

Free Professional Development Independent Study in Intervener Services

Are you providing services to a student with a combined vision-hearing loss or multiple disabilities?

The Ohio Center for Deafblind Education (OCDBE) is offering FREE, facilitated professional development, using the *Open Hands Open Access* (OHOA) modules for educators and paraprofessionals who work with students with a combined vision-hearing loss or multiple disabilities that includes vision-hearing loss. The 26 online OHOA modules, developed by the National Center on Deaf-Blindness (NCDB), provide information and strategies to use with these students. OCDBE is interested in providing support to improve participants' skills in promoting communication, learning and independence for this population. Titles and anticipated outcomes for each module can be found at

https://ohiodeafblind.org/images/pdfs/OCDBE_Intervener_Services_PD_Outcomes_Using_OHOA_Modules_6.25.19.pdf

The 26 OHOA modules are organized into the following topical categories:

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| • Impact of Deafblindness on Learning | 7 modules |
| • Communication | 5 modules |
| • Promoting Learning | 8 modules |
| • Preparing for Adult Life | 3 modules |
| • Professionalism | 3 modules |

Participants will select one module at a time and work one-on-one with the instructor, including determining a timeline for completion. Contact hours are available for the pre-determined hours specified for each module (see the pdf) after submitting assignments, interacting with the instructor, and completing the professional development evaluation(s) for each module. After a module is completed a participant can select another module through the instructor. You will not need to re-register with OCDBE for additional modules in Independent Studies.

To Register: Go to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/IndStudy>

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