



# NATIONAL FAMILY ASSOCIATION FOR DEAF-BLIND

Individuals who are Deaf-Blind are valued members of society and entitled to the same opportunities and choices as other members of the community



Advocate as if your life  
depends on it ...

Because it does!

*Justin Dart, Jr.*



# NFADB

- ⦿ A group of 12 parents from the National Parent Network created the “Dream Team” in 1992
- ⦿ Obtained 501(c)3 status in 1994
- ⦿ Today the largest family association for deaf-blind.
- ⦿ 2019 celebrating our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



## NFADB'S MISSION

*NFADB exists to empower the voices of families of individuals who are deaf-blind and advocate for their unique needs.*



## NFADB'S VALUES

*We believe individuals who are deaf-blind are valued members of their community and should have the same opportunities and choices as others in the community*



# NFADB'S PURPOSE

- ◉ Advocacy
- ◉ Foster Family-to Family Relationships
- ◉ Promote Partnerships
- ◉ Provide Information and Resources
- ◉ Training Opportunities



# NFADB MEMBERS' BENEFITS

- ⦿ Their voices are heard!
- ⦿ They are not alone!
- ⦿ Training opportunities
- ⦿ Information & Resources
- ⦿ Networking opportunities



# NFADB'S EXECUTIVE BOARD

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Affiliate Coordinator





# NFADB'S AFFILIATES

- ◉ Arkansas Empowering Families of Deafblindness (AEFD)
- ◉ Ava's Voice
- ◉ Deaf-Blind Multihandicapped Association of Texas (DBMAT)
- ◉ Illinois Advocates for the Deafblind (IADB)
- ◉ Michigan Association for DeafBlind (MADB)
- ◉ New York Parent Association for Deaf-Blind (NYPADB)
- ◉ Pennsylvania Partnership for the Deafblind (PPDA)
- ◉ Puerto Rico Deaf-Blind Parent Association (PRDBPA)
- ◉ Texas Chargers, Inc.
- ◉ Utah Deaf-Blind Family Ties
- ◉ ....and growing!





# NFADB'S BOARD

- 5 Executive Members
- 5 Board Members
- 2 NCDB Special Advisors
- 1 Policy & Outreach Advisor
- 1 Special Advisor

## BOARD MEMBERS' COMMITMENT

- Bi-Monthly Conference call
- Annual face-to-face meeting
- Participate with two committees
- Being energetic & creative



# NFADB'S COMMITTEES

- Adult Life
- Affiliate
- Executive (standing)
- Fundraising
- Membership
- Nomination (standing)
- Organizational Promotion
- Policy, Information & Education  
Guidance (PIE)
- <https://nfadb.org/support-nfadb/volunteer/>



**National Family Association for Deaf-Blind**

Supporting Persons who are Deaf-Blind and their Families



1994  
NFADB started

1994-2009  
Hosted annual conferences with NTAC

2009  
Began state affiliates for NFADB

2012  
Hosted National Symposium on Individually Supports for people who are Deaf-Blind

2012-2014  
Made DB awareness videos  
Working with HCDB on Intervenes Modules  
Provide training webinars

2016  
Hosted National Symposium  
Continued growth of membership  
Ongoing information sharing & training for families  
Advocacy at state & national levels

2018  
State affiliate network grows  
Partnership with Dbl and Perkins for the International Network of the Americas Conference  
Collaboration with SDBP on Regional Topic Conferences (2018-2023)  
F2FC B National Conference calls for families in Spanish

THE SKY IS THE LIMIT

**JOIN NFADB**

to empower the voices of families



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**Thank You**