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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
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| 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 DivisionManaged by DeafBlind Services Minnesota, LLC<https://visionlossresources.org/programs/dbsm/>  | Minnesota Department of EducationManaged by Metro ECSU[Metro ECSU - About Metro ECSU](http://metroecsu.org/index.html) |
| Services/SupportServices/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.
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| 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.
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| 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.
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| Family events | DBSM and the MN DB Project collaborate to offer some family events.  |

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