



Kansas Deaf-Blind Project (KSDBP)

Quick Reference Guide

A quick-reference guide for Kansas educators and service providers supporting students with combined vision and hearing loss.

Student Certification & Registry

To certify a student on the Kansas Deafblind registry:

- **Application Form:** Submit the [Deafblind Certification Application Form](#).
- **Required Documentation to Attach:**
 - Current vision report by an ophthalmologist, optometrist, or doctor
 - Current audiologist report
 - Current IEP or IFSP
 - Signed [Parental Consent Form](#) (digital form available on the application)
- **Renewal Cycle:** Certifications must be renewed every **3 years**.
 - *Exceptions:* Provisional certification due to a missing report (renewed in 1 year), aging out at age 22, or moving out of state.
- **Contact Updates:** If a child's school contact person changes, notify Katie Paul at kpaul@kansasblind.gov.

Required Annual Child Count

- **Requirement:** Required for all certified students on the KS Deafblind registry.
- **Timeline:** Forms are emailed to school contacts as early as November and are due at the **beginning of February** each year.
- **Impact:** Submitting the Child Count form maintains funding eligibility for the student through the Deafblind Fund.

DB Funding *(Administered by KSDE, not KSDBP)*

Requires completed Child Count form to qualify

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DB Fund Resources:

- [Info Session Recording](#)
- [Deafblind Fund Q&A](#)
- [Deafblind Fund Timeline](#)
- [KSDBP vs. KSDB Fund Infographic](#)

Technical Assistance (TA)

Free expert support, coaching, and training for families, educators, and service providers.

- Submit the [TA Request Form](#) for personalized coaching

Scholarships & Professional Development

- **Service Provider Scholarships:** Grants for providers to attend deafblind-related workshops, trainings, or conferences.
 - Apply via the [Service Provider Scholarship Application](#).
- **Certified Intervener Scholarship:** Supported by KSDE, offering full tuition for any University Certified Intervener Program.
 - Learn more: [About the Certified Intervener Scholarship](#)
 - Apply via the [Certified Intervener Application Form](#).

Training & Online Learning

- **KSDBP Canvas Learning Modules:** Self-paced online modules on high-demand topics requested by service providers.
 - Register using the [Canvas Registration Form](#) to receive an email invite.
- **Open Hands, Open Access (OHOA) Modules:** National learning modules designed to build skills for intervening with deafblind students ages 3–21.
 - Access modules via [National DB OHOA Modules](#).

Questions?

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