

# New York Deaf-Blind Collaborative NYDBC

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## NYDBC Overview

The New York Deaf-Blind Collaborative (NYDBC) is a statewide grant that provides technical assistance to improve services for children and youth who are deaf-blind between the ages 0-21. The NYDBC is housed at Queens College but is responsible for outreach throughout New York State. NYDBC is funded by the United States Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP).

- NYDBC is designed to complement the educational programming of the student and *does not interfere or replace existing services*.
- All support and training is provided free of cost.

## To Refer a Child

To refer a child to NYDBC, complete the following steps (\*required):

- Child Count Form\*
- Release of Educational Information\*
  - Hearing Report\*
  - Vision Report\*
  - IEP\*
- Consent to Video (optional)
- Consent to Photo (optional)
- TA Request Form

Staff or related service providers can assist in the completion of the Child Count form but it must be signed by a family member or authorized caregiver.

Training to the educational team and related service providers is not contingent on family consent.

Forms can be faxed or scanned and emailed to the following:

Email: [nydbc@qc.cuny.edu](mailto:nydbc@qc.cuny.edu)

Fax: 718-997-4883

Phone: 718-997-4856