

THE OHIO CENTER FOR



DEAFBLIND EDUCATION

Do you know a child who is deafblind?

Deafblindness is... a combined vision-hearing loss

The Ohio Center for Deafblind Education supports school districts, parents, educators, and caregivers of children, ages birth through 21, who have a combined vision and hearing loss.

Services include:

- Registration through the Ohio census and inclusion in the National Deafblind Child Count
- Consultation for families and educators
- Parent trainings
- Professional development for educators
- Lending library
- Resources
- Referrals

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What is deafblindness?

Deafblindness, also known as a combined vision-hearing loss or dual sensory impairment, exists when a child has any degree of both a vision and hearing loss. The loss of both vision and hearing may cause the child to have challenges with communication, the processing of information, and concept development.

What is the Ohio Center for Deafblind Education?

The Ohio Center for Deafblind Education (OCDBE) is a federally funded project responsible for identifying and registering children in Ohio who have a combination of vision and hearing loss, also known as deafblindness. OCDBE also provides no-cost support and services to families with a child who is deafblind and the educators that serve students with deafblindness, ages 3 through 21 years.

How do I register a child on the Ohio census and National Deafblind Child Count?

Anyone who knows a child with a combined vision-hearing loss may register a child through the Ohio census for inclusion in the National Deafblind Child Count. Registration does not require parental consent. To complete the online registration process, go to the OCDBE website at www.ohiodeafblind.com, click on the green button (Register a Child), and complete the registration form.

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