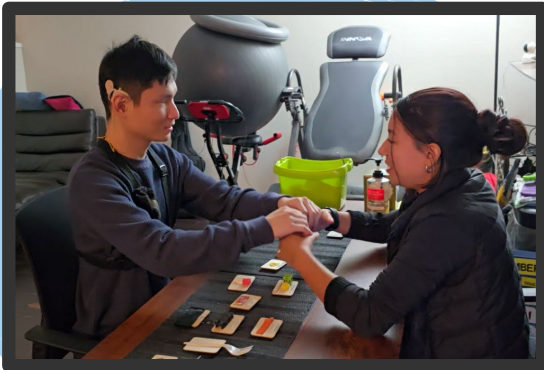


"My teacher's fingers
taught me everything I
know — they are my eyes
and ears; they are my
soul's bridge to the
world."

-Helen Keller



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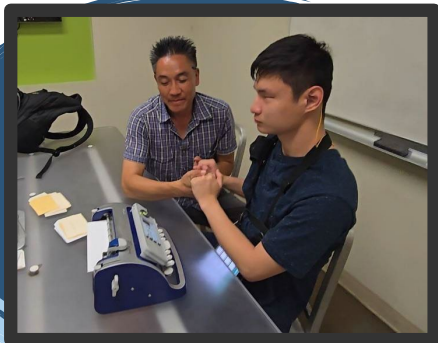


DB INTERVENER SERVICES, INC.



OUR MOTTO

"DO WITH, NOT FOR"



About Us

I worked with a deafblind student when he was 14 years old until he aged out at 22. I discovered that the availability of support services for deafblind individuals with additional disabilities after age 22 were not only scarce, but were of poor quality. This is an absolute injustice to their autonomy, communication, employment, community engagement, and social-emotional wellness. The negative impact this has on the family dynamic and personal relationships is profound. DB Intervener Services, Inc. was created to fight the injustice and it was founded on the following values: Relationships, Community, Connection, Autonomy, Access (to communication and participation in society), Independence, and Growth.



What Are Deafblind Interveners?

Deafblind interveners are highly trained professionals who specialize in working one-to-one with deafblind individuals with additional disabilities. Individuals with deafblindness experience high levels of anxiety and/or fear due to communication barriers, social isolation, and the unique challenges (e.g. accessing information, navigating environments, sensory deficits) that inhibit learning and active engagement with others. Interveners will develop a bond and foster a trusting relationship that promotes safety, respect, and predictability. This bond and trusting relationship decrease their levels of anxiety/fear which then opens the pathway to learn, to be actively engaged, and to build a strong sense of self. Interveners are a bridge to connect the individual with deafblindness to the world by providing access to instruction and environmental information, and facilitating meaningful communication (receptively and expressively) using their modes of communication (e.g. coactive/tactile signing, touch cues, assisted technology). Interveners implement deafblind instructional strategies to expand their concept development, to help them achieve independence, and ultimately, to support them in their pursuit of a higher quality of life. Our motto is "Do with, not for."

Services

We provide a unique In-Home Support Day Program & Community Based Outings specialized to meet the specific needs of deafblind individuals with additional disabilities. We also teach and develop the essential skills needed to access, navigate, and participate in the world to their fullest potential while promoting safety, wellness, communication, independence, and meaningful inclusion.



Our Mission

Our mission is for all deafblind individuals with additional disabilities to be contributing members of society and to live productive lives, as well as being actively engaged in their daily activities. We believe that quality of life is achieved when individuals have the opportunity to make choices, build meaningful relationships, and participate fully in their communities.