

Pennsylvania Partnership for the DeafBlind

What is PPDB?

The Pennsylvania Partnership for the DeafBlind (PPDB) is an organized network of individuals with DeafBlindness, their parents and family members, friends, service providers and other interested people.

PPDB is a State Affiliate of the National Family Association for Deaf-Blind (NFADB).

PPDB is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

Our Mission: The mission of The Pennsylvania Partnership for the DeafBlind is to provide support for individuals who are DeafBlind through a family-driven network.

Our Vision: The vision of PPDB is that all families of individuals who are DeafBlind are supported as advocates of their loved one's needs.

Our Core Belief: PPDB believes that individuals who are DeafBlind are valued members of our communities. Families and partnerships are the key to advocacy, and we are stronger together.

Our Goals:

- Connect families with similar needs throughout the lifespan
- Connect families of individuals who are DeafBlind with accurate and timely resources and organizations specific to their needs
- Collaborate with other organizations and groups to ensure that the needs and concerns of persons who are DeafBlind are addressed
- Assist families in attending advocacy events and supporting legislative efforts by using NFADB and other partners' information and resources in support of DeafBlind policies



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www.papdb.org

What does PPDB do?

- Provides networking opportunities
- Informs its members on information and resources
- Partners with other organizations
- Shares advocacy efforts and opportunities

Why join? As a member . . .

- You are supported across the age span
- You can connect with other families who have similar concerns
- You receive accurate information and timely resources about DeafBlindness
- Your concerns are represented to Pennsylvania and national policymakers
- You are in a network with other DeafBlind organizations

Who can join and what does it cost?

Family members of individuals who are DeafBlind, individuals who are DeafBlind, interested professionals, supporters and champions in the field of DeafBlindness

Annual dues are \$10 for an individual or \$15 for a family. Lifetime memberships are also available for \$100 for individuals or families.



Family members had a great time bowling at Western PA School for Blind Children during a PPDB sponsored social event.

Join Us and Get Involved

You can connect as a member **and join a committee** to help accomplish our mission, including:

Membership

The Membership Committee's mission is to promote, grow and sustain the PPDB membership.

Outreach

The Outreach Committee's mission is to promote better understanding of the organization through a variety of public efforts, forums, and social events to strengthen, foster, and support its membership and improve the visibility, understanding and appreciation of the PPDB.

Advocacy

The Advocacy Committee's mission is to provide public support for or make recommendations for particular causes or policies that support individuals who are DeafBlind and their families.

Fundraising

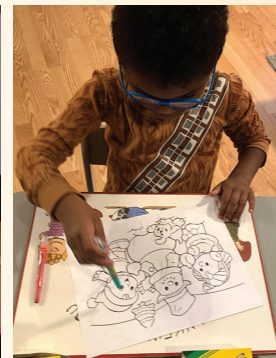
The Fundraising Committee's mission is to ensure PPDB has the requisite funding to support its mission and its members.

If you are interested in joining in these efforts, or want more information, please contact us at:

papartnershipdeafblind@gmail.com



PPDB members having fun times at Flight Trampoline Park in Bridgeville, PA



Children of the PPDB Board color a holiday greeting for members of PPDB

For more information and Membership

More information about PPDB activities and membership options can be found on our website: www.papdb.org or on our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/PaDeafBlind

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Please complete the information below and mail with a check (payable to PPDB) to:
Gordon Boe, Treasurer, 1700 Gwynedd View Road, North Wales, PA 19454

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Membership: ___ Individual (\$10) ___ Family (\$15) ___ Lifetime (\$100)

All donations and membership fees are tax deductible.