



New York Parent Association for Deaf-Blind

NYPADB e-news

Transition As A Lifelong Process: Strategies for Families of Children with Hearing & Vision Loss

Presented by NYPADB in collaboration with NYDBC and HKNC

Saturday, October 15, 2016, 9:30 am – 4:30 pm

Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults
141 Middle Neck Road, Sands Point, NY 11050

Presentations By:

Kathleen Quinn from Smile LI

Kathy Anello from the Helen Keller National Center

Michael Fagbemi from the National Center on Deaf-Blindness

At This Workshop you will learn how to:

- navigate the OPWDD system for setting up a self-determination plan
- use touch signals to provide environmental information
- design a customized employment plan using person-centered planning for all ages

Meals: Complementary Breakfast (9:30-10:15), Lunch and Snack
FREE FOR NYPADB MEMBERS WHO PRE-REGISTER BY OCTOBER 1
After October 1: NYPADB Members \$10.00 per family, Non-members \$25.

More Information:

Contact Michael Fagbemi (516), mike.fagbemi@hknc.org

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The Role of Interveners in Educational Settings- Online Course

October 3 - November 7, 2016

Sponsored by NFADB and NCDB

Come learn about:

- The role of interveners.
- The principles of intervention.
- How interveners function as members of students' educational teams.

Format: Primarily self-study, but hosts are available to provide assistance. We will also have several optional online video sessions.

Time commitment: 2 hours per week for 5 weeks (you work on your own at

times that are convenient for you).

Hosts: Patti McGowan (NFADB) and Peggy Malloy (NCDB) will provide online support and feedback.

Content: The training will use Module 3 (“The Role of Interveners in Educational Settings”) from the Open Hands Open Access (OHOA) Deaf-Blind Intervener Learning Modules.

What you will need: A computer and a good Internet connection.

Cost: It’s free!

<https://nationaldb.org/events/detail/0/1118>

NYPADB Support Groups

The **CHARGE** Support Group meets via Conference Call on the third Wednesday of each month at 8:30 pm. Suzanne Chen, suzanneachen@gmail.com generally facilitates this group, Mary McDonald is the alternate facilitator.

A number of families who attended the Family Learning Retreats expressed an interest in keeping in touch with other families. Cyndie Pfohler (cpfohler@charter.net) will facilitate this new group, **DB Kids**. The participants will choose the day of the week and time that works best for them.

Spanish Webinars

9/24/16 - COMUNICACIÓN – (Communication)

Saturday at 3:00 pm (EST)

Escúchame, me estoy comunicando! *Listen, I’m talking to you!*

Estrategias y sugerencias de cómo promover comunicación. *Strategies and suggestions to promote communication.*

Aprendiendo a escuchar lo que nuestros niños tratan de comunicarnos.

Learning to listen what our children are trying to tell us.

Family-to-Family Communities

Family-to-Family Communities is a collaborative project sponsored by State Deaf-Blind Projects, the National Center on Deaf-Blindness, and the National Family Association for Deaf-Blind. This opportunity is open to all, regardless of the age of your family member with deaf-blindness. (See Attachment)
NYPADB Members may participate in NYPADB CC Support Groups, or national groups, or both!

Timeline for F2FC Phase 2

August-September 2016 Families interested in participating complete registration

<https://gsap.wufoo.com/forms/family-2-family-communities/>

August-September 2016 Potential Facilitators contact Carol Darrah cdarrah@uga.edu

September 2016 Facilitators participate in NFADB Leadership Training

October 2016 – May 2017 F2FC groups meet once per month for 90 minutes

Oct 2016/Jan 2017/May 2017 Participants complete online surveys

February 2017 Representative from each F2FC participates in Focus Group

Connecting and Gaining Knowledge Through the National Center on Deaf-Blindness website

Join NCDB staff and take a tour of nationaldb.org

Family Engagement Initiative Lead Megan Cote will partner with Project Specialist Elizabeth Bell to offer a one-hour **FREE web-based drop in training for families of children who experience deaf-blindness** on using the NCDB website. During the training, you will learn:

- How to create a profile on the NCDB site
- How to join groups
- What the site can offer you in terms of resources, training and connection

At the conclusion, there will be time for questions and answers.

WHEN: Tuesday, September 27, 2016

TIME: In order to make it more convenient for you to join, we are offering the tour at 3 different times on the same day. Just pick the one that works best for your schedule, and we'll look forward to having you. The times to choose from are: 9-10:00 a.m. PT, 1-2:00 p.m. PT, 5-6:00 p.m. PT

NAPVI Annual Back-to-School Conference

New York City Affiliate of the National Association for Parents of Children with Visual Impairments

Date: 9/24/2016

Time: 9:30am - 2:00pm

WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS INCLUDE:

- Your Child and New Adventures with Unified English Braille
- Audrey Schading, Lighthouse Guild
- What Is the Role of the Commission for the Blind and What Services Does It Provide?
- Panel of Educational Experts in the Vision Field: Listen to Professionals in the Field and Former Students Talk about Their Experience
- READ ALOUD! Picture Books Come to Life for Kids with Visual

Impairments

- Matt Kaplowitz, Bridge Multimedia
- Exhibitors and Resources

Registration is free for paid NYC-NAPVI members

\$25.00 per family for non-NYC-NAPVI members

*\$40.00 new or renewing NYC-NAPVI membership

Coffee and Lunch are included.

