

The Kentucky DeafBlind Project

KY DeafBlind Conference

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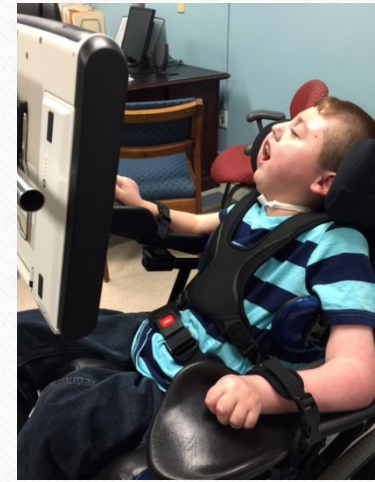
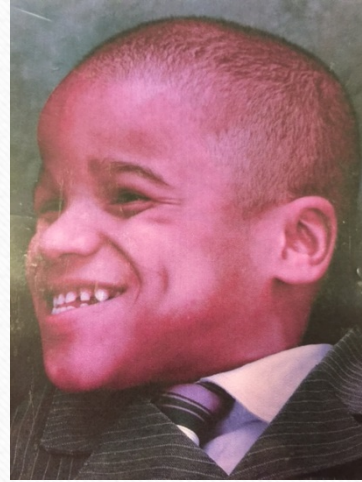
Background KDBP

- KDBP has been around for approx. 30 years.
- Funded through OSEP and KDE
- State DeafBlind Projects are Technical Assistance Projects (not direct service)
- All services are free
- KDBP covers the entire state of Kentucky. (only 3 staff)
- Housed at University of Kentucky
- Provides services to families and service providers
- Works with early intervention, school teams, and adult services

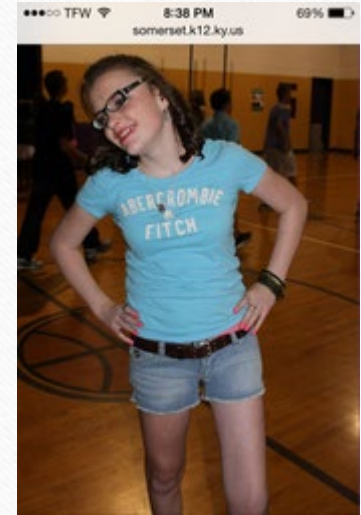
What do we do??

- Maintain the KDBP census
- Collaborate with state partners to improve services for children/youth ages 0-22 who have a dual sensory loss of vision and hearing.
- We are not direct service....instead we provide training and coaching to families, educational teams, first steps providers, and adult services.

What does “deafblindness” look like?



What Does DeafBlindness Look Like?



What is unique about individuals who are deafblind?

Individuals who are deafblind are:

- Highly diverse
- Lowest incidence disability group
- 90% have 1 additional disability
- 43% have 4 or more additional disabilities
- Loss of distal senses and connection to the world beyond their fingertips
- Currently 160 on our census....probably twice that.

What can the KDBP provide for VR?

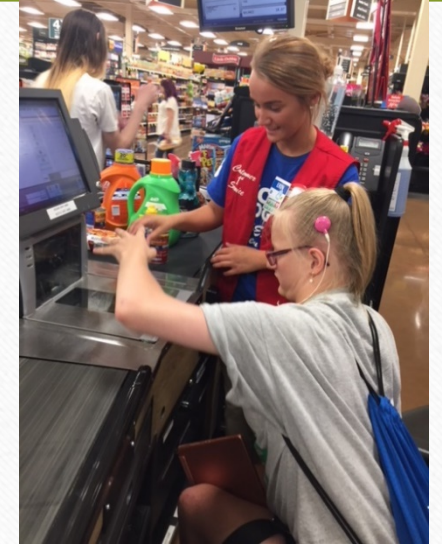
- Assist VR/Job Coach Professionals collect information
- Connect VR/Job Coach Professionals with schools
- Provide training
- Professional development
- Access to intervenor modules
- Invitation to ECC Week

ECC Week (Expanded Core Curriculum)

- Collaboration with Office for Vocational Rehab, KDBP, UK Vision Program, ECU D/HH Program
- Hands on experiences that explore job opportunities, identify skills of strength and needing support, planning for the future.
- Brings together school, home, and VR

Past ECC

- Bowling Green – Stables, Farm, Kroger, Chaney's Dairy
- Carrollton – Lowes, Kroger, State Park
- Lexington – Bluegrass Airport, Aviation Museum, Keeneland, UK



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- Website:
- <https://education.uky.edu/kydbp/>
- Facebook:
- <https://www.facebook.com/KYDBP/>

NCDB Intervener Modules

- Open Hands, Open Access
- <http://moodle.nationaldb.org/>
- 27 modules

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- Questions?????????