



INTERVENER TRAINING IN OKLAHOMA

We are pleased to announce an opportunity for intervener training in Oklahoma. The Oklahoma Department of Education – Special Education Services and the Oklahoma Deaf Blind Technical Assistance Project are collaborating to support and train paraprofessionals to become Interveners and professional teachers to learn about intervener services.

WHAT IS AN INTERVENER? An intervener is a paraprofessional who completes specialized training designed to foster meaningful participation and engagement for children and youth with losses in both vision and hearing. Interveners possess teaching techniques and strategies that enable children and youth with deaf-blindness to communicate, fully participate and learn academic and functional skills.

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL LEGISLATION: Currently, there is legislation pending requiring intervener services for students with deaf-blindness. Interveners will be considered a related service. The legislation specifies interveners must be trained with an option of national certification.

TRAINING OPTIONS: The training is online modules with minimal support and a certificate of completion will be administered once completed.

FEES	Free
STIPEND	Open Hands Open Access (OHOA) – Stipend is paid at the completion of all modules.
REGISTRATION	See attachment for options and links to registration
REGISTRATION DEADLINE	August 6, 2021

SPACE IS LIMITED

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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OPEN HAND OPEN ACCESS (OHOA) LEARNING MODULES FOR PARAPROFESSIONALS	OHOA LEARNING MODULES For Certified Special Educators
<p>Open Hands Open Access is an interactive online course that prepares interveners to provide support for students with deaf-blindness. The National Center on Deaf-Blindness created the modules. The interactive modules include a variety of accessible videos, photographs, presentations and learning activities on topics such as: the role of an intervener, characteristics of children with deaf-blindness, instructional strategies, and much more. Participants work in the modules at times that are most convenient for their schedule. There will be a calendar with deadlines for completing each module. Online support is provided by the Oklahoma Deaf-Blind Project. At the completion of the modules, participants will receive a certificate of completion.</p>	<p>OHOA is an interactive online course that prepares interveners to provide support for students with deaf-blindness. Intervenors must work under a professional teacher and actively participate on the educational team. Best practice suggests that professional teachers who have training in deaf-blindness are better prepared to support interveners. Professional teachers serving children with deaf-blindness will learn specialized strategies as well as learn how to support interveners in their classroom. Participants work in the modules at their own pace with submissions required weekly. Online support is provided by the Oklahoma Deaf-Blind Project. At the completion of the modules, participants will receive a certificate of completion.</p>
FORMAT	FORMAT
Online with support	Online with support
TIMELINE	TIMELINE
September 2021 – April 2022	September 2021 – April 2022
COST	COST
Free	Free
STIPEND	STIPEND
\$2700.00 after completing 27 modules	\$2700.00 after completing 27 modules
APPLICATION LINK	APPLICATION LINK
LINK	LINK
SPACE IS LIMITED	SPACE IS LIMITED
to 10 participants statewide.	to 10 participants statewide.
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