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INTRODUCING

the new DeafBlind Interpreting National Training and Resource Center

Within a framework of evidence-based practice, the DeafBlind Interpreting National Training and Resource Center (DBI) is charged with enhancing communication access for persons who are DeafBlind by increasing the number of interpreters able to effectively interpret utilizing tactile communication and other strategies.

In addition to training working interpreters in ProTactile ASL and other strategies to meet individual needs, the project will increase the pool of qualified interpreters by building the capacity of DeafBlind individuals to serve as mentors and educators in this specialization.

The Center also aims to build the capacity of VR, interpreter educators, interpreters, and other service providers to better serve DeafBlind constituents by giving them the knowledge and skills to incorporate evidence-based practices into their daily work.

OUR VISION

DBI envisions a world that celebrates the life and culture of DeafBlind persons, a world where DeafBlind people have influence and control over their destiny and dreams.

OUR MISSION

The mission of DBI is to honor the diversity and range of communication preferences of DeafBlind individuals, or those who have dual sensory loss, by increasing the range and number of culturally competent and qualified interpreters and mentors.

OUR CORE VALUES

Among many others, DBI holds these core values as it conducts its work.

Autonomy: We are committed to supporting the autonomy of DB individuals and those with dual sensory loss.

Integrity: We value the integrity of our relationship with the DeafBlind community through the life of the grant and beyond.

Collaboration: We recognize the key to creating change is engaging in active collaboration with our mentors, community partners, stakeholders and service providers.

Humanity: We work to honor our collective humanity and respect the DeafBlind's community's culture.

Results: We believe in the strength of evidence-based practices and that without evaluation, effectiveness and impact cannot be measured or assumed.

Trust: We believe that that DB Community's language is unique and are honored to be entrusted by the DeafBlind community and RSA to carry out this important work and take this responsibility very seriously.

Stewardship: We recognize the fiscal and programmatic responsibility given us by our funders and are committed to ethical and responsible practices in all we do.

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