usher Syndrome Family Conference

Saturday, July 9, 2016 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM Pacific Time

This annual gathering, a place for individuals with Usher syndrome, family members, friends and professionals to learn about the latest advances in Usher syndrome research. The event's science sessions, family panel, research Q&A, lengthy breaks and evening social allow for the opportunity to connect with others impacted by Usher syndrome and engage with researchers who are working tirelessly towards a cure.

Washington Athletic Club

1325 Sixth Avenue, Seattle, Washington 98111, USA

<http://www.cvent.com/events/ush2016-usher-syndrome-family-conference/event-summary-62b3eda082ab4f73ac06e0663cb367ab.aspx>

Parent to Parent of NYS Free Webinars

FREE WEBINAR- Housing Options for People with Disabilities in NYS

May 20, 2016, 12:00PM - 1:00PM

Contact: Tina Beauparlant Phone: (518) 381-4350

Register at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2928127382045909249>

Please join Parent to Parent of NYS, Tanja Peters/ Housing Coordinator as she presents a webinar on Housing Options for people with Disabilities in NYS.

This webinar is designed to give individuals with disabilities and their families a general understanding of what types of housing options are available in NYS and it will explain the differences between certified housing options and non-certified housing options. Ways to purchase a home are also discussed.

Please be advised that only the first 100 participants who log on will be able to attend.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Webinar - A Guide for Families to Understanding Supports & Services Administered by OPWDD

May 24, 2016, 5:00PM - 6:00PM

Contact: Tina Beauparlant Phone: (518) 381-4350

Register at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/994524034654631681>

Please join Parent to Parent of NYS, Mary Beth Fadelici Regional Coordinator, as she presents on A Guide for Families to Understanding Supports & Services Administered by OPWDD.

The purpose of this training is to introduce families to the language of service delivery systems and to define and clarify information about services and supports. Participants will gain an increased awareness and understanding of eligibility criteria and the eligibility determination process. The training includes an overview of Medicaid Service Coordination (MSC), Home and Community Based Services Waiver, and Family Support Services.

- See more at: <http://parenttoparentnys.org/news/statewide-events/#sthash.N0wGHd7C.dpuf>