



FAMILY RESOURCES

NORTH DAKOTA DUAL SENSORY PROJECT

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GENERAL OUTLINE OF TONIGHT'S CALL

- Brief overview of the ND Dual Sensory Project
- Focus on Family Engagement in the Project
- Resources for Families
- Opportunity for Participation on Advisory Committee
- Questions

Brief overview of the ND Dual Sensory Project

- Moved project to NDCPD; five years of funding dependent upon satisfactory performance

- **Federal purpose of state deaf blind grants:**

The State Deaf-Blind Projects are designed to help State educational agencies (SEAs), Part C lead agencies (LAs), local educational agencies (LEAs)—including charter school LEAs, early intervention services (EIS) providers, teachers, service providers, and families to address the educational, related services, transitional, and early intervention needs of children who are deaf-blind. They are also designed to increase access to, and progress in, the general education curriculum and grade-level academic content standards for children who are deaf-blind and improve their communication skills with a goal of supporting lifelong learning, including postsecondary education and employment .

What is Deaf-Blindness?

For the North Dakota Dual Sensory Project, this generally means that children ages birth through 21 would likely have documented vision and hearing losses with the following criteria:

- Have documented hearing loss (mild to profound degree) and vision loss (low vision to legal blindness)
- Have a diagnosed syndrome or pathology that impacts hearing and vision
- Have multiple disabilities that impact central processing abilities as demonstrated by inconclusive vision and hearing responses during evaluations or in their natural environment

Six Project Goals

- Early identification and referral;
- Secondary transition;
- Family engagement;
- Use of high quality instructional strategies for inclusive education;
- Instruction on numeracy and literacy in general education;
- Census and needs assessments

Focus on Family Engagement in the Project

- Cathy Haarstad, Family Engagement Coordinator
- Family Engagement Goal/Objectives
- Family involvement in training, technical assistance, and advisory committee
- Connections to family support programs, such as FVND, NDSD, NDVS/SB, ND Hands and Voices

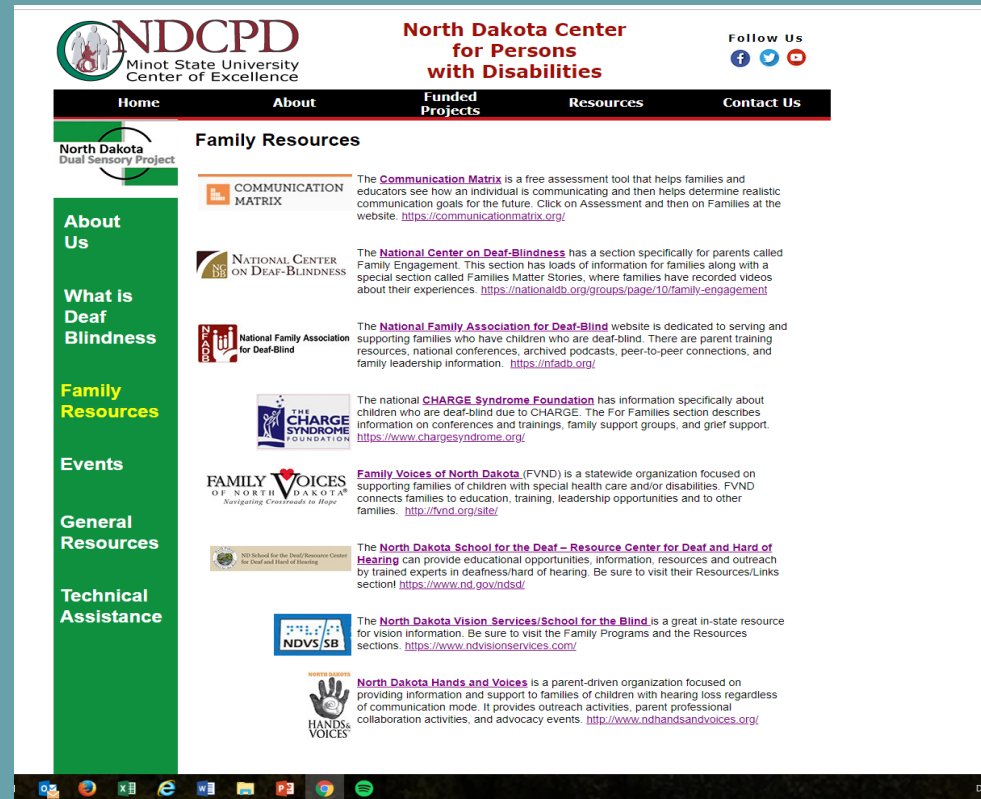
Resources for Families

ND Dual Sensory Project Website

www.ndcpd.org/dualsensory.html

Go to Family Resources section

Resources for Families



The screenshot displays the website of the North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities (NDCPD), which is part of Minot State University's Center of Excellence. The page is titled "Family Resources" and features a green sidebar on the left with navigation links: "About Us", "What is Deaf Blindness", "Family Resources", "Events", "General Resources", and "Technical Assistance". The main content area lists several resources with accompanying logos and descriptions:

