

Name of Intervener: _____

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<p>Standard 1: Demonstrate knowledge of deafblindness and its impact on learning and development</p>	Two lines of evidence are suggested for each competency.									
<p>CORE COMPETENCIES: <i>The intervener demonstrates knowledge of:</i></p>										
<p>1.1 The definition of deafblindness</p>			<p>4660 1.1</p>	Unit 1 1.3						
<p>1.2 The impact of combined vision and hearing loss on learning (including incidental learning), interaction, and overall development</p>			<p>4660 1.4</p>	Unit 1						
<p>1.3 The difference between congenital and acquired deafblindness</p>			<p>4660 1.2</p>	Unit 1						
<p>1.4 The difference between concept development and skill development, and the impact of deafblindness on each</p>			<p>4660 8.1</p>	Unit 8						
<p>1.5 The implications related to: the age of onset of vision and hearing loss, the types and degrees of loss, and the presence of additional disabilities</p>			<p>4660 1.2</p>	Unit 1						
<p>1.6 Issues in definition and identification of individuals with deafblindness, including those from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds</p>			<p>4250 Cult.</p>							
<p>CHILD-SPECIFIC COMPETENCIES: <i>The intervener demonstrates knowledge of:</i></p>										
<p>1.7 The child's/student's specific etiology and related characteristics</p>										

1.8 The child's/student's strengths and needs									
1.9 The child's/student's likes and dislikes									
1.10 The impact of combined vision and hearing loss on the child's/student's learning style, abilities, and communication									
1.11 How to facilitate the child's/student's understanding and development of concepts									
1.12 Cultural diversity considerations of the individual									

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<p align="center">Standard 2: Demonstrate knowledge of the process of intervention and the role of the intervener and have the ability to facilitate that process</p>	<p align="center">Two lines of evidence are suggested for each competency.</p>								
<p>CORE COMPETENCIES: <i>The intervener demonstrates knowledge of:</i></p>									
<p>2.1 The process of intervention for children/students who are deafblind</p>			4660 10.1 10.2A 10.2B	Unit 10					
<p>2.2 The role of the intervener in the process of intervention</p>			4660 9.2B 9.3	Unit 9					
<p>2.3 The differences between interveners, paraprofessional, interpreters, aides, caregivers, special education assistants, etc.</p>			4660 9.2A	Unit 9					
<p>CORE COMPETENCIES: <i>The intervener has the ability to:</i></p>									
<p>2.4 Provide one-on-one intervention, which facilitates consistent access to visual, auditory, and tactile information</p>									
<p>2.5 Use routines and functional activities as learning opportunities for the child/student</p>									
<p>2.6 Facilitate direct learning experiences for the child/student</p>									
<p>2.7 Use techniques including anticipation, motivation, communication, and confirmation</p>									

2.8	Facilitate the child's/student's interactions with people and the environment									
2.9	Facilitate interdependence for the child/student, rather than dependence (do with – not for)									
2.10	Vary the level and intensity of input and the pacing of activities to meet the child's/student's needs									
2.11	Adapt materials and activities to the child's/student's needs, as directed by the IFSP/IEP team									
2.12	Use strategies that provide the child/student with opportunities to solve problems and to make decisions and choices									
2.13	Implement intervention strategies appropriate for the child/student (e.g., daily care, self-help, transition, community, job training) as directed by the IFSP/IEP team									

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<p>Standard 3: Demonstrate knowledge of communication including methods, adaptations, and the use of assistive technology, and have the ability to facilitate the development and use of communication skills</p>	Two lines of evidence are suggested for each competency.								
<p>CORE COMPETENCIES: <i>The intervener demonstrates knowledge of:</i></p>									
3.1 Basic communication development			<u>4840</u> 3.1	Unit 3					
3.2 The impact of deafblindness on communication and interaction			<u>4840</u> 3.2	Unit 3					
3.3 The role of the intervener in facilitating the development and use of receptive and expressive communication			<u>4660</u> 9.2B	Unit 9					
3.4 Modes/forms of communication and devices used by children/students who are deafblind (e.g., cues, sign language, tactile communication, object symbols, etc.)			<u>4840</u> 4.1	Unit 4					
3.5 The use of calendar systems to support the development of time concepts, enhance communication, and promote emotional well-being			<u>4840</u> 9.2	Unit 9					
3.6 How to facilitate language and literacy development			<u>4840</u> 10.1 10.2	Unit 10					
<p>CHILD-SPECIFIC COMPETENCIES: <i>The learner has the ability to:</i></p>									
3.7 Observe and identify the communicative behaviors of the child/student									
3.8 Interpret the communicative intents of the child/student									

