

Keys to Quality Programs for Students with Sensory Loss and Multiple Challenges



**Presenter: David Brown,
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Program Description:

This interactive training will provide insights into the emotional heart of the child with sensory loss and why 'self-regulation' matters so much. The training will cover:

- ✦ a description of the varied population characteristics and problems related to Deaf-Blindness;
- ✦ the child's multi-sensory perspective - with special focus on the "forgotten senses";
- ✦ assessment approaches for functional vision, hearing and learning;
- ✦ teaching strategies matched with learning styles and modalities
- ✦ putting it altogether in a cohesive quality program

An emphasis on best and promising practices, based on proven research, will help educators and parents provide guidance to answer the following questions: Where to start? What to do? How to look? and What to see?

Conference hours will be 8:30am – 3:30pm each day, followed by private family consultation sessions with David Brown from 4pm to 6:30pm.

Learner Outcomes:

At the end of this training, participants will:

- ✦ Demonstrate an awareness of the varied population characteristics and challenges related to dual sensory loss with an emphasis on CHARGE Syndrome
- ✦ Develop a child profile based on assessment approaches for functional vision, hearing and learning reflecting the child's strengths and preferences
- ✦ Identify and match teaching strategies to the child's learning styles and modalities
- ✦ Incorporate a multi-sensory perspective when developing activities to promote communication and concept development

Target Audience:

Families, Teachers, Related Service Providers, and Paraprofessional Providers who have children with multiple disabilities, including both a vision and a hearing loss

More about our Speaker:

David Brown is an internationally recognized leader in the field of deafblindness and is in constant demand as a conference speaker around the globe, especially in the area of CHARGE Syndrome. He brings vast experience, having served as Head of the National Deafblind Association in the UK and as Education Specialist for California Deaf-Blind Services. David is a well-published practitioner, with articles on a variety of topics translated into many languages, and is also sought after for staff training courses on deafblindness around the world.

Bonus Consultation for Families:

Parents of a child with combined hearing and vision loss may register for a 30 minute private consultation with David Brown and their child, and they are encouraged to bring their child's service providers. Consultations will be held after the Thursday and Friday presentations from 4:00 pm – 6:30 pm, and on Saturday between 10:30 am – 1:00 pm.

Consultation sessions will be videotaped and families will receive a complimentary copy of the session, as well as a written summary of the consultation recommendations. Please encourage families to register early, because there will only be 15 consultation appointments available. The presenter will consider limited number of video submissions for review/feedback for families who were not able to reserve a consultation session.

- ***ACVREP CEU's and Inservice Points will be provided.***

Registration: \$60 total per person for both days, includes lunches and snacks

Register online at: <http://conferences.dce.ufl.edu/basic/276.aspx>

or by phone: contact Pam Kissoondyal at 800- 667-4052 or 352-273-7530.

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Special conference rate \$115 per night, includes hot breakfast buffet
Must reserve room by February 9, 2009 to receive rate
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