



January 20, 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 to write a letter supporting the Wisconsin DeafBlind Technical Assistance Project (WDBTAP) seeking 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)

WDBTAP has met with our organization, Low Incidence Consulting Services (LINC), to educate our staff and support us as we adjust to new eligibility criteria and best practices. The WDBTAP team has been quick to respond to requests for support for many students that we work with. They are knowledgeable, reliable, honest, professional, and encouraging. Our teams have felt empowered by the support that they receive, and students have been making exponential gains and progress since WDBTAP joined in the collaboration. I have personally witnessed the staff at WDBTAP assist entire teams with understanding the significance of the combined hearing and vision loss. At times, districts and teams feel that a TVI and DHH teacher are enough to satisfy the needs, but WDBTAP helps teams see that there is more to it with dual sensory loss. We look forward to utilizing their knowledge in the future.

In conclusion, I fully support the efforts of the WDBTAP as they seek this funding to support their program to help support the children in Wisconsin who are deafblind, their families and their school teams.

Sincerely,

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