NYPADB Membership Form

Name:

Address:

City: __________  Zip: __________

Telephone: (__) __________

Mobile: (__) __________

Email: __________

DB Family Member: __________

Age: __________

Check One Below:

☐ Family Membership $15 /year
☐ Professional Membership $15
☐ Lifetime Membership $100
☐ Family Scholarship
☐ Donation $________

How did you hear about NYPADB?

Would you like to speak to an NYPADB Member? ______

Do you have an area of special interest?

Would you like to join a monthly Support Group via Telephone? ______

CHARGE ______  DB Kids ______

Spanish Speaking Group ______

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New York Parent Association for Deaf-Blind

Supporting Families of Individuals with Deaf-Blindness Combined Vision & Hearing Loss Throughout NYS

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WHO WE ARE

MISSION STATEMENT

The New York Parent Association for Deaf-Blind (NYPADB) advocates for individuals with deaf-blindness and their families by sharing resources, information and experiences.

The organization began in 1988 when a group of dedicated parents, of children with deaf-blindness, joined together to share information and support. Our initial funding came from a grant from the New York State Technical Assistance Project, NYSTAP.

New York Parent Network, Inc. was registered in New York State as a recognized not-for-profit organization in 1992. NYPN gained IRS 501(c)(3) status in 2009, making contributions tax-deductible. In 2013, we changed our name to New York Parent Association for Deaf-Blind (NYPADB) to better identify with the population we serve. Our Board of Directors consists of parent and professional volunteers.

The New York Parent Association for Deaf-Blind is an affiliate of the National Family Association for Deaf-Blind (NFADB). NYPADB works in partnership with the New York Deaf-Blind Collaborative (NYDBC), in consultation with the National Center on Deaf-Blindness (NCDB) and with support of the Helen Keller National Center (HKNC).

WHO WE SERVE

We serve families of people of all ages, who are deaf-blind, or visually and hearing impaired throughout New York State. According to NCDB, the term deaf-blind (or dual sensory loss) refers to a combination of varying degrees of vision and hearing loss.”

The key feature of deaf-blindness is that the combination limits access to auditory and visual information. “Children with dual sensory loss require teaching methods that are different from those for children who have only hearing or vision loss. When both vision and hearing are affected, opportunities to learn, communicate, and socialize can be severely limited. More than 90% have additional disabilities or health problems.”

Individuals with deaf-blindness and their families face unique challenges throughout their lives. They need support to access information, resources, services, and communication technology.

WHAT WE DO

GOALS:

To provide a network of supportive families with whom information and resources about deaf-blindness can be shared.

To educate the community about how vision and hearing loss affect all aspects of the life of a deaf-blind person.

To build effective parent-professional partnerships to better educate our children.

To advocate for people with deaf-blindness or dual sensory loss.

ACTIVITIES:

We help families gain access to the information and resources they need.

We educate and provide information through NYPADB Newsletters, NYPADB e-news, and printed materials.

We provide opportunities for families to gather, socialize, gain support, and learn through our Workshops and Family Events.

We cosponsor the Deaf-Blind Family Retreat with NYDBC and VISIONS Services

We provide information and support through monthly support group conference calls.