



January 16, 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 supported myself and my students in a plethora of ways.

I have recently completed my final portfolio for the Deafblind Intervener Program. WDBTAP personally supported me by providing coaching sessions and gave suggestions of work samples for my portfolio. I gained invaluable insight on how to help my students access their education. I gained confidence in working with my students and have been able to share my newly gained skills with our IEP team.

WDBTAP has provided my students and school with equipment through the Lending Library. We were able to test out a variety of equipment (including switch activated toys) and my school has purchased some of this equipment based on our trials. This has allowed for novelty with one of my students who uses switches as one of their primary ways to demonstrate cause and effect.

WDBTAP is coming to our school in the near future to conduct observations of the students so that our IEP team can get suggestions for how our students can better access language throughout their day.

Finally, WDBTAP has been supporting this family since Birth to 3. This year they have continued to reach out to family to see how they are doing and offer resources.

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,
Sarah Whaley
Special Education Teacher