Intervener Training Series 2025-2026

6 Weekends of **Foundational** Training for Interveners

Sponsored by the Minnesota Regional Low Incidence Projects, the Minnesota DeafBlind Project, and American Sign Language Interpreter Services (ASLIS), an Approved RID CMP Sponsor.

What Is an Intervener?

An intervener is a trained paraprofessional staff member who works one-on-one with a child who has combined hearing and vision loss (deafblindness) to provide critical connections to other people and the environment. The intervener supports communication between the child and others, provides access to information and the environment, and facilitates opportunities for learning and development.

What Is the Importance of an Intervener?

Combined hearing and vision loss creates unique and complex challenges. These challenges are mainly in communication, language, concept development, and social and emotional access and development. An intervener responds to these challenges by serving as a bridge to the world for the child who has verified combined hearing and vision loss (deafblindness).

October 24-25, 2025	**Introduction to Deafblindness and Intervention**
	Carolyn Monaco, Intervener Trainer
November 14-15, 2025	**Hearing and Vision Loss, Impact of Deafblindness**
	Kim Simshauser, Teacher of Blind/Visually Impaired
January 16-17, 2026	**The Power of Touch**
	Lindsey Hegg, Teacher of Blind/Visually Impaired
February 6-7, 2026	**Concept Development**
	Carolyn Monaco, Intervener Trainer
March 6-7, 2026	**Communication and the Learner Who Is DeafBlind**
	Nancy Steele, DeafBlind Educational Consultant
April 10-11, 2026	**The Importance of Self-Determination and Relationships**
	Emma Mayes, Teacher of Blind/Visually Impaired
Location:	**BrightWorks, 2 Pine Tree Drive, Suite 101, Arden Hills, MN 55112**
	Fridays, 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. (Dinner at 4:30 p.m.)
	Saturdays, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Lunch provided.)

District Requests:

To hold a spot for a new intervener, district administrators should complete the 2025-2026 Intervener Training Series Hold Request electronic form. For all other questions, contact: Ann.Mayes@brightworksmn.org. Reservations will be confirmed after the form is received.

After registration is confirmed, interveners from outside the metro area should contact Brandy.Sebera@brightworksmn.org for hotel accommodations. The Minnesota DeafBlind Project will make all hotel reservations.

Registration fee: $400 for 6 weekends - ***Limited Space Available***

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