- COMMUNICATION MATRIX**: A free assessment tool for families and educators to determine realistic communication goals. Link: <https://communicationmatrix.org/>
- NATIONAL CENTER ON DEAF-BLINDNESS**: A section for parents called Family Engagement. Link: <https://nationaldb.org/groups/page/10/family-engagement>
- National Family Association for Deaf-Blind**: A website dedicated to serving and supporting families of deaf-blind children. Link: <https://nfadb.org/>
- THE CHARGE SYNDROME FOUNDATION**: Information on conferences and trainings for children who are deaf-blind due to CHARGE. Link: <https://www.chargesyndrome.org/>
- FAMILY VOICES OF NORTH DAKOTA**: A statewide organization (FVND) focused on supporting families of children with special health care and/or disabilities. Link: <http://fvnd.org/site/>
- ND School for the Deaf/Resource Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing**: Provides educational opportunities, information, resources, and outreach. Link: <https://www.nd.gov/nds/>
- NDVS/SB**: The North Dakota Vision Services/School for the Blind. Link: <https://www.ndvisionservices.com/>
- NORTH DAKOTA HANDS AND VOICES**: A parent-driven organization focused on providing information and support to families of children with hearing loss. Link: <http://www.ndhandsandvoices.org/>

The website also includes a top navigation bar with links to Home, About, Funded Projects, Resources, and Contact Us, and social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube.

Resources for Families

National Center on Deaf-Blindness

www.ncdb.org

TONS of good stuff here!!!

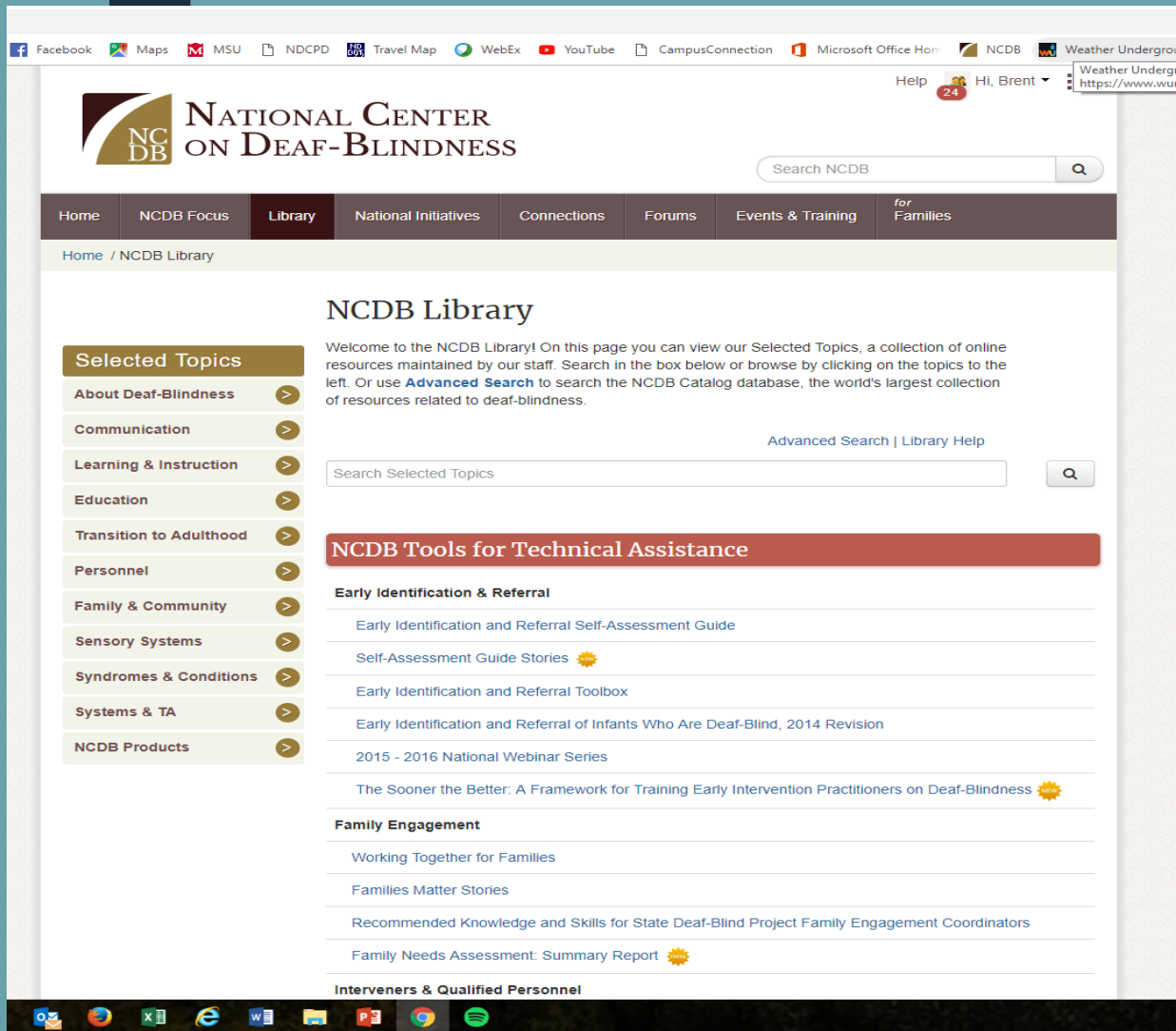
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Family Engagement (in National Initiatives section)

