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Midwest Transition Institute for Youth who are DeafBlind

Save the Date: June 23-26, 2019

Bethel University, 3900 Bethel Drive, St Paul, MN 55112

Registration will open on 2/18/19 and close on 4/19/19

The Minnesota DeafBlind Project is hosting the third Annual Midwest Transition Institute along with nine other State DeafBlind Projects.

Who can participate?

Any teen or young adult with deafblindness ages 16 through 22 who is on a career path to work, technical school, or college is invited to participate.

Participants must have both vision and hearing loss and a formal communication system.

What is the purpose of the Institute?

Through the Institute, ten State DB Projects are supporting youth who are DeafBlind including their families to:

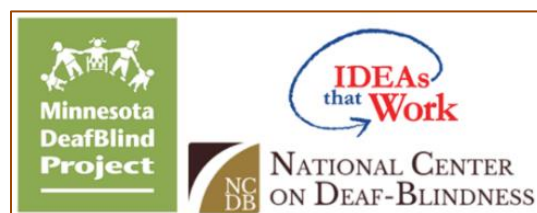
- Plan for the future by being more self-aware
- Develop friendships by learning to listen to others and engage thoughtfully
- Become strong self-advocates by setting goals, knowing how to request and accept help and develop intrinsic motivation to actively plan for their future.

Young adults will stay in a dorm, eat in a dining hall, meet in campus facilities and network with successful DB mentors and teens from across the Midwest. Youth will be encouraged to stay with their peers but parents will be in the same building.

Separate sessions are offered for parents. Each agenda incorporates presenters/mentors who are DeafBlind and who are positive role models to address topics related to:

- Transition
- Self-Determination
- Social Skills
- Self-Advocacy

Minnesota is working in collaboration with MN State Services for the Blind, National Center on Deaf-Blindness, Helen Keller National Center and State DeafBlind Projects in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, Oklahoma, Wisconsin.



What is the next step?

Contact your State DeafBlind Project for details and updates at: <https://nationaldb.org/>

Visit the Institute's Facebook page at: <http://www.facebook.com/MidwestTransitionInstitute17/>

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