



Serving Families, Educators,
and Service Providers
of Children and Youth
who are DeafBlind



2026 FAMILY LEARNING CONFERENCE

JUNE 26-27, 2026

Virtual & In Person | The Penn Stater Hotel & Conference Center

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

If your child has combined vision and hearing needs, your family (parents/guardians, siblings, and child with deafblindness) is welcome to join us for our **hybrid family learning conference!**

Come experience sharing, caring, and learning together with staff from the Pennsylvania DeafBlind Project, PaTTAN, and other families living with deafblindness.



REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

Please register by May 1, 2026, via the QR code or link below: tinyurl.com/PaFLCreg.



MORE INFORMATION:

Visit the conference webpage on the PaTTAN website: tinyurl.com/PaFLC.

“To each one of us is given in some degree the power to create and distribute happiness, and that is about the best thing any one of us can do. There is no surer way to keep the fire of happiness burning in our own hearts than by sharing its brightness with others.”

Helen Keller



GENERAL AGENDA

FRIDAY | JUNE 26

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Registration and Resource Partner Event

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Welcome and Introduction Reception

7:30 PM - 8:30 PM

**Keynote Session: Different Pathways, Extraordinary Brains:
What Parents Should Know About DeafBlind Brains**

Dr. Layne Pethick

SATURDAY | JUNE 27

7:30 AM - 9:00 AM

Continental Breakfast

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

AM Parent Session I: High Expectations for Your Child and Team

Dr. Missy Garber, TVI

10:30 AM - 10:45 AM

Break

10:45 AM - 11:45 AM

**AM Parent Session II: Communicating Through Touch: Strategies
for Families Working with Children Who are DeafBlind**

Arden Norkus, MS

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Lunch

1:15 PM - 2:15 PM

PM Parent Session I: Information Learning

DeafBlind Project Staff and Guest Speakers

2:15 PM - 2:45 PM

Break

2:45 PM - 3:45 PM

PM Parent Session II: Writing Your Family Story

Dr. Cynthia Ingraham, HKNC and DeafBlind Project Staff

3:45 PM - 4:00 PM

Q&A and Evaluations

4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Break

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Dinner and Networking



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

If your child has combined vision and hearing needs, your family may be eligible to attend this hybrid weekend learning conference at little or no cost! Visit the PaTTAN website to learn more.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT:

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Special Needs: Reasonable efforts will be made to accommodate individuals who have special needs as addressed by the Americans with Disabilities Act and who need assistance at this training.

**All Saturday Meals Provided.
Hotel Accommodations for
Two Nights Provided.**

