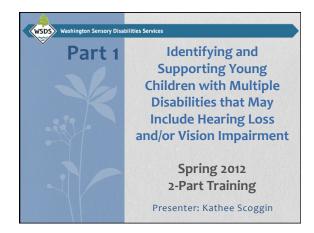
#### **Handouts**

You will need the following handouts provided for this training:

- ◆ Special Education Definitions for Washington
- ◆ List of Conditions, Syndromes and Disorders Associated with Combined Vision and Hearing Loss
- Observations: Signs, Symptoms and Risk Factors that May Indicate Visual Impairment in Young Children
- Observations: Signs, Symptoms and Risk Factors that May Indicate Hearing Loss in Young Children
- ♦ Use of Sensory Channels form and example
- ♦ Likes and Dislikes forms and examples





#### **Outcomes:**

#### Participants will:

- Identify indicators that put a young child with multiple disabilities at risk for hearing and/or vision loss
- Identify informal observation tools to identify sensory learning channels that are strong for the child

# Special Education Definitions for Washington

- Deaf-blindness
- Deafness
- Hearing impairment
- Developmental delay
- Multiple disabilities
- Visual impairment including blindness

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Handout

#### Let's watch this video clip...

First, look at each of these children as "whole" people. Then consider your experience and knowledge; and think about what you see...

What we sometimes think or say...

Matters!

#### What we sometimes think or say...

"He has so many other needs, a mild hearing loss is the least of our concerns."

"She has no hearing problems. She loves music."

"He sleeps much of the day due to seizures and medications— focusing on learning and use of hearing and vision is not a priority."

"This child is so involved and cognitively impaired..."

#### What we sometimes think or say...

"We are lucky to have both a teacher of the visually impaired and a teacher of the deaf involved. Why would a deaf-blind specialist be important to contact? The losses are only mild."

"This family can't handle another disability added to their child's diagnosis!"

This family can't handle one more specialist coming into their home!

# I want to tell you a story...

### Let's watch this video clip...

Think about what this child is learning and how she is learning?

### **Vision and Hearing**





What are the two senses used for most communication and learning?

#### **Red Flags!**



"Sometimes he seems to see things, other times, he doesn't."

"I put colorful toys right in front of him, and he starts to cry or looks away."

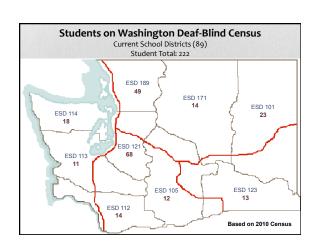
"When I whisper or talk to her, she smiles or turns her face towards me."

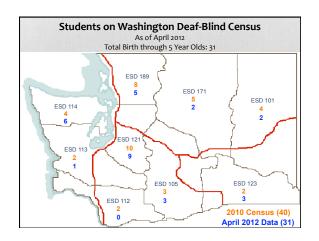
"When I look at child development charts, he is behind in everything including using his vision and hearing. Does that mean he has a vision and hearing loss?"

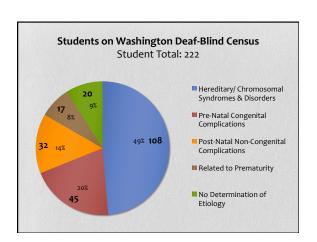


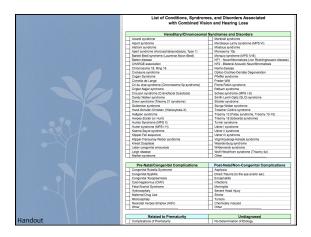


# Question #1 How can you talk about a child's vision and hearing with families considering the "whole" child, not just adding another disability? Clock Hour Question

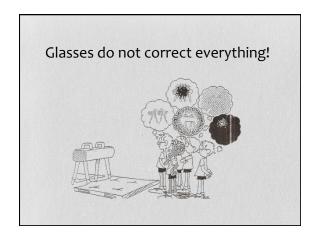


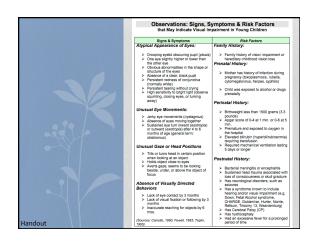






# Vision Estimated: 80-90% of learning comes through vision, especially, young children



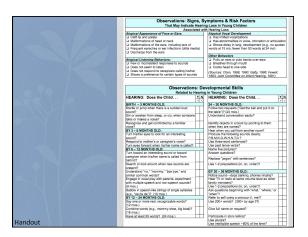




## Hearing

It is estimated that 40-60% of communication in a **classroom** is auditory.

Studies show that most classrooms around the world have too much noise and reverberation, even for students with typical (normal) hearing.



## Question #2



How many and which of the indicators listed in the following slide would suggest the child may be at risk for a sensory loss?