Forums

For Families section

Resources for Families



This screenshot shows the NCDB Library page. The header includes the NCDB logo and navigation links. The main content area is titled "NCDB Library" and contains a welcome message, a search bar, and a list of "Selected Topics" on the left. The "Selected Topics" list includes: About Deaf-Blindness, Communication, Learning & Instruction, Education, Transition to Adulthood, Personnel, Family & Community, Sensory Systems, Syndromes & Conditions, Systems & TA, and NCDB Products. The "NCDB Tools for Technical Assistance" section lists resources such as "Early Identification and Referral Self-Assessment Guide", "Self-Assessment Guide Stories", "Early Identification and Referral Toolbox", "Early Identification and Referral of Infants Who Are Deaf-Blind, 2014 Revision", "2015 - 2016 National Webinar Series", and "The Sooner the Better: A Framework for Training Early Intervention Practitioners on Deaf-Blindness". The "Family Engagement" section lists "Working Together for Families", "Families Matter Stories", "Recommended Knowledge and Skills for State Deaf-Blind Project Family Engagement Coordinators", and "Family Needs Assessment: Summary Report". The "Interveners & Qualified Personnel" section is also visible at the bottom.

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NATIONAL CENTER ON DEAF-BLINDNESS

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NCDB Library

Welcome to the NCDB Library! On this page you can view our Selected Topics, a collection of online resources maintained by our staff. Search in the box below or browse by clicking on the topics to the left. Or use [Advanced Search](#) to search the NCDB Catalog database, the world's largest collection of resources related to deaf-blindness.

