

# LA Deafblind Project

## What is Deafblindness?

A combination of hearing AND vision loss that

- Affects what a person can see and hear,
- Affects how a person communicates, or
- Limits a person's everyday activities

## Associated Conditions

- Usher Syndrome
- CHARGE syndrome
- Trisomy 13
- Meningitis
- Prematurity
- Severe head injury

## Screening Factors

- Family history
- Balance problems
- Bumping into objects
- Light gazing
- Inconsistent visual and/or auditory responses
- Overactive startle response
- Tactile sensitivity
- Multiple disabilities

## School Screening Guidelines

- School screens vision & hearing
- Contact parents regarding screening
- Refer to audiologist and ophthalmologist
- Parents responsibility to contact the audiologist and/or ophthalmologist



**For information and resources  
contact us at**

504-534-8511 or  
cglaus@lsuhsc.edu

## Referral

The LA Deafblind Project provides family support, and training and technical assistance to educators and providers working with children with dual sensory loss from birth through 21 years of age.

<http://www.hdc.lsuhs.edu/ladbp>