

Communication and Connection from the Perspective of Individuals with Deafblindness

Have you ever considered how a person with DeafBlindness establishes the concepts that you and I (as sighted hearing people) learn incidentally, through our distance senses...*from observation?*

Objectives:

1. **Human Connectedness** – We will explore the importance of Co-presence, mindfulness, and moments of joy, and learn strategies for incorporating them into their daily life.
2. We will discuss the importance of “**significant emotional moments**”, and how these relate to a person’s **sense of self**, and **sense of place (one’s life story)**.
3. Explore how to gain a greater understanding of the **tactile learner’s perspective** – typical vs. sensorially impaired learners.
4. **Language vs. Communication** – Explore ways to gain an understanding of your *child’s* communication vs. the *Adult’s* formal language, and what this may mean from the Deafblind perspective/concept of the world – how does your child communicate? And, how do I introduce *my* formal language?
5. We will discuss and gain perspective on how every human being experiences social, emotional and cognitive growth through **everyday moments of joy** with the people they love the most; their families.