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## Fall 2023 Cohort for Interveners (INV-2)

**DeafBlind Learning Modules**

## Sponsored by the Minnesota Regional Low Incidence Projects, and the Minnesota DeafBlind Project



**[Registration Link](https://metroecsu.myquickreg.com/register/event/event.cfm?eventid=17059)**

**Registration Deadline: Thursday, September 14, 2023**

Fee: $60.00 (Stipends available from Regional Low Incidence Facilitators (RLIFs). See registration link in myQuickReg for more information.)

**Accommodations:** OHOA modules are accessible including videos with closed captions, voice, and accessible print.

ASL interpreter services and automated captions will be available during the Welcome and Orientation virtual session on September 18, 2023.

**Target Audience:** **Interveners (who have completed the Foundational Intervener Training Series)** serving Minnesota children and youth who are deafblind.

**Program and Registration Questions:** Ann Mayes 612-638-1527 | ann.mayes@brightworksmn.org

**For New Participants:  Zoom Welcome and Orientation meeting online**

**Monday, September 18, 2023, 5:00 – 5:30 p.m.**

**Training Description:** The Open Hands, Open Access (OHOA) DeafBlind Learning Modules are a national resource designed to increase awareness, knowledge, and skills related to supporting and teaching students who are deafblind and emergent communicators being served in educational settings (ages 3 – 21).

Guided coursework using four online modules of the training series:

W & O         Welcome and Orientation

Module 23: Behavioral and Environment Supports

Module 11: Intervener Strategies

Module 14: Introduction to Orientation & Mobility (O & M) for Interveners

Module 15: O & M for Everyday Routines

The training includes:

* Hosted module format with engaging case studies, videos, slideshows, short readings, interactive group discussions, and more.
* Learning from experts, teachers, interveners, individuals with deafblindness, and families.
* Distance coaching, course CEUs
* **Only 1-2 hours per week are needed to complete the modules**

(each module takes approximately 3 weeks to complete).

## Facilitated by Carolyn Monaco:  Carolyn has worked in the field of deafblindness for over 40 years.  Her experience includes intervening, consulting, training, and teaching in the Intervenor Program at George Brown College in Toronto, Canada.  Carolyn has also been one of the key presenters in MN DeafBlind Project’s intervener weekend training series for many years.  Her passion is assisting others to gain the skills and knowledge they need to improve the lives of those with deafblindness. She received an Anne Sullivan Macy Medal in 2018 for her outstanding work.  When she isn’t working, Carolyn enjoys traveling, gardening, and decorating her home.

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