3.9	Implement methods and strategies for conveying information that is understandable to the child/student									
3.10	Respond appropriately to the child's/student's attempts at communication									
3.11	Use communication techniques appropriate for the child/student who is deafblind (e.g., environmental cues, touch cues, object cues, calendar systems, adaptive sign language, tactile signing, alternative and augmentative communication systems, Braille, etc.) as designed by the IFSP/IEP team									
3.12	Incorporate/embed language and communication into routines and activities									
3.13	Use strategies for eliciting expressive communication from the child/student									
3.14	Use strategies to promote turn-taking with the child/student									
3.15	Use strategies to enhance and expand communication (e.g., increase vocabulary, topics for conversations, and communicative skills)									
3.16	Facilitate the child's/student's interactions with others									
3.17	Share observations of the child's/student's communication skills with other team members.									

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Standard 4: Demonstrate knowledge of the impact of deafblindness on psychological, social, and emotional development and have the ability to facilitate social and emotional well-being		Two lines of evidence are suggested for each competency.								
CORE COMPETENCIES: <i>The intervener demonstrates knowledge of:</i>										
4.1	The impact of deafblindness on bonding, attachment, and social interaction			4660 2.1B	Unit 1 1.6					
4.2	The role of the intervener in facilitating social and emotional development			4660 9.2B	Unit 1 1.6					
4.3	The impact of deafblindness on psychological development and on the development of self-identity			4840 6.2	Unit 6					
4.4	The effects of deafblindness related to isolation, vulnerability, grieving, and interdependence			4660 9.2B	Unit 1 1.6					
4.5	The impact of deafblindness on aspects of sexuality (e.g., gender identity, modesty, appropriate touch, wellness checks)			4840 13.3	Unit 13					
CHILD-SPECIFIC COMPETENCIES: <i>The intervener demonstrates the ability to:</i>										
4.6	Establish a trusting relationship with the child/student who is deafblind									
4.7	Provide an atmosphere of acceptance, safety and security that is reliable and consistent for the child/student									
4.8	Promote positive self-esteem and well-being in the child/student									

4.9 Respond appropriately to the child's/student's behavior									
4.10 Provide the child/student with opportunities for self-determination (e.g., independent thinking, choices, problem solving, decision making) as directed by the IFSP/IEP team									
4.11 Promote social interactions and the development of meaningful relationships with an ever-expanding number of people									

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<p align="center">Standard 5: Demonstrate knowledge of sensory systems and issues, covering all five senses and the ability to facilitate the effective use of the senses</p>	<p align="center">Two lines of evidence are suggested for each competency.</p>									
<p>CORE COMPETENCIES: <i>The intervener demonstrates knowledge of:</i></p>										
<p>5.1 The role of touch in learning and interaction</p>			4660 7.4	Unit 7						
<p>5.2 Basic anatomy and functions of the eyes and ears</p>			4660 3.2	Unit 3 Unit 5						
<p>5.3 Strategies that promote visual and auditory development</p>			4660 6.2 4.2B	Unit 6 Unit 4						
<p>5.4 The impact of deafblindness on sensory integration</p>			4840 2.2	Unit 2						
<p>5.5 The role of the other senses (taste, smell, proprioceptive, etc.)</p>			4840 1.1 2.1 1.2 1.3	Unit 1 Unit 2						
<p>CHILD-SPECIFIC COMPETENCIES: <i>The intervener demonstrates knowledge of:</i></p>										
<p>5.6 The child's/student's audiological (hearing) and ophthalmological (vision) abilities</p>										
<p>5.7 The child's/student's eye and ear conditions and disorders</p>										

