

What is VADB?

The Virginia Association of the DeafBlind (VADB) is a statewide, non-profit, charitable organization that serves as an advocacy group for Virginians who are deafblind. It is estimated that over 16,000 persons in Virginia have a combined vision and hearing loss that makes it difficult for them to attain independence.

“Deafblind” is an umbrella term for a wide variety of combined hearing and vision losses. While some individuals are totally blind and profoundly deaf, others may have low vision and be hard of hearing. A number of people have progressive losses, which can cause total blindness and/or deafness later in life.

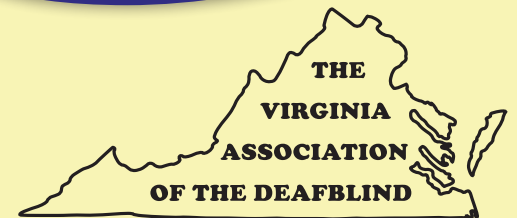
To learn more about VADB and persons who are deafblind, visit our website at www.VaDeafBlind.org.

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Support Service Provider (SSP) Program

Communication is the biggest challenge for a person with a hearing and vision loss, and not all individuals who are deafblind communicate the same way.

Many people who are deafblind use tactile, hand-over-hand sign interpreters. Others use a close-vision sign language interpreter or large font captioning on a screen placed in front of them. A person who is deafblind may sometimes be able to use an audio-loop or other assistive listening system to understand speech.

People who are deafblind may also use a Braille telecommunication device and the Virginia Relay service to access the standard telephone network.

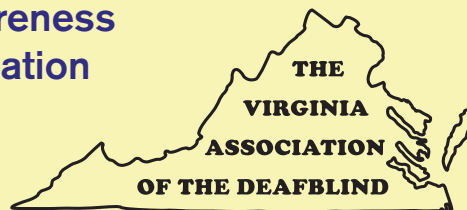
In addition to the need for interpreters and technology, many people who are deafblind require the services of a Support Service Provider (SSP). An SSP is a person who acts as a sighted guide and uses appropriate communication techniques. The SSP must be able to convey visual and audio information in an effective manner, and help orient the individual who is deafblind to a new environment.

VADB is currently organizing an SSP program.

Please visit www.VaDeafBlind.org or mail in the attached form if you are interested in learning more about becoming an SSP or volunteering in another way.



“ VADB strives to promote public awareness and understanding of the communication needs and personal challenges of persons who are deafblind. ”



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