



**National Center
on Deaf-Blindness**

Helen Keller National Center
141 Middle Neck Road, Sands Point, NY

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Wisconsin Educational Services Program for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (WESP-DHH)
Ryan Gollner, Project Director
124 2nd Street Room 35
Baraboo WI, 53913

Dear Ryan,

I am pleased to write this letter in support of your proposal to the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) to serve as Wisconsin Deafblind Technical Assistance Project (WDBTAP) and express our commitment to collaborate with you and other state deaf-blind projects that will serve as OSEP's national deaf-blind network of technical assistance projects. As a partnership between Helen Keller National Center, Perkins, and other entities, we will be submitting a proposal seeking to serve as the National Center on Deafblindness. If funded, we would welcome the opportunity to partner with you and other state and multi-state deaf-blind technical assistance projects.

Your current project has proven to be a valuable resource for your state, and we are well aware of the strength of the technical assistance you have made available to children, their families, and those providing early intervention and educational services in Wisconsin. We believe your proposed activities would enhance and expand the successful work of your past grant cycle, and we welcome working with your project, recognizing the many contributions and assets you would bring to the national deafblind network.

Our proposed National Center on Deafblindness is grounded in a belief that a collaborative approach between each of the State and Multi-State Deafblind Projects and the National Center will enhance our respective individual project's abilities to serve children, families, and service providers. Such collaboration improves the efficiency of technical assistance delivery, helps reduce duplication of effort, and significantly improves access to valuable resources and materials.

We are committed to working with you and the other state deafblind projects, embracing a network approach that maximizes the impact of technical assistance efforts.

Sincerely,

Julie Durando, Project Director
National Center on Deafblindness