CHILD-SPECIFIC COMPETENCIES: <i>The intervener demonstrates the ability to:</i>										
5.8 Use and maintain amplification, cochlear implants, and assistive listening devices as appropriate										
5.9 Use and maintain glasses, low vision devices, and prostheses as appropriate										
5.10 Maximize the use of residual vision and hearing										
5.11 Make adaptations for auditory needs (noise, positioning, etc.) as directed by the IFSP/IEP team										
5.12 Make adaptations for visual needs (contrast, lighting, positioning, etc.) as directed by the IFSP/IEP team										
5.13 Use touch to supplement auditory and visual input and to convey information to the child/student										
5.14 Facilitate the child's/student's use of touch for learning and interaction										
5.15 Facilitate the use of the child's/student's other senses to supplement auditory, visual, and tactile information (e.g., smell, taste, movement) as directed by the IFSP/IEP team										
5.16 Utilize strategies to promote sensory integration as directed by the IFSP/IEP team										

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<p align="center">Standard 6: Demonstrate knowledge of motor, movement, and orientation and mobility strategies that are appropriate for children/students who are deafblind and have the ability to facilitate orientation and mobility skills</p>	<p align="center">Two lines of evidence are suggested for each competency.</p>								
<p>CORE COMPETENCIES: <i>The intervener demonstrates knowledge of:</i></p>									
<p>6.1 The impact of deafblindness on motor development, independent movement, positioning in space, and exploration of the environment</p>			4840 11.1 11.2	Unit 11					
<p>6.2 The impact of deafblindness on body awareness and on the sense of how the child’s body relates to the environment</p>			4840 12.2	Unit 12					
<p>CHILD-SPECIFIC COMPETENCIES: <i>The intervener demonstrates the ability to:</i></p>									
<p>6.3 Utilize strategies that promote independent and safe movement and active exploration of the environment</p>									
<p>6.4 Implement positioning and handling to promote learning, independent movement, and physical well-being as directed by the OT/PT/O&M specialists</p>									
<p>6.5 Promote the use of sighted guide, trailing, and protective techniques as directed by the O&M specialist</p>									

6.6 Implement strategies to promote travel routes, and the utilizing of environmental cues and landmarks as appropriate to the child/student and as directed by an O&M specialist									
6.7 Implement the use of appropriate mobility devices as directed by the O&M specialist									
6.8 Utilize strategies that support the development of body awareness, spatial relationships and related concepts as directed by the IFSP/IEP team									

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<p style="text-align: center;">Standard 7: Demonstrate knowledge of the impact of additional disabilities on the child/student who is deafblind and have the ability to provide appropriate support</p>	Two lines of evidence are suggested for each competency.								
<p>CORE COMPETENCIES: <i>The intervener demonstrates knowledge of:</i></p>									
<p>7.1 The impact of additional disabilities (including medical factors) on children/students with deafblindness</p>			4660 1.2	Unit 1					
<p>7.2 Brain development and the neurological implications of combined vision and hearing loss (e.g., brain plasticity, physiological and emotional stress, biobehavioral states)</p>			4660 2.1A 2.1B	Unit 2					
<p>CHILD-SPECIFIC COMPETENCIES: <i>The intervener demonstrates knowledge of:</i></p>									
<p>7.3 The child's/student's additional disabilities, if present.</p>									
<p>7.4 The complex effects of additional disabilities on the child's/student's learning and interaction</p>									
<p>CHILD-SPECIFIC COMPETENCIES: <i>The intervener demonstrates the ability to:</i></p>									
<p>7.5 Make adaptations appropriate for the cognitive and physical needs of the child/student as directed by the IFSP/IEP team</p>									
<p>7.6 Make adaptations appropriate for the medical needs of the child/student as directed by the IFSP/IEP team</p>									
<p>7.7 Utilize appropriate health and safety practices</p>									

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Standard 8: Demonstrate professionalism and ethical practices	Two lines of evidence are suggested for each competency.									
CORE COMPETENCIES: <i>The intervener demonstrates knowledge of:</i>										
8.1 The roles and responsibilities (standards) of interveners working in classrooms and other settings			4660 9.3	Unit 9						
8.2 Roles and supervisory responsibilities of each team member and classroom consultant			4660 9.3	Unit 9						
CORE COMPETENCIES: <i>The learner has the ability to:</i>										
8.3 Adhere to identified code of ethics including confidentiality										
8.4 Utilize appropriate teaming skills in working with the IFSP/IEP team										
8.5 Communicate and problem-solve with the IFSP/IEP team about child's/student's needs as appropriate										
8.6 Collect data and track child progress as directed by the IFSP/IEP team										
8.7 Pursue information and resources as needed and appropriate										
8.8 Interact appropriately with families as needed										
8.9 Pursue ongoing professional development activities										

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