# Session Resources: Outreach Center for Deafness and Blindness at OCALI

## [Outreach Center for Deafness and Blindness](https://deafandblindoutreach.org/)

[Introductory Series on Deafness and Blindness: Assessment](https://deafandblindoutreach.org/introductory-series-assessments)

One-hour awareness-building webinars to help teams understand the basics about assessment tools and strategies for learners who are deaf, hard of hearing, blind, or visually impaired.

[Communication Planning Guide for Students Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing](https://deafandblindoutreach.org/Communication-Planning-Guide-for-Students-Who-Are-Deaf-or-Hard-of-Hearing)

The Communication Planning Guide for Students who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing is intended to help teams facilitate meaningful discussion and planning as they embark on the decision-making process to develop an individualized communication plan for students.

[Guidance Documents](https://deafandblindoutreach.org/guidance-documents)

Here you will find guidelines developed for families and educational professional to support their learners, for instance, Implementing and providing educational services, navigating the early intervention services, Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP), Individualized Educational Program (IEP).

[Training & Networks for Families and Professionals](https://deafandblindoutreach.org/professional-development-opportunities)

Whether you enjoy interaction with others through onsite training, the flexibility of on-demand, or engaging in a network of people who share your passion, we have what you need to learn and connect.

[Statewide Directory of Providers](https://deafandblindoutreach.org/statewide-directory-of-providers)

Lists contact information for Ohio service providers and regional evaluation teams. It is designed to increase the connection to needed services, whether it is upon diagnosis, while receiving instruction in academic and functional skills, when transitioning to college and/or career, or at any time during the person’s journey.

[Books Featuring D/HH and B/VI Characters and Topics](https://deafandblindoutreach.org/Books-Featuring-DHH-and-BVI-Characters-and-Topics)

This is the place to find books and supporting resources to help children, teens, and adults understand more about low incidence disabilities and expose them to diverse experiences. There are books to read aloud, books for children to read alone, and books for long-term study and projects. Many of the books include links to supporting materials and videos that will help with planning and save you time looking for additional resources.

[OCALI Lending Library](https://ocali.org/lending-library)

OCALI’s Lending Library connects people with disabilities and those who support them with accessible materials, resources, and technology to promote lifelong learning for educational and personal development. We offer Ohioans an extensive collection of free books, videos, assistive technology devices, assessment tools, and other resources that are available to borrow on a short or long-term basis and shipped directly at no charge.

## [Ohio Department of Education and Workforce](https://education.ohio.gov/)

### [Ohio Required and Optional Forms](https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Special-Education/Federal-and-State-Requirements/Ohio-Required-and-Optional-Forms-Updated)

### [Ohio Operating Standards](https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Special-Education/Federal-and-State-Requirements/Operational-Standards-and-Guidance)

[Administering Literacy Assessments for Students with Low Incidence Disabilities and Complex Communication Needs](https://www.google.com/url?client=internal-element-cse&cx=004090422369657135499:hp0hfptjhpg&q=https://education.ohio.gov/getattachment/Topics/Learning-in-Ohio/Literacy/Dyslexia/Guidance-for-assessing-students-with-disabilities-January-2024-Newest-Version-1.pdf.aspx%3Flang%3Den-US&sa=U&ved=2ahUKEwiryLXEu6iMAxV_mokEHah_GVQQFnoECAMQAQ&usg=AOvVaw3d8Rdw7RB6ZF2MbElctwB9)