

January 13, 2023

Ryan Gollner

Project Director

Wisconsin Educational Services Program for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (WESP-DHH)

309 W Walworth Ave

Delavan, WI 53115

Dear Mr. Gollner:

It is my pleasure write a letter in support of the Wisconsin DeafBlind Technical Assistance Project (WDBTAP) funding through the State Technical Assistance Projects to Improve Services and Results for Children who are Deaf-Blind and National Technical Assistance and Dissemination Center for Children who are Deaf-Blind (CFDA 84.326T).

WDBTAP has been a wonderful resource for our family. We have been blessed with opportunities to network with other families from across Wisconsin and WDBTAP has provided the educational opportunities we needed via online opportunities during the challenging last few years with the pandemic.

We learn so much from other families and are able to gain strategies that may work for our unique situations. They also bring in national leaders on DeafBlindness to help us better understand our children in order to be better advocates for their needs. The program definitely helps lessen the isolation of raising a child who has combined vision and hearing losses even during the unique circumstances of the last few years with the Covid pandemic.

In conclusion, I fully support the efforts of the WDBTAP as they seek this funding to support their program to help children of Wisconsin with combined vision and hearing losses. We would never have come this far without their assistance and genuine support and we need to continue to help the other families in Wisconsin do and be the best for their child with combined vision and hearing losses.

Thank you for being a resource for parents of children who are Deafblind.

Sincerely,

Jodi, Marcus, Liam and Graham Anderson