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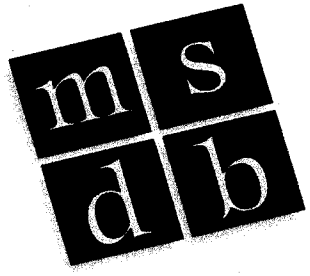

Outreach Services for Children who are Blind & Visually Impaired

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Services Offered:

- Serve blind and visually impaired students in their home communities
- Provide information, technical assistance and consultation to promote appropriate intervention strategies and educational practices
- Offer recommendations and suggestions to classroom teachers, provide information on instructional resources, and assist in the ordering of special materials
- Participate in Child Study Team meetings and assist in the development of Individual Education Plans
- Assign *Family Advisors*
- Collaborate with other service providers to develop Individual Family Service Plans (IFSPs)
- Provide assessment options and input
- Available as an ongoing resource and support contact via phone and/or email
- Serve as a resource for medical providers and work closely with Part C providers, Eye Care Specialists & Early Childhood Centers
- Perform Functional Vision Assessments, Learning Media Assessments, and assess Braille fluency
- Consultant may be involved in training Braille instruction teams and monitoring the Braille instruction and production provided in the local school districts. Consultants have knowledge of and access to technology specific to vision loss
- Work with MSDB to facilitate appropriate referrals of students for visits, evaluation, and/or placement at MSDB
- Provide in-service and training to schools, daycare centers, and other interested parties
- Plan family learning weekends and provide related information to families
- Arrange outside training and workshop opportunities
- Care about your blind/visually impaired child!

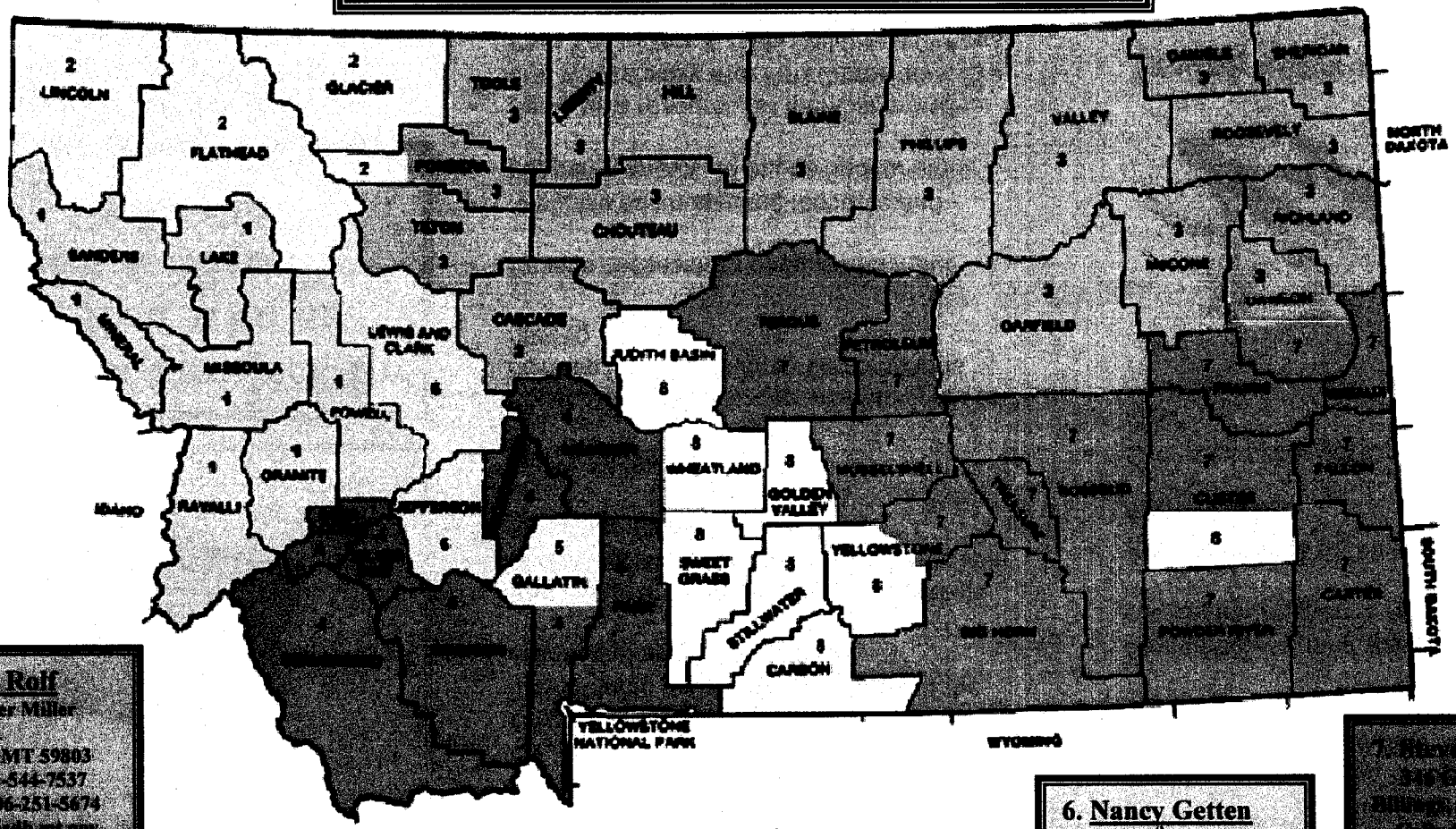
Coming together...

sharing together...

working together...

succeeding together!

