

## Testimonials

### From Participants:

"I particularly found the simulation (activity) and the group discussions effective" –  
*CDBA Ontario staff*

"(The workshop) really helped me understand deafblindness" – *Community Living Wallaceburg staff*

"All information presented was informative, clear, concise, well put together. Discussion was involved and so integral for further understanding of the Intervenor role" –  
*Freelance Intervenor, Windsor*

### From Agencies:

"(CDBA) met the needs of our staff with clear scenarios and positive direction. Our agency has built a strong partnership with CDBA, providing us with a much needed resource. (CDBA Training) consultants possess a strong understanding of communication strategies and a good ability to teach others how to improve in this area" – *Supervisor, Community Support, Community Living Wallaceburg*

"The training sessions our staff attended through CDBA Ontario have been invaluable to our organization. The content was relevant and gave our Intervenor and management staff a good foundation to work with and apply to our needs. Thanks so much to (CDBA Ontario) for truly embracing your Mission and Vision by sharing your knowledge and expertise for the betterment of deafblind individuals across Canada!" - *Executive Director, CDBA Manitoba*

## About CDBA

CDBA Ontario is recognized within Canada and around the world as a leader in the provision of services to individuals who are deafblind.

### Mission Statement

The Canadian Deafblind Association Ontario Chapter is a non-profit organization committed to enhancing the lives of people who are deafblind through support, services, awareness, recognition and Intervention.

### Vision Statement

All people who are deafblind will live rich meaningful lives.

### Core Values

We believe in:

- The philosophy of Intervention for people who are deafblind
- Professionalism in all that we do
- The value of each person and the potential to enrich the lives of others
- Every person's right to respect and dignity
- Open lines of communication
- Province wide accessibility to support and services
- Encouraging our strengths and celebrating our differences.
- Working with families, professionals and all those who interact with those touched by deafblindness



# Canadian Deafblind Association Ontario Chapter



**TRAINING &  
CONSULTATION  
SERVICES**

## Training

CDBA Ontario believes that access to highly-skilled, well-trained Intervenor is essential for all people who are deafblind. Therefore, we are proud to offer training programs to our staff, as well as to staff of other agencies and to the general public.



Our comprehensive training curriculum ensures that staff working with people who are deafblind gain the skills and knowledge necessary to be effective Intervenor. All workshops are delivered by trained, experienced professionals. Opportunities for the participants to experience simulated vision and hearing losses are provided and printed materials are distributed in each workshop for the participants' future reference.

In addition to the workshops we present, CDBA Ontario has partnered with George Brown College, offering courses from the Intervenor for Deaf-Blind Persons program as off-campus classes. These classes are available to any interested parties.

## Topics

**Introduction to Deafblindness and Intervention:** deafblindness as a distinct disability, the impact on the learning styles of individuals who are deafblind, the causes of deafblindness, successful Intervention strategies, the role of an Intervenor

**Methods & Techniques:** developing trust, the use of routines, the importance of consistency, environmental management, building for success.

**Communication:** forms and functions of communication, Total Communication Approach, types of communication used by people who are deafblind.



**Conceptual Development:** the difference between skills and concepts, strategies to teach both skills and concepts, the sequence of conceptual development

**Behaviour:** most common reasons for challenging behaviour, variables to consider, behaviour as communication.

**New topics (available soon):** "Just for Families", "Values & Ethics"

## Consultation

Consultative visits are an integral part of the services offered by CDBA Ontario and are custom-tailored to meet the specific needs of the individual who is deafblind, as well as the supporting agency. Demonstrations of techniques and practical suggestions can be offered on site, allowing for immediate implementation by staff. As well, the training consultant will work with the person who is deafblind and their support team to develop an individualized approach to communication and programming. All consultative visits are supplemented with a comprehensive written report.

## Additional Training

CDBA Ontario also hosts guest speakers on a variety of relevant topics. Please visit our website, [www.cdbraontario.ca](http://www.cdbraontario.ca), for announcements of upcoming events.

For further information or to receive a quote for services please contact:

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