

## CHAPTER CHAMPIONS JOB DESCRIPTION



### Kansas Deaf-Blind Project

Kansas State School for the Blind

1100 State Ave., Kansas City, KS 66102

<https://www.kansasdeafblind.org/> (under construction)



### Overview of the Kansas Deaf-Blind Project (KSDB Project)

- Provides information, support, technical assistance (TA) and training to families, local educational teams and agencies that provide services to learners who experience combined hearing and vision loss, birth through 21 years of age.
- Funded by a federal grant from the Office of Special Education Programs, U.S. Department of Education, Washington, D.C.
- Maintains a State census collected once a year.
- An extension of the Kansas State School for the Blind Field Services, located in Kansas City, KS.

### Priorities of the Project:

1. Provide technical assistance and training on improving outcomes for personnel who serve children who are deaf-blind
2. Increase early identification and referral for appropriate services and supports
3. Facilitate emerging and developing literacy and numeracy
4. Continue and expand support to children who are deaf-blind and their families during the transition to postsecondary education or employment
5. Increase support to families to facilitate their involvement in the education and transition opportunities
6. Maintain learners on the Kansas census for the National Child Count

### Roles and Responsibilities of a Chapter Champion

- The role of the KSDB Project Chapter Champions is voluntary. Chapter Champions don't need to have experience or expertise in the area of deaf-blindness to serve in this capacity. The time commitment is dependent on the objectives of the KSDB Project and Chapter Champions set for a given year. Chapter Champions are committed to:
- **Impact** --- Raising awareness about the KSDB Project and deaf-blindness.
- **Refer** - Advance early identification and referral of young children to the KS Deaf-Blind Project so resources and services can be made available to them and their families as early as possible.
- **Advocate** - Disseminate information to families in their practice about the Project's family activities, resources, mentorship and/or support groups.
- **Educate** -- Provide leadership and education to respective KSAAP members and other pediatric health care providers in the state about deafblindness and its impact on the child's development and learning. (e.g. writing articles for newsletters, resident education, hospital or office-based presentations)
- **Participate** - Attend KSDB Project Meetings/conference calls once or twice a year to include participation in suggested topic-specific webinars offered by the National Center on Deaf-Blindness, other State Projects and/or the KSDB Project to further their own knowledge and education on deaf-blindness. The Chapter Champions may also be invited to do a brief presentation about specific syndromes or diseases related to deafblindness.

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