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CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITH SENSORY IMPAIRMENTS
and additional disabilities

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Alone we can do so little



Together we can do so much.

Helen Keller

*Supporting professionals and
striving to identify and serve
all Arkansas families & their
children that have a
dual sensory
impairment and
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 or through:

- ◆ Our website, where you can print a referral form or submit it online: <https://goo.gl/IKVG5I>
- ◆ You can call the office directly and ask to speak to someone from CAYSI.

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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