
Touch Base: Center for the Deafblind



@touchbasecenter

Contact us:

Ashley Davis, CTRS
Program Coordinator
(832) 877-3333 call/text
contact@touchbasecenter.org
Houston, TX 77096



Touch Base: Center for the Deafblind



Our Mission:

For people with deafblindness, and those who support them, to build connections with the community, promote self-respect, and improve communication and daily living skills, while creating moments of joy.

About our center:

Touch Base is the dream of parents of two deafblind young adults in Houston, TX. They decided to create a specialized post-school resource with the advice and help of the experienced staff at Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, as well as other qualified professionals.



Touch Base members with deafblindness work one-on-one with his or her intervener, as well as the Program Coordinator, up to 6 hours daily, Monday - Friday. At the center and in the community, members will practice and participate in routines, life skills, and fun activities, such as gardening, candle-making, community outings, exercise routines, dancing, animal therapy, baking, holiday celebrations, card-making, pottery and so much more!

What is Deafblindness:

A person who is deaf-blind has a unique experience of the world. For people who can see and hear, the world extends outward as far as his or her eyes and ears can reach. For the young child who is deaf-blind, the world is initially much narrower. If the child is profoundly deaf and totally blind, his or her experience of the world extends only as far as the fingertips can reach. Such children are effectively alone if no one is touching them. Their concepts of the world depend upon what or whom they have had the opportunity to physically contact.

If a child who is deaf-blind has some usable vision and/or hearing, as many do, her or his world will be enlarged. Many children called deaf-blind have enough vision to be able to move about in their environments, recognize familiar people, see sign language at close distances, and perhaps read large print. Others have sufficient hearing to recognize familiar sounds, understand some speech, or develop speech themselves. The range of sensory impairments included in the term "deaf-blindness" is great.

-National Center on Deaf-blindness
nationaldb.org



How can you help:

There is a need in our community for **interveners, or 1:1 hands-on help**, to work with our deafblind members at Touch Base.

-Requirements: caring heart and willingness to learn.

Preferred: basic sign language skills

How else? **Donate your time and money.** Spread the word about deafblindness and Touch Base.