

# LOUISIANA DEAFBLIND PROJECT FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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Good Morning Ms. :

The Louisiana Deafblind Project for Children and Youth (LA DBP) would like to invite you to participate in an online training opportunity regarding intervention for your child in his/her educational setting. The *Open Hands, Open Access (OHOA) Deaf-Blind Intervener Learning Modules* will be used for the training. The OHOA modules are a national resource designed to increase awareness, knowledge, and skills related to intervention for students who are deafblind. Each module includes a variety of videos, photographs, slide presentations, and learning activities to help you understand the impact of combined vision and hearing loss on learning, to become aware of best practice strategies for working with these children, and to introduce the role of an intervener in educational settings.

Participants in the training will complete three online modules independently and at their own pace. Each participant will be enrolled in a group of families and professionals within your geographic area. I will facilitate the training and be available to respond to your comments and questions through a discussion board and email.

To “Kick-Off” each geographic training group the LA DBP has partnered with the Louisiana Assistive Technology Initiative (LATI) and will be offering a “live” Welcome and Orientation session at each LATI regional offices. The Welcome and Orientation session for your area will be held at the LATI South River Region Center, 611 N. Burnside Avenue, Gonzales, LA 70737 on Tuesday morning November 10, 2015 from 10:00 to 12:00 a.m.

To register you for the training I will need the following information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_, Email: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

You can provide me the information by email ([mnorm2@lsuhsc.edu](mailto:mnorm2@lsuhsc.edu)), by phone (504-556-3455), by FAX (504-556-7574), or by mail (411 South Prieur Street, Box SP-4-460, New Orleans, LA 70112).

I hope you are able to take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about best educational practices for students with deafblindness. I will look forward to meeting you at the “Kick-Off” meeting on November 10th!

Sincerely,

*Michael Norman*