

Kelly's Family:

Regarding the loss of funding for WDBTAP

"WDBTAP has meant many things to us over the years, but I wanted to share a favorite memory:

My now 8 year old daughter has been Deafblind from birth. In addition to being hard of hearing, she is legally blind and has additional disabilities. One of our favorite memories of WDBTAP is taking part in the virtual art gallery openings that have been held in more recent years. My daughter isn't naturally inclined to make artwork - I think her vision makes it challenging - but she loves showing off the work she does do! She is naturally talkative and outgoing, and the virtual art shows allowed her to proudly show off her work and engage socially in a fully supportive setting, as well as the opportunity to meet other deafblind children and enjoy their art pieces. We will deeply miss the support and camaraderie that WDBTAP has provided our whole family over the years.

Thank you so very much for everything over the years. We're deeply disappointed that this is happening. It doesn't make any sense, and there's no justification for it. Please let us know if there's anything else we can do to help reverse this!"