



National Family Association for Deaf-Blind

**Empowering Families with Individuals who are Deaf-
Blind**

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Who We Are

NFADB is a nonprofit national organization that has served families with individuals who are deaf-blind since 1994. Originally started by and for families, it has expanded to include interested professionals and other individuals or organizations.



What We Believe

NFADB believes that individuals who are deaf-blind are valued members of their communities and should have the same opportunities and choices as others in the community.



Mission

NFADB exists to empower the voices of families with individuals who are deaf-blind and advocate for their unique needs.



Purpose

- Advocacy
- Foster Family-to-Family Relationships
- Promote Partnerships
- Provide Information and Resources
- Offer Training Opportunities



Membership

Individual or Family membership (covers all family members living at one address)

- One Year \$15 – Three Years \$35 – Lifetime \$100

Organization or agency membership

- One Year \$100 – Three Years \$250

Join via our website, mail in the application found in our brochure, or call for an application.



Member Benefits

- Family voices are heard
- They are not alone
- Training opportunities
- Information & resources
- Networking opportunities



NFADB Board

Executive Members

Additional Board Members

Special Advisors

Board Member Commitment

- Bi-monthly Zoom meeting
- Bi-annual face-to-face meeting
- Participate in two committees
- Be energetic & creative



Committees

Committees of the Board:

- Executive
- Finance
- Nomination

Advisory Committees (open for volunteers):

- Adult Life
- Affiliate
- Development
- Outreach
- Policy, Information, & Education (PIE)

[Volunteer!](https://nfadb.org/support-nfadb/volunteer) (nfadb.org/support-nfadb/volunteer)



NFADB Ambassador Project

The purpose of NFADB Ambassador Training is to help our members and other interested individuals to feel comfortable promoting NFADB to a variety of audiences. NFADB Ambassadors serve as the faces and voices of our Association. They build brand recognition and successfully share our beliefs and mission.



Affiliate Network

NFADB is committed to creating a strong national network of families with individuals who are deaf-blind. Our Affiliate Network is a partnership with family organizations and NFADB to collaborate on activities that improve opportunities and services for families.



NFADB Affiliates (1 of 2)

- Arkansas Empowering Families of Deafblindness
- Ava's Voice - NJ
- California Deafblind Network of Family Support Providers (CDBNFSP)
- Deaf-Blind Multihandicapped Association of Texas
- Family Partners for the DeafBlind of Florida and the Virgin Islands
- Illinois Advocates for the Deafblind



NFADB Affiliates (2 of 2)

- Lane of Inquiry
- Michigan Association for DeafBlind
- New York Parent Association for Deaf-Blind
- Pennsylvania Partnership for the Deafblind
- Puerto Rico Deaf-Blind Parent Association
- Texas Chargers, Inc.
- Utah Deaf-Blind Family Ties



What We Do (1 of 3)

- Advocate for all families with individuals who are deaf-blind
- Connect families and others to information and resources
- Foster family-to-family relationships
- Offer training opportunities and support
- Provide current information on deaf-blindness via a website, social media, and email



What We Do (2 of 3)

- Provide a unified voice that supports and advocates for national policies
- Promote partnerships at local, state, and national levels
- Partner with national organizations to build strong service systems
- Bring family and professional voices to researchers and state/national discussions concerning deaf-blindness



What We Do (3 of 3)

- Promote a strong national Affiliate Network
- Partner with the Affiliate Network to improve opportunities and services for families

NFADB invites family organizations to join the NFADB Affiliate Network. This can be a group that meets informally a few times a year, or a formal non-profit group with bylaws, policies and procedures. The group membership must be at least 51 percent family members.



How to Reach Us

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