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**DeafBlind Services Minnesota – CYFS Program and the Minnesota DeafBlind Project**

**Services Defined**

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|  | **DeafBlind Services Minnesota:**  *Children, Youth, and Family Services Program*  [**https://visionlossresources.org/programs/dbsm/**](https://visionlossresources.org/programs/dbsm/) | **Minnesota DeafBlind Project**  [**www.dbproject.mn.org/index.html**](http://www.dbproject.mn.org/index.html) |
| Eligibility | * An identified combined hearing and vision loss * Permanent Minnesota resident * Under 18 years of age (or under 21 years of age on a school IEP) * Not enrolled in the DeafBlind Consumer-Directed Support Grant (DBCDS) | **Birth to age 21 years**   * An identified combined hearing and vision loss * Must be eligible for special education services with an IFSP or IEP |
| Setting | Home and Community | Schools (education specialist)  Home (family engagement coordinator) |
| Funding Source | Minnesota State Funding | Federal OSEP Funding |
| Grant Housed | Department of Human Services,  Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services Division  Managed by DeafBlind Services Minnesota, LLC  <https://visionlossresources.org/programs/dbsm/> | Minnesota Department of Education  Managed by Metro ECSU  [Metro ECSU - About Metro ECSU](http://metroecsu.org/index.html) |
| Services/Support  Services/Support | **Children, Youth, and Family Services Program**   * Statewide Services.   **Children, Youth, and Family Services Program**   * Provide direct intervener services to DeafBlind children and youth in the home and community. * Provide intervener strategies to families to help integrate child and youth into the family and community. * *Home and community Intervener services may continue under DBSM’s Adult Community Services (ACS) program for clients who age out of the CYFS Intervener program.* | * Provide technical assistance and professional development to educators, administrators, and interveners. * Host facilitated Open Hands Open Access Cohorts for continuing professional development for interveners and educators. * Moderate a statewide DeafBlind listserv for educators, administrators, and interveners. * Provide technical assistance, resources, training, and support to families. * Do **not** provide any direct services to DeafBlind children or youth. |
| Interveners | Employ part-time Community Interveners | * Maintain a website with resources to hire, train and retain interveners for schools. * Support interveners seeking national certification by providing mentors and an organizational system including videos and meetings. * Do **not** employ interveners nor maintain a list of interveners. |
| Intervener Training | * Support participation in the Foundational Intervener Training Series, if not yet trained * Further training is provided on-the-job | * Host **Foundational** Intervener Training Series   (6 weekends) with an educational focus.   * DBSM-hired interveners can attend. |
| Family events | DBSM and the MN DB Project collaborate to offer some family events. | |

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