

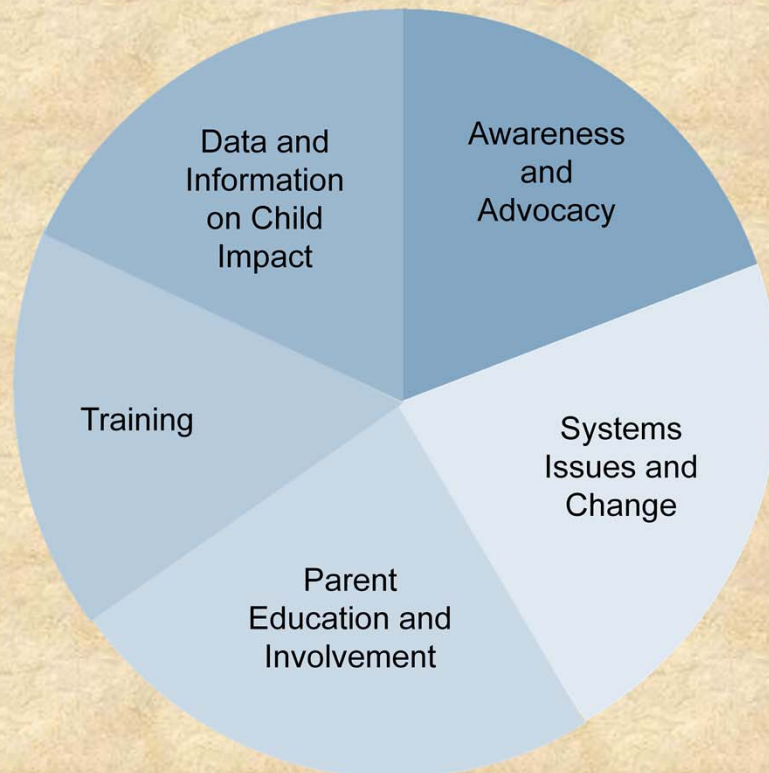
## **Systemic Issues and National Efforts**

### **National Intervener Task Force formed to:**

- Provide an open forum for discussion about the use of interveners
- Increase awareness of the role of the intervener with children who are deafblind
- Establish the intervener practice as a credible option of support

There are some systemic issues to consider related to the use of interveners, and there are a number of national efforts to address these issues. In 2002, a National Intervener Task Force was formed to provide an open forum for discussion about the use of interveners, to increase awareness of the role of the intervener with children who are deafblind, and to establish the intervener practice as a credible option of support for these children.

## Focus of National Intervener Task Force



**Establish interveners as a credible service delivery option for children who are deafblind**

This task force identified five areas on which to focus their efforts: ♦Awareness and Advocacy, ♦Systems Issues and Change, ♦Parent Education and Involvement, ♦Training, and ♦Data and Information on Child Impact .

Since then, this task force has worked collaboratively with educators, parents, professionals, lawmakers, and others to address issues in each of these five areas, with the overall goal of establishing the practice of using interveners as a recognized and credible service delivery option for children who are deafblind.