

Dear Mr. Gollner:

It is my pleasure to write a letter in support of the Wisconsin Deafblind Technical Assistance Project (WDBTAP) as they seek funding through the State Technical Assistance Projects to Improve Services and Results for Deafblind Children and National Technical Assistance and Dissemination Center for Deafblind Children (CFDA 84.326T).

Our family is so appreciative for all the assistance we have received. We participated in a few virtual activities that my daughter enjoyed. She was able to take pride in some of her art work and share with other peers. These events have given our kiddos a sense of pride which is difficult for them in a daily setting.

In the past we have attended the Family Conference for deaf and hard of hearing and deaf blind. These conferences were a great experience for our family. As a parent there was always something I could learn to benefit my daughter. One event we are truly looking forward to is the Midwest deaf, blind transition Institute. As my daughter approaches to age 18 I have much worry about what life after high school will be like. With the support of WDBTAP I feel this event will definitely ease our anxiety. It will be a great experience to see what college might look like for Abby and her needs.

WDBTAP has also assisted us in obtaining technology for my daughter to stay connected with other deaf/hoh peers, learn independence and advocate for herself. WDBTAP staff is very supportive in so many areas that have been a huge benefit to our family.

We are so grateful for all the help we have received from WDBTAP. I don't know what we would do without the support of all these team members.

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

Sincerely,
Ann and Abigail Brensel

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