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# NORTH CAROLINA DeafBlind Project



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# Alan Chase

Consultant for Visual Impairment and  
Co-Director, NC DeafBlind Project

My journey with DeafBlindness began as a teacher when I served two students who have dual sensory loss. Later, as Assistant Principal at the TN School for the Blind, I supervised the DeafBlind Interveners and was the school liaison to the TN DeafBlind Project.



# Virginia Madorin

Consultant for Deaf and Hard of Hearing  
and Co-Director, NC DeafBlind Project

I became connected to the world of  
DeafBlindness as a beginning teacher,  
working with students with DB. I became  
Co-Director of the Project in 2021.



# Sandra Warren

Co-Director, NC DeafBlind Project  
Professor, East Carolina University

In a previous life, I was a court monitor to close an institution for individuals with disabilities and establish community systems of support. During this work, I met my first person with DB and he changed my perspective on life. I love working with our phenomenal NC DB team!



# Sherri Vernelson

Section Chief  
Grant Administrator

I became connected to DeafBlindness as a teenager when a family in my church had a baby with CHARGE syndrome. I became her support person when she was old enough to attend Sunday school classes. I was reacquainted with DeafBlindness when I joined the NC DeafBlind Project around 2018 through my work at NCDPI. I became the grant administrator in 2022.



# Brittany Cutshaw

Co-Director, North Carolina DeafBlind Project

As a parent of a child (8 y.o.) with medical complexity and DeafBlindness, I understand the barriers that families face every day. I am dedicated to helping empower families to become their own child's best advocate. My son has taught me what a rewarding experience it is to support a DeafBlind learner, and I hope to share that perspective with families and professionals alike.



# Heather Lister

Lead Teacher of the Visually Impaired  
NC Early Learning Sensory Support Program

I became connected to the world of DeafBlindness when I served as a Preschool Teacher and taught my first child with dual sensory loss. In that role, I attended my first DeafBlind Conference through the NC DB Project. I love working with children with deafblindness, their families, and other providers.



# Neena Malosky

Teacher of the Deaf/Hard of Hearing  
Consultant for Deaf and Hard of Hearing

I initially became connected to the word of DeafBlindness when I worked in the school system. More recently, I have had the opportunity to work with many children under 3 who are DeafBlind and their families. I absolutely love it! I joined the NC DeafBlind Project Core Team in August of 2023. I am so grateful for the opportunity for collaboration and learning more about how to support families of children with DeafBlindness.



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