

# VIBRATIONS

NEWSLETTER OF COLORADO SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WHO ARE DEAFBLIND

**Serving Children with Combined Vision and Hearing Loss  
(Deafblindness), Their Families, and Service Providers**

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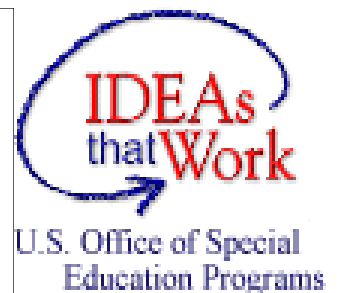


NCSSD recognizes that over 1 million children in the United States have severe and/or sensory disabilities. The distinction of NCSSD is that we embrace the practice of facilitating and promoting collaboration between the severe and sensory disability fields, hence our motto: "Together WE can do more!"

*Why the Name Change?* The term low-incidence disabilities is found within federal law and refers to children with: (a) visual impairments, (b) hearing impairments, (c) concomitant visual and hearing impairments or deaf-blindness, (d) significant cognitive impairments, or (e) any impairment for which few personnel have highly specialized skills and knowledge to provide children with the impairment early intervention or a free appropriate public education (Title I (D)(662)(c)(3)). The term *low incidence* emphasizes the small number of children who are blind or visually impaired, deaf or hard of hearing, or deaf-blind, or who have severe or multiple disabilities. Critical to NCSSD is the emphasis on the needs of children with severe and/or sensory disabilities and the strategies to address those needs; to reflect this value, we removed the term *low incidence* from our name.

*Visit our Newly Designed Web-Site!* A second goal of NCSSD is to maintain a website that is accessible and user-friendly, modeling our beliefs and values of utilizing current technological innovations. Please visit the NCSSD new website at [www.unco.edu/ncssd](http://www.unco.edu/ncssd)

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# Deafblind Resources

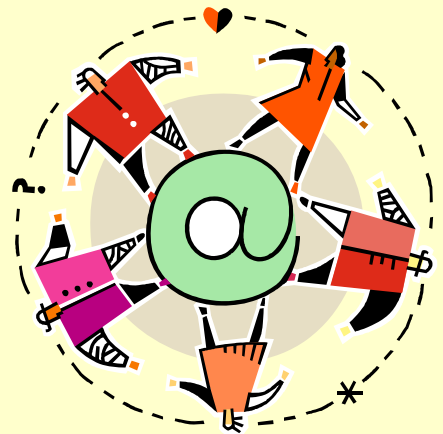
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# Family-2-Family Listserv

## What is Family-2-Family?

An internet listserv designed to connect families living in the western United States who have a child with combined vision and hearing loss.



## What is a listserv?

A listserv provides a way for internet users to participate in discussions or receive information from other members on the list. An e-mail message from one member of the list is automatically distributed to all other members of that list.

## Who can join?

Any family member of a child or youth who is deafblind and living in one of the following state: AK, AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID, MT, NM, NV, OR, Pacific Trust Territories, UT, WA, WY

## Why would you want to join?

To develop a relationship with other families of children who are deaf-blind; to share ideas, gain support, ask your burning questions, laugh about life's funny calamities and celebrate family successes.

## How do you join?

Please send an email to Gina Quintana ([Quintana\\_g@cde.state.co.us](mailto:Quintana_g@cde.state.co.us)) with a request to join the Family-2-Family listserv. After joining, you will receive a welcome letter with instruction and guidelines for listserv use, as well as a request to submit a family bio to the listserv.

## For more information:

Contact Gina Quintana ([Quintana\\_g@cde.state.co.us](mailto:Quintana_g@cde.state.co.us))  
or 303-866-6605



## About PEAK Parent Center

PEAK Parent Center helps families and educators see new possibilities for their children with disabilities. The mission of PEAK Parent Center is to provide training, information and technical assistance to equip families of children birth through twenty-six in-

cluding all disability conditions with strategies to advocate successfully for their children. As a result of PEAK's services to families and professionals, children and adults with disabilities will live rich, active lives participating as full members of their schools and communities. PEAK helps families make informed decisions about early childhood, education, transition, employment, recreation, and other services for their children.

### What does PEAK Provide?

- A toll-free hotline with trained parent advisors who provide information, support, and referrals.
- An online calendar of events hosted by parent support groups across Colorado.
- Workshops statewide on successfully educating children with disabilities.
- An annual Conference on Inclusive Education attended by hundreds of parents and educators.
- SPEAKout newsletter which contains the latest information and updates for families.
- Books and videos on how to successfully educate children with disabilities in general education classrooms.
- A family library to help parents increase their knowledge and skills in advocating for their children's education.
- A leadership-training program for parents of young children.

### How much do these services cost?

PEAK is a non-profit organization and most of its services are free to Colorado families of children with disabilities. PEAK's books and videos are available at low cost.

### Where is the PEAK Parent Center?

PEAK operates offices in Colorado Springs and Denver. PEAK also has Parent Mentors located in eight regions across the state. Visit [www.peakparent.org](http://www.peakparent.org) for locations and contact information.

### How do I contact PEAK?

You can call, email or fax PEAK at any time. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays. Voicemail is available when PEAK offices are closed.

**Phone: 719-531-9400 or 800-284-0251**

**Fax: 719-531-9452**

**Email: [info@peakparent.org](mailto:info@peakparent.org)**

**Web: <http://www.peakparent.org>**