MSDB Blind & Visually Impaired Outreach Consultant Coverage Map & Contact Information



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Program Indicators for the 2009 Biennium – Year 2

Indicator	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	Projected FY 2009
Campus Based Services 20-8-102 MCA, 10.61.102 ARM								
Total Served	**314**	**439**	**453**	**408**	**390**	**399**	**364**	**387**
Education Program – Deaf	53	48	51	52	54	51	38	40
Education Program – Blind	27	25	24	23	20	19	20	22
Residential Program	42	40	37	37	32	30	23	25
Evaluations – Educational	32	29	23	24	27	21	16	25
Evaluations – Audiological	160	297	318	272	257	278	267	275
Outreach and Itinerant Services 20-8-102 MCA, 10.61.102 ARM								
Total Served	**255**	**292**	**301**	**290**	**310**	**356**	**425**	**495**
Consultation Services – Deaf	75	89	95	88	99	100	142	150
Consultation Services – Blind	170	188	188	174	187	212	242	245
Consultation Services – Deaf/Blind						6	5	8
Family Advisor Program (= or < 3 years of age)	10	15	18	28	24	38	32	35
Consultation Services – Transition Plans							3	5
Consultation Services – Behavior Plans							1	3
Consultation Services – Audiological							0*	50
Summer Programs 20-8-102 MCA, 10.61.103 ARM								
Total Participants	**206**	**251**	**287**	**316**	**338**	**309**	**332**	**327**
Summer Skills Program for Blind	8	13	8	8	7	8	10	12
Summer Camp for Deaf/Hearing Impaired	21	28	26	24	15	15	12	15
Family Learning Weekend – Blind	57	85	90	97	133	111	129	125
Family Learning Weekend – Deaf	120	125	163	187	183	175	181	175
Professional Development – Parents, School Districts and Education Associations - (Excluding MSDB staff) 20-8-102 MCA								
Total Participants	**785**	**1100**	**1377**	**1498**	**1576**	**1427**	**1436**	**1650**
Number of Training Sessions	43	54	90	69	71	89	65	75
Total Population Served	**1560**	**2082**	**2418**	**2527**	**2614**	**2491**	**2557**	**2859**
Percent Change Over Previous Year	**+40%**	**+33%**	**+14%**	**+4.5%**	**+3.4%**	**-4.9%**	**+2.6%**	**11.8%**

* Position of consulting audiologist was not filled until 7/19/2008

MSDB OUTREACH STUDENT DATA BY COUNTY
First Semester 2007-08

COUNTY	VI 0 – 2	VI 3 – 5	VI 6-21	D/HH 0 – 2	D/HH 3-5	D/HH 6 – 21
Beaverhead		1	2			1
Big Horn			8	1		1
Blaine		1	4			
Broadwater			2		1	1
Carbon			2			
Carter						
Cascade	4	4	17	1	1	2
Chouteau	1		1			
Custer						2
Daniels						
Dawson	1		2			2
Deer Lodge			7			1
Fallon						
Fergus		1	6			
Flathead	1	1	13	1	3	6
Gallatin	1	2	13	1	7	11
Garfield						
Glacier	1		9		1	2
Golden Valley						1
Granite						1
Hill	1	2	2			
Jefferson			3		1	1
Judith Basin			1			
Lake		1	8		4	3
Lewis & Clark		1	6		3	7
Liberty			1			
Lincoln		1	5			3
Madison			1		1	
McCone						
Meagher			1			
Mineral						1
Missoula	1	2	15			3
Musselshell						1
Park			1			4
Petroleum			1			
Phillips						1
Pondera			2			
Powder River						
Powell		1	2	1		
Prairie						
Ravalli			3	1	2	2
Richland			1	1	2	3
Roosevelt	1	2	6			1
Rosebud	2		6			2
Sanders			2		1	
Sheridan		1	2			2
Silver Bow	1	2	1	2		4
Stillwater			4	1	1	
Sweet Grass						
Teton	2		2			1
Toole						
Treasure						
Valley	1				1	2
Wheatland			2	1		1
Wibaux						
Yellowstone	4	7	34	2	2	8
Total	22	30	198 (250)	13	31	80 (124)

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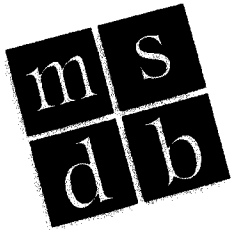

