

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

The National Center on Deaf-Blindness (NCDB) is a national technical assistance and dissemination center funded by the US Department of Education, Office of Special Education programs. NCDB works to improve the quality of life for children who are deaf-blind and their families by providing support for identified priorities, for the development and delivery of quality practice, and for activities that promote collaboration and partnership. NCDB also maintains a rich repository of information that serves as the knowledge base for the field of deaf-blindness.

As per the goals and objectives of the National Center on Deaf-Blindness, the NCDB Project Specialist conducts an array of NCDB's national technical assistance (TA) activities as directed by NCDB's Executive Director, Program Director, or Program Coordinators. The Project Specialist collaborates with other NCDB staff in the design and delivery of formal and informal TA activities to state and multi-state deaf-blind projects and families, in support of priorities that NCDB is funded to address. We currently have an exciting career opportunity to join the NCDB team as a Project Specialist.

The Project Specialist serves as the lead specialist of NCDB's delivery of universal, targeted, and intensive TA related to the Interveners and Qualified Personnel Initiative and the Literacy Initiative (and other initiatives if deemed appropriate).

- Work collaboratively with and within NCDB's internal teams and processes for TA and implementation, product development, and content management and dissemination.
- Work collaboratively with NCDB coordinators in the development of products, TA and implementation, evaluation, and network engagement within the initiative(s).
- Serve as the primary contact for the State and Multi-State Deaf-Blind Projects in support of their implementation activities within the assigned initiative(s).
- Provide universal, targeted, and intensive TA related to Initiative(s) activities.
- Assess need for, build, and facilitate online and traditional communities of network partners around common needs, goals, and work in the initiative(s) with the goal of increasing intensity and frequency of collaboration.
- Display an understanding of implementation science and TA strategies and be able to apply them within the delivery of technical assistance and initiative work
- For all NCDB focused initiatives, the Project Specialist will be responsible for:
 - Supporting integration of all NCDB's national TA activities, helping to align contributions made by all National Deaf-Blind TA Network participants, and helping to insure that state and multi-state deaf-blind project efforts are complementary and supportive of each other.
 - Supporting alignment of a national system of TA in collaboration with state and multi-state deaf-blind projects.

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EDUCATION & EXPERIENCE:

- A Master's degree in special education or a related field required.
- Training and experience as a provider of direct services to individuals with sensory impairments and/or severe disabilities. Training and experience with individuals with deaf-blindness preferred.
- Experience working with and supporting families of children with disabilities. Experience with families of children who are deaf-blind is preferred
- Experience in the design and delivery of TA
- Experience working in or with a state and multi-state deaf-blind project
- Knowledge of and experience with principles of teaming, group dynamics, and facilitation of large and small groups.

Preferred

- Earned doctorate in special education with a focus on deaf-blindness
- Experience providing professional development in traditional and online environments
- Experience promoting interagency collaboration and networking.
- Knowledge and experience in the use of effective TA strategies, including systems change strategies.
- Knowledge and experience in the delivery of services for individuals who are deaf-blind, deaf, blind and/or severe disabilities, particularly in the areas of early intervention, early childhood, school age, or transition programs
- Fluency in American Sign Language

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