

# DEAFBLIND CENTRAL

## MICHIGAN'S TRAINING & RESOURCE PROJECT

### DB CENTRAL IS:

- A partner, working with other agencies and organizations to host events and improve systems
- Able to provide services anywhere in Michigan
- Housed at Central Michigan University
- Open year-round
- A federal grant project funded by the United States Department of Education

### "DEAFBLIND" MEANS THAT SOMEONE HAS:

- Both a significant vision loss and some degree of hearing loss **OR**
- Difficulty processing auditory and visual information **OR**
- A combination of the two causing limited access to environmental information

\*includes additional disabilities and medical needs\*

### DB CENTRAL SERVICES ARE:

- For families and professionals supporting someone who is DeafBlind ages birth through 26
- Available through the time of graduation/aging out of school
- Free of charge



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## DB CENTRAL STAFF CAN HELP YOU BY:

- Providing information and resources
- Conducting trainings on best practices
- Offering guidance for transition planning
- Facilitating a Person-Centered Plan
- Observing services and providing recommendations
- Helping to determine appropriate services
- Fostering parent engagement and empowerment
- Finding adult mentors for teens who are DeafBlind
- Making parent-to-parent connections

## DB CENTRAL SERVICES ARE IMPORTANT BECAUSE:

- People who are DeafBlind have unique support needs
- Professionals are generally not trained in deafblindness
- Deafblindness is rare, so few people have the necessary knowledge to plan supports

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