

# INTERVENER TRAINING

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 3, 2024

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.

**Space is limited.**

**For more information contact:**

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## 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. Intervenors provide consistent one-to-one support to help students with deaf-blindness gain access to information and communication.

In addition, intervenors facilitate the development of the child's social and emotional well-being. Intervenors possess teaching techniques and strategies that enable children and youth with deaf-blindness to communicate, fully participate in all environments, and learn academic and functional skills.

## Open Hand Open Access (OHOA) Learning Modules for Paraprofessionals

Open Hands Open Access (OHOA) is an interactive online course that prepares intervenors 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.

**Format:** Online with Support

**Cost:** Free

**Stipend:** \$2,700 after completing 27 modules

**Deadline:** January 3, 2024

Space is limited to 10 participants statewide.

## Open Hand Open Access (OHOA) Learning Modules for Certified Special Educators

OHOA is an interactive online course that prepares intervenors 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 intervenors. Professional teachers serving children with deaf-blindness will learn specialized strategies as well as learn how to support intervenors 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.

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