

DeafBlind Culture Workshop – Toledo

Larc Lane Center Training Center (Door O), 1155 Larc Lane, Toledo

April 30th, 2026 9:30am–5:00pm **8:45am Check-In**

Scan the QR Code to register.

****Interpreters: maximum of .5 CEUs possible;**

Social Workers & Counselors: 5 ethics CEUs.**

\$20 cash or check, lunch included.

Checks can be mailed to Dr. Jamie L. McCartney,

Memo: DB Culture Workshop, 6606 Chesham Ave NE, Canton, Ohio 44721

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DeafBlind Simulation Activity

9:30 – 10:30 AM

Led by Dawn Watts and Julia Felts

Participants will experience guided simulation activities designed to increase understanding of DeafBlind communication, access needs, and environmental barriers. This Professional Studies program is offered for 0.1 PS at the Little/None Content Knowledge Level

“I’m So Amazing” Documentary with DeafBlind-Led Small Group Discussions

10:45 AM – 1:45 PM

Led by Dr. Jamie McCartney

Participants will view the documentary and engage in small-group discussions led by DeafBlind community members. This Professional Studies program is offered for 0.35 PPO– Little/None Content Knowledge

DeafBlind Panel Discussion

1:45 – 2:30 PM

Panelists: Art Roehrig, Terry Blosser, Jimmy Reardon, Jason Judy; Facilitated by Dr. Jamie McCartney

Panelists will share lived experiences and perspectives on communication access and independence. This Professional Studies program is offered for 0.1 PS at the Little/None Content Knowledge Level

ProTactile (PT) Basics

2:45 – 4:00 PM

Presented by Jason Judy

Introduction to ProTactile communication and tactile information sharing strategies. This Professional Studies program is offered for 0.05 PS CEU – Some Content Knowledge

CEU Survey & Closing

4:00 – 5:00 PM

Participants complete CEU documentation and workshop feedback.



Fee: \$20 for the whole day. Cancellation by Friday, April 17th will result in a 100% refund. The target audience is agency representatives serving community members with combined vision and hearing loss, Deaf, non-deaf community members, interpreters, and students. Please reach out to jmccar15@kent.edu with any questions regarding this event and accommodations before April 17th.

The hosts of this event will foster a learning environment free of bias and discrimination, and on that promotes mutual respect of all participants.

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Panelist BIOS

Jimmy Reardon — Toledo

Jimmy Reardon lives his life beyond his deafblindness. While he faces challenges navigating his hometown, he remains determined to learn, explore, and experience the world as fully as possible. Jimmy strongly believes Support Service Providers (SSPs) can transform the lives of deafblind individuals by helping them access and understand the world around them. Jimmy hopes to connect with people who can guide and share what the world can see.

Arthur Roehrig — Central Ohio

Arthur “Art” Roehrig, a Wisconsin native, attended St. John’s School for the Deaf and St. Rita’s School before earning a Mathematics degree from Gallaudet University in 1968. He taught at the Maryland School for the Deaf, later returning to Gallaudet for a master’s in Rehabilitation Counseling and serving in several roles until 2012. He also completed doctoral coursework in Special Education Administration. Throughout his career, Art has been a dedicated advocate for people with DeafBlindness through AADB and MWADB, serving as AADB Vice President (1996–2005) and President (2005–2009). He has presented widely on DeafBlindness, mental health, and communication access, including Protactile. He is an enthusiastic Green Bay Packers fan.

Terrence “Terry” Blosser — Central Ohio

Terrence “Terry” Blosser lives in Marysville, Ohio with his wife, Marina. He holds a BA in History, a Master of Public Administration from Portland State University, and ADA Coordinator certification from the University of Missouri. Terry has Type 2A Usher Syndrome; born hard of hearing, he began losing vision in his late twenties and identifies as DeafBlind. He serves on the Helen Keller National Center National Advisory Board, its Consumer Advisory Committee, and the Helen Keller Services Board of Trustees. Deeply committed to the DeafBlind community, Terry previously chaired Ohio’s Ad Hoc SSP/Co-Navigator Legislative Committee, playing a key role in securing both initial and ongoing state funding for the SSP/CN program.

Jason Judy — Akron, Ohio

Jason (Jace to his family and friends) has lived almost his entire life in the state of Ohio. He attended Rochester Institute of Technology as a dual major in digital Imaging & Printing Technology and Graphic communications. Jason completed a number of solo and collaborative web and print projects as a creative designer before losing his vision rapidly due to Usher Syndrome Type 1. Jason was a speed demon, finishing his braille lessons at Cleveland Sigh Center in 10 months, a record at CSC he was proud of. While receiving independent living skills training at Tactile Communication sin Seattle, Jason was immersed into ProTactile (PT) education. Jason has been a trainer for iCanConnect (ICC), specializing in working with DeafBlind consumers who use braille devices. ICC is a federally-funded program that provides computer equipment and training for DeafBlind individuals. Jason has participated in many DeafBlind activities and also several DeafBlind-related projects, one that successfully launched Ohio’s first ever statewide SSP Pilot Program in 2023. Jason enjoys reading books, especially urban fantasy, and playing chess, dingo, UNO, to name a few. Jason also is a hardcore fan of the Cleveland Browns and regularly follows their football games. He enjoys taking walks in the park like Sand Run in Akron and meeting and giving treats to dogs at One of A Kind, a pet rescue center.

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