All checks must be made payable to NAPVI. Please mail check and registration to: Attn: NAPVI, Lighthouse Guild, 15 West 65th Street, NY, NY 10023-6601

NYDBC Call for Deaf-Blind Parent Advisors

NYDBC is creating a network of *parents*. In joining our network we expect DBPA-NY members to commit in the following ways:

- Attend a 2 1/2 day training in October 14-16, 2016 in Albany, NY
- Participate in on-going web-based meetings (approximately every 6 weeks) facilitated by NYDBC
- Provide support to other parents, as needed, and refer parents to NYDBC.

Criteria for Consideration

- Parent of a child with combined hearing and vision loss
- Live anywhere within New York State
- Have participated in some sort of NYDBC training or other parent leadership training
- Have the drive to assist and encourage other parents & to share ideas that will assist NYDBC

Compensation

- All travel, lodging and meals will be covered by NYDBC for the in-person training.
- Stipends will be provided for participation in the kick-off training in October and then again for active participation throughout the initiative in 2016-2017.

Deadline: September 9, 2016. Contact Susanne Morrow 718-997-4854, susanne.morrow@qc.cuny.edu

25 Back-to-School Ideas from Paths to Literacy!

<http://www.pathstoliteracy.org/blog/25-back-school-ideas-paths-literacy>

Webinar: All-in-One Tools for Students with Low Vision and Blindness September 13 at 3:00 pm
In The Upcoming Webinar

- Learn about products that serve multiple functions and which can save time and money for both the student and their school.
- Learn about ultra-portable, portable and transportable video magnifiers that can magnify both near and far... and which have powerful OCR built right-in... without the need for any attached computer, peripheral or internet connection.
- Find out how the "cool kids" with blindness gain instant access to printed text and generate on-the-spot Braille for the same, using devices that can fit in the palm of their hands. Join us to hear about these hot topics and more!
- Register: <https://hims-inc.com/webinar-registration/>

"ABC's and 123's: Fingerspelling & Numerical Production - The Deaf Way" by Miriam Morrow

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2016, 7:00-8:30 PM EST

CEU's: .15 Professional Studies Cost: \$29.99*

REGISTER: <https://events->

[na2.adobeconnect.com/content/connect/c1/947603517/en/events/event/shared/default_template/event_landing.html?sco-id=979065615&campaign-id=ABCs%20%20-%20Live%20-%20Susie& charset =utf-8](https://events-na2.adobeconnect.com/content/connect/c1/947603517/en/events/event/shared/default_template/event_landing.html?sco-id=979065615&campaign-id=ABCs%20%20-%20Live%20-%20Susie& charset =utf-8)

PARTICIPANTS WILL:

- Gain a better understanding of the rules that apply to the "DeafWay" of producing fingerspelling and numbers in ASL

What's New on Family Connect?

<http://us11.campaign->

[archive2.com/?u=bd3c8fefc9f905f5ccf41c577&id=359e574f8e&e=40ef419e67](http://us11.campaign-archive2.com/?u=bd3c8fefc9f905f5ccf41c577&id=359e574f8e&e=40ef419e67)

Top 4 Resources for Parents Sending Their Blind or Visually Impaired Child to School for the First Time

<http://www.familyconnect.org/blog/familyconnect-a-parents-voice/top-4-resources-for-parents-sending-their-blind-or-visually-impaired-child-to-school-for-the-first-time/12>

Back to School Checklist for Parents of a Child Who Is Blind or Visually Impaired

<http://www.familyconnect.org/blog/familyconnect-a-parents-voice/back-to-school-checklist-for-parents-of-a-child-who-is-blind-or-visually-impaired/12>

Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder (OCD): 15 Signs You Should Know <http://www.spring.org.uk/2015/09/obsessive-compulsive-disorder-ocd-15-signs-you-should-know.php>

Own the Equinox

Learn more about it, the third Saturday in September is ***Usher Syndrome Awareness Day***.

<https://www.classy.org/events/own-equinox-2016/e80218>

Links Digest

Parent to Parent of NYS is pleased to release the Summer 2016 edition of **Links Digest**.

http://parenttoparentnys.org/images/uploads/pdfs/141_Links_Digest_Summer_2016.pdf

Parent to Parent Webinars

<http://www.parenttoparentnys.org/news/statewide-events/>

Petition2Congress

Have you signed the Petition yet? *Help Students Thrive with H.R. 3535- Stand with Us to Pass the Cogswell-Macy Act!*

<http://www.petition2congress.com/21317/pass-cogswell-macy-act-so-that-americas-children-can-succeed-thri> .

Take AFB Tech Surveys!

Help AFB keep policy makers informed about how well (or poorly) companies are complying with federal law regarding mobile phones, TV programming, computers, apps, and other communications technologies.

<http://www.afb.org/info/programs-and-services/public-policy-center/public-policy-and-policy-research-archive/communications-and-video-tech-surveys/1235>

Where do the Candidates Stand on Disability Issues?

How Hillary Clinton stands on issues, including education, disabilities, social security and Medicare: <https://www.hillaryclinton.com/issues/>

Donald Trump does not appear to have a position on disabilities; he is opposed to Affordable Care Act. See his Positions here:

<https://www.donaldjtrump.com/positions>