

What is an Intervener?

An intervener is a **trained** professional staff member who works one-on-one with a child who is **deafblind** to provide critical connections to other people and the environment. The intervener opens channels of **communication** between the child and others, provides **access to information**, and **facilitates opportunities** for learning and development.

What is the importance of an Intervener?

Deafblindness creates very unique and complex challenges caused by the combined effect of both vision and hearing loss. These challenges are mainly in the area of communication, concept development and social and emotional development. An intervener responds to these challenges by serving as a bridge to the world for the child who is deafblind.

Intervener Training Series 2019-2020

6 weekends of Training for Interveners

Friday 5-9pm (*Dinner at 4:30pm*)

Saturday 8:30am-3:30pm (*Lunch will be provided*)

Weekend Training Schedule

October 25 & 26	Introduction to DeafBlindness and Intervention <i>Carolyn Monaco, Intervener Trainer: George Brown College</i>
**November 15 & 16	Hearing and Vision Loss, Impact of DeafBlindness <i>Dr. Jerry Petroff, Project Director: NJ DeafBlind Project</i>
January 31 & Feb 1	Communication & the Learner who is DeafBlind <i>Dr. Stephanie MacFarland, Teacher Trainer: U of Arizona</i>
February 7 & 8	Concept Development <i>Carolyn Monaco, Intervener Trainer: George Brown College</i>
March 6 & 7	The Importance of Touch <i>Lindsey Hegg, DB Specialist/Teacher of the B/VI</i>
April 3 & 4	Self Determination & Positive Behavior Supports <i>Dr. Jerry Petroff, Project Director: NJ DeafBlind Project</i>

Training to be held at the: Holiday Inn 8511 Hudson Blvd. Lake Elmo, MN 55042

Please contact Ann Mayes if you need a hotel room. The DeafBlind Project will make all hotel reservations.

All rooms will be double occupancy.

Limited Space Available - Cost is \$400 for 6 weekends

To reserve your space & receive more information please contact:

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