Advanced Search | Library Help

Search Selected Topics

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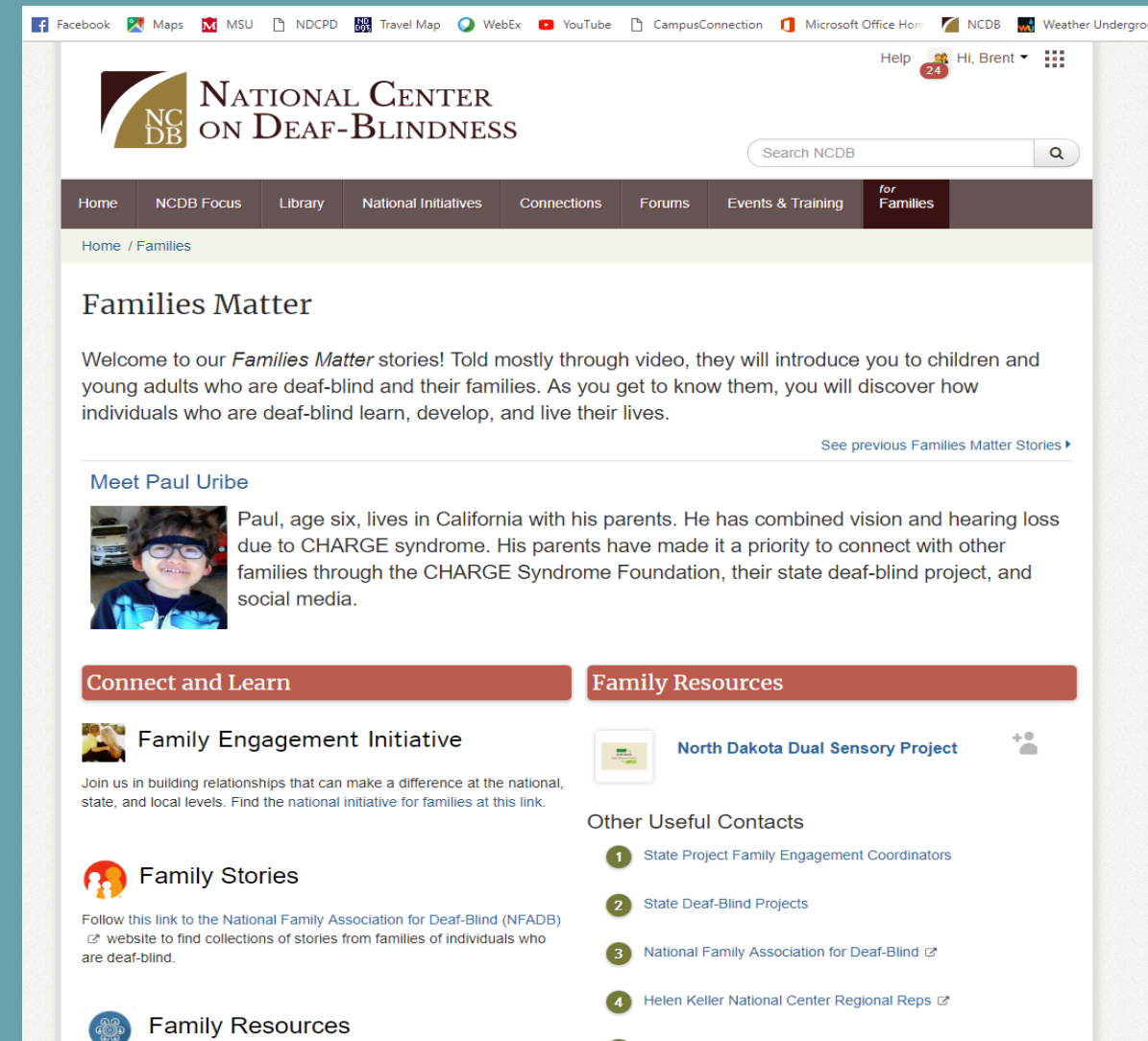
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Family Engagement

- Working Together for Families
- Families Matter Stories
- Recommended Knowledge and Skills for State Deaf-Blind Project Family Engagement Coordinators
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Interveners & Qualified Personnel



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Families Matter

Welcome to our *Families Matter* stories! Told mostly through video, they will introduce you to children and young adults who are deaf-blind and their families. As you get to know them, you will discover how individuals who are deaf-blind learn, develop, and live their lives.

[See previous Families Matter Stories](#)

Meet Paul Uribe

Paul, age six, lives in California with his parents. He has combined vision and hearing loss due to CHARGE syndrome. His parents have made it a priority to connect with other families through the CHARGE Syndrome Foundation, their state deaf-blind project, and social media.

Connect and Learn

Family Engagement Initiative

Join us in building relationships that can make a difference at the national, state, and local levels. Find the [national initiative for families at this link](#).

Family Resources

North Dakota Dual Sensory Project

Other Useful Contacts

- 1 State Project Family Engagement Coordinators
- 2 State Deaf-Blind Projects
- 3 National Family Association for Deaf-Blind
- 4 Helen Keller National Center Regional Reps

Family Stories

Follow this link to the [National Family Association for Deaf-Blind \(NFADB\)](#) website to find collections of stories from families of individuals who are deaf-blind.

Family Resources

Resources for Families

ND Dual Sensory Project has resources for families

- Some funding assistance for out-of-state workshops and conferences on deaf-blindness (e.g., Nat'l CHARGE conference)
- Funding for in-state workshops and conferences for families
- Funding for family weekend/leadership events sponsored by NDVS/SB, NDSD, Family Voices, Hands and Voices, DPI.
- Connection to ND Dual Sensory Project Family Engagement Coordinator, Cathy Haarstad
- Statewide Technical Assistance Team (STAT) site visits
- Call us at 1-800-233-1737 if you have a question.

Resources for Families

AND MORE!!!

- More topical calls (Next topical call is March 11, 2019. Topic is Accessing the General Education Curriculum).
- Cross-state online webinars with South Dakota and Montana. Will cover topics such as cortical vision impairment, early identification, and secondary transition.

Resources for Families

And you can help us!!!

- Help us connect with families and information/training needs.
- We need more families on our statewide Advisory Committee.
- Tell the teachers, early intervention staff, therapists, and administrators about us.
- Help us with the upcoming statewide Census.



Resources for Families

Questions?

