



Intervener Training Series 2023-2024

6 Weekends of **Foundational** Training for Interveners

What Is an Intervener?

An intervener is a trained paraprofessional staff member who works one-on-one with a child who has combined hearing and vision loss (deafblindness) 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 the environment, and facilitates opportunities for learning and development.

What Is the Importance of an Intervener?

Combined hearing and vision loss creates unique and complex challenges. These challenges are mainly in the areas of communication, concept development, and social and emotional access and development. An intervener responds to these challenges by serving as a bridge to the world for the child who has both hearing and vision loss (deafblindness).

October 27-28, 2023 Introduction to Deafblindness and Intervention

Carolyn Monaco, Intervener Trainer

November 17-18, 2023 Hearing and Vision Loss, Impact of Deafblindness

Kim Simshauser, Teacher of Blind/Visually Impaired

January 12-13, 2024 The Power of Touch

Lindsey Hegg, Teacher of Blind/Visually Impaired

February 9-10, 2024 Concept Development

Carolyn Monaco, Intervener Trainer

March 1-2, 2024 Communication and the Learner Who Is DeafBlind

Megan Mogan, Education Specialist, Arizona DeafBlind Project

April 26-27, 2024 The Importance of Self-Determination and Relationships

Emma Mayes, Teacher of Developmental Cognitive Disabilities

Location: BrightWorks, 2 Pine Tree Drive, Suite 101, Arden Hills, MN 55112

Fridays, 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. (Dinner at 4:30 p.m.)

Saturdays, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Lunch provided.)

Reservations: To reserve a spot for a new intervener and receive more information, district administrators should contact: Ann.Mayes@brightworksmn.org. Reservations will be confirmed after the national child count information for the student is received by the Minnesota DeafBlind Project.

After registration is confirmed, **interveners from outside the metro area** should contact Brandy.Sebera@brightworksmn.org for hotel accommodations. The Minnesota DeafBlind Project will make all hotel reservations.

Registration fee: \$400 for 6 weekends - **Limited Space Available**



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