

The Hawai'i & Pacific Deaf-Blind Project is a federally funded program that provides FREE technical assistance to children and youth, birth through 21 years of age, who have both visual and hearing impairments, and to their families and service providers. Areas served include Hawai'i and the outlying Pacific Island jurisdictions of American Samoa, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Federated States of Micronesia (Kosrae, Pohnpei, Chuuk, and Yap), Guam, Republic of Palau and Republic of the Marshall Islands.

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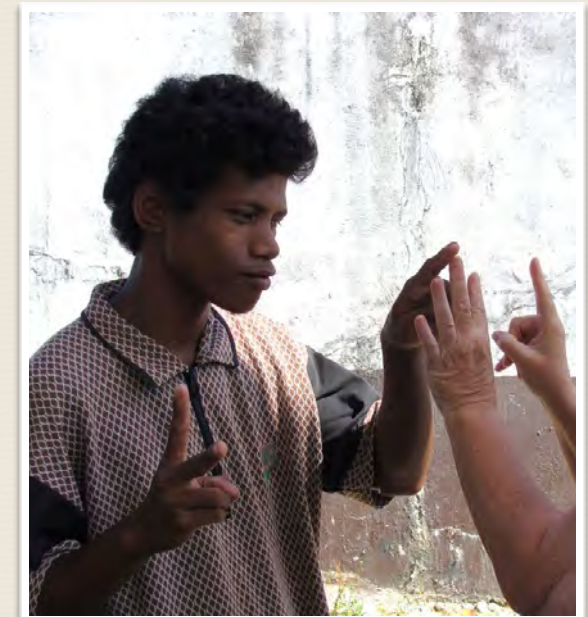
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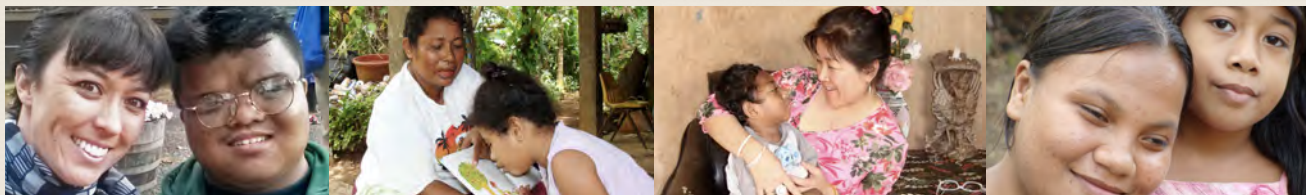
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Deaf-Blindness or Dual Sensory Impairment is the combination of vision and hearing loss that may range from a mild loss to total blindness and profound deafness. The combination of these two sensory losses, whether mild or severe, may qualify an individual for the Hawai'i & Pacific Deaf-Blind Project's services and support.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE SERVICES FROM THE HAWAI'I & PACIFIC DEAF-BLIND PROJECT?

Children, teens and young adults from birth to age 21 who have:

- been diagnosed as deaf-blind
- mild to severe hearing and vision loss
- a medical diagnosis, which places them at risk for developing vision in hearing impairments
- multiple disabilities who do not respond consistently during hearing and vision evaluations

WHO BENEFITS FROM SERVICES?

- Individuals who have vision and hearing loss
- Parents and family members
- Education personnel
- Personnel from state and community agencies
- Health care professionals
- Other care providers

WHAT ACTIVITIES DOES THE PROJECT PROVIDE?

- Information dissemination
- Individual, onsite observations, consultation and training to deaf-blind individuals, families, service providers and agencies
- Workshops and conferences for families, service providers and agencies
- Connections with local and national resources
- Family support activities
- Assistance in identification of vision and hearing loss
- Maintenance of deaf-blind census

