



The Arkansas Project
CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITH SENSORY IMPAIRMENTS
and additional disabilities

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*Supporting professionals and
striving to identify and serve
all Arkansas families & their
children that have a
dual sensory
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additional disabilities.*

Who is CAYSI?

- ♦ A **free service** for children **birth through 21** who have **vision and hearing challenges**.
- ♦ CAYSI Project consultants provide **support to families, early childhood providers, and educational teams** for the appropriate instruction of children on our registry. Support is given through; **sharing resources, providing professional development and trainings, distance or on-site coaching, and intensive combined training and coaching**. We do not offer direct service.
- ♦ Our passion is to provide strategies that will result in children with hearing and vision difficulties having **productive and meaningful outcomes** when they exit the school system.
- ♦ Many of the children/students that we follow **may not have an actual loss** of vision and hearing but difficulty using these senses because of other factors. This may **include additional delays, disabilities and/or complex medical problems**.
- ♦ We are a **technical assistance** project funded through a **federal grant** under the US Department of Education.

Who Can Refer?

Anyone may refer a child to our project for services. Once we receive a referral from a parent or professional, we notify the family to explain our services and determine interest in receiving support for their child from the CAYSI Project.

You may refer a child directly to the project through our:

- ♦ Website: <https://tinyurl.com/CAYSIwebsite>
- ♦ Call and ask to speak to CAYSI staff

Criteria For Services

Age range of birth to 21 years old and one or more of the following:

- ♦ Have **BOTH** hearing and vision impairments;
- ♦ Has **multiple disabilities with functional vision & hearing losses**;
- ♦ Has been diagnosed as having a **degenerative disease** that **may affect sensory loss**;
- ♦ Have **multiple disabilities** due to a generalized **central nervous system dysfunction** and exhibit **inconsistent responses to visual and auditory stimuli**.

Some Ways CAYSI Can Help

- ♦ On-site coaching and consultation
- ♦ Regional trainings
- ♦ Assistive technology
- ♦ Transition needs
- ♦ Literacy/Communication strategies & informal assessments
- ♦ Instructional strategies
- ♦ Intensive technical assistance project
- ♦ Home visits, parent groups, and parent trainings.



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