Clock Hour Question

## Question #2



- Child has a syndrome or condition that indicates the potential for a sensory loss from the List of Conditions, Syndromes, and Disorders Associated with Combined Vision and Hearing Loss (handout)
- 2. Child has a history of ear infections
- 3. Child may startle when touched from behind or from the side
- Child isn't doing those things expected in child development checklists or charts in relation to using his vision or hearing
- 5. Child has been diagnosed as having "visual maturation delay"
- 6. Child often looks at sunlight coming through a window
- 7. Child closes eyes when outside in bright light

Clock Hour Question

## What am I looking for in my observations?

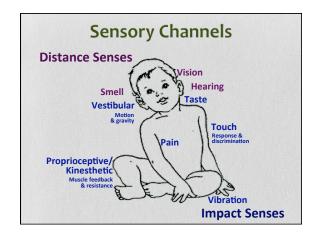


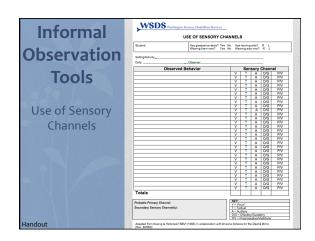
## Let's watch this video clip...

What does finding the "edges" tell us? Notice all the ways children do it...

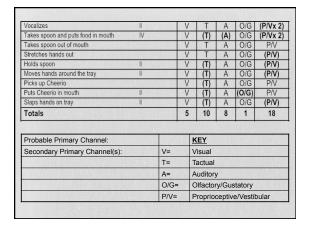
### Let's watch this video clip...

Pay attention to Ben's hands...





	USE OF SEN	SORY CH	ANNELS					
Has glasses/contacts? Y Wearing them now? Y			Yes No Yes No					
Setting/Activity:								
Date:	Observer:_							
Observed Behavior				Sen	sory	Chani	nel	
Raises head up as shiny blue po	m pom is shaken		V	T	(A)	O/G	P/V	
Turns head as shiny blue pom pom is moved (follows) II			(V)	Т	(A)	O/G	P/V	
Raises head up as shiny blue pom pom is moved up II			(V)	Т	(A)	O/G	P/V	
Head turns to follow			(V)	Т	Α	O/G	P/V	
Puts head down			V	Т	Α	O/G	(P/V)	
Bangs rattle (put in his left hand)	on stander tray	III	V	(T)	(A)	O/G	(P/V)	
Bangs rattle (put in his right hand) on stander tray III			V	(T)	(A)	O/G	(P/V)	
Raises head up as shiny blue po	II.	(V)	Т	(A)	O/G	P/V		
Turns head to left		III	(V)	Т	(A)	O/G	(P/V)	
Puts head down			V	Т	A	O/G	(P/V)	
Grabs, picks up part of pom pom once, places on tray next to him			V	(T)	Α	O/G	P/V	
Puts head down			V	T	Α	O/G	(P/V)	
Puts hands together "more"		V	V	(T)	Α	O/G	(P/Vx 4	



# Let's watch this video clip...

What do you think might be the strongest sensory channel/s for these two girls?



#### Let's watch this video clip...

What have you observed about Glen? Pay particular attention to his hands and speed of movement.

# Informal Observation Tools Activity Board



Does the child have reaching access to all items on the board?

Does he play with one item more than the others? What does

he do with that item?

If you switch locations on the board, does he find it?

#### **Informal Observation Tools**



## Question #3



Identify at least three informal observation tools to use when looking at how the child uses sensory channels.

Which one do you already use, or might you use?

Clock Hour Question

# Washington Sensory Disabilities Services (WSDS)

WSDS is here to help families and service providers by supporting the developmental and learning needs of children aged birth to 21 who are:

- Deaf or hard of hearing
- ◆ Blind or visually impaired
- ◆ Deaf-blind or combined vision and hearing loss

WSDS is a state needs project funded through the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction – Special Education Section.

www.wsdsonline.org

#### **Video Topics**

Each Video Topic has four tabs: Intro, Videos, FAQ, and More Information

> Experience Book Hand Under Hand Likes/Dislikes Peer Programs

> Resonance Board

Routines

Space for Active Learning Usher Syndrome

www.wsdsonline.org/deafblind/videotopics.html

#### **Recorded Trainings**

There are five training series now available on our website for Students with Multiple Disabilities Including Deaf-Blindness:

Two-Part: Person Centered Planning One-Part: Is It "Problem Behavior?" Four-Part: Active Learning Three-Part: Communication Matrix Three-Part: Planning for Their Success

http://www.wsdsonline.org/training/recorded\_trainings/ Recorded\_Trainings.html

#### **Other Trainings**

Infant & Early Childhood Conference (IECC)

May 2 – 4, 2012 – Tacoma, WA www.ieccwa.org

**Combined Summer Institute (CSI)** 

July 30 – August 2, 2012 – Wenatchee, WA Multiple Disabilities Preschool/Deaf/Hard of Hearing (July 31 & Aug. 1) www.ncesd.org/CSI

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