



Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired
Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, Jill K. Underly, PhD, State Superintendent

January 26, 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 our 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)

The Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired (WCBVI) provides braille, upon request from WDBTAP, for their program and for their events. Also, deafblind students in WI can be registered (if they formally qualify) for the APH Federal Quota program. Dawn Soto and Dan Wenzel are Ex Officio Trustees (EOTs) for the statewide APH Federal Quota program. Dawn Soto manages the statewide accounts for APH, and Dan Wenzel manages the account for the Wisconsin School for the Blind and Visually Impaired (WSBVI). Any stakeholder, professional or family member can participate in free ongoing professional development opportunities through the APH Hive and they can also request professional development trainings through our WCBVI Outreach Service Request (OSR) process. Dawn Soto serves on the WDBTAP Board and regularly attends meetings. The WCBVI also meets with the WDBTAP program staff and with the Wisconsin Educational Services Program for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (WESP-DHH) Outreach team.

In conclusion, we 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,
Dan Wenzel, WCBVI Center Director, APH EOT #222
Dawn Soto, WCBVI Outreach Director, APH EOT #223 and #224