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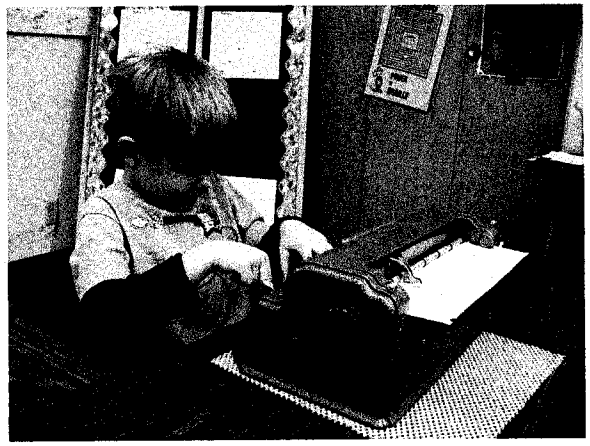

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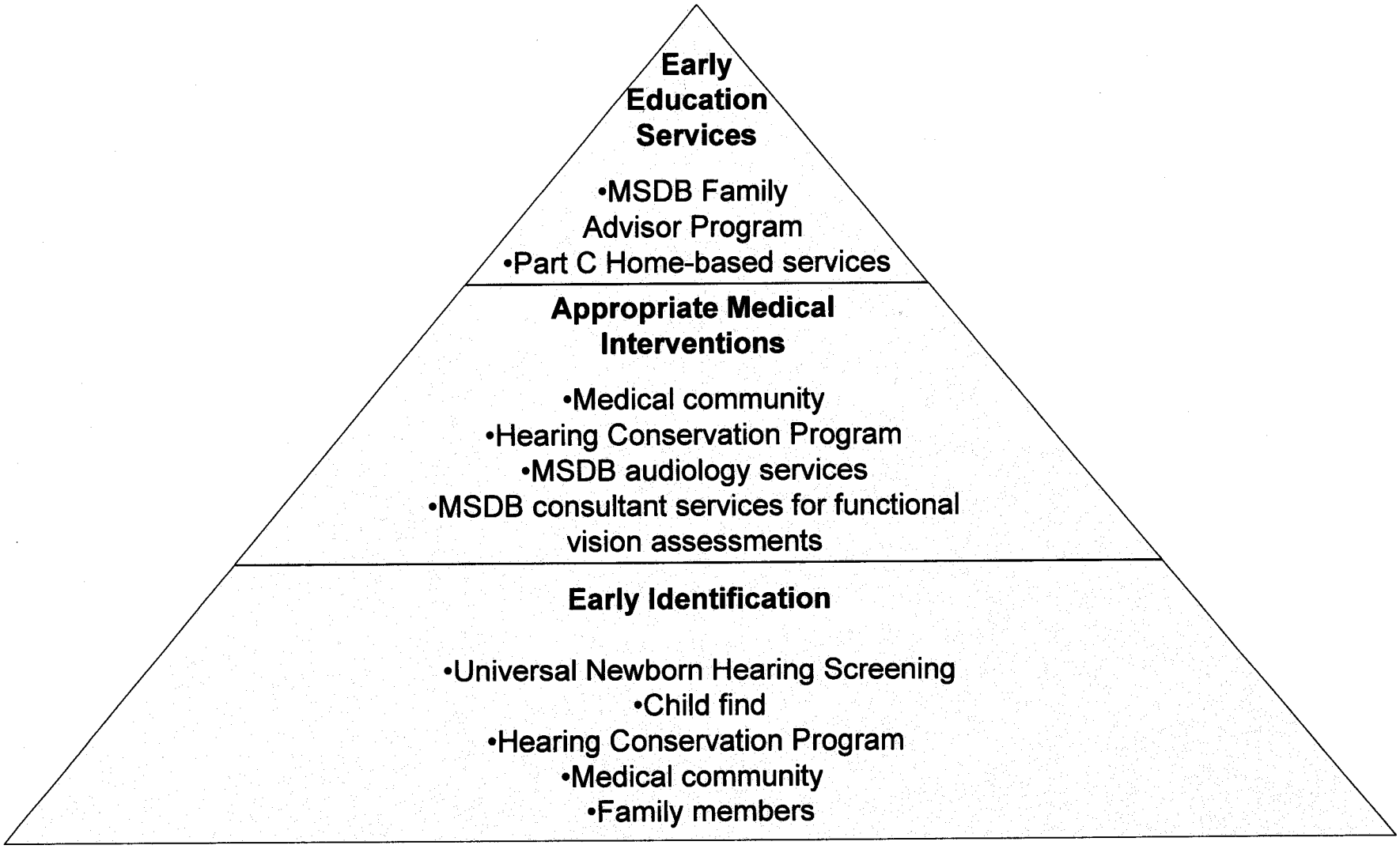
Children ready to enter school with peer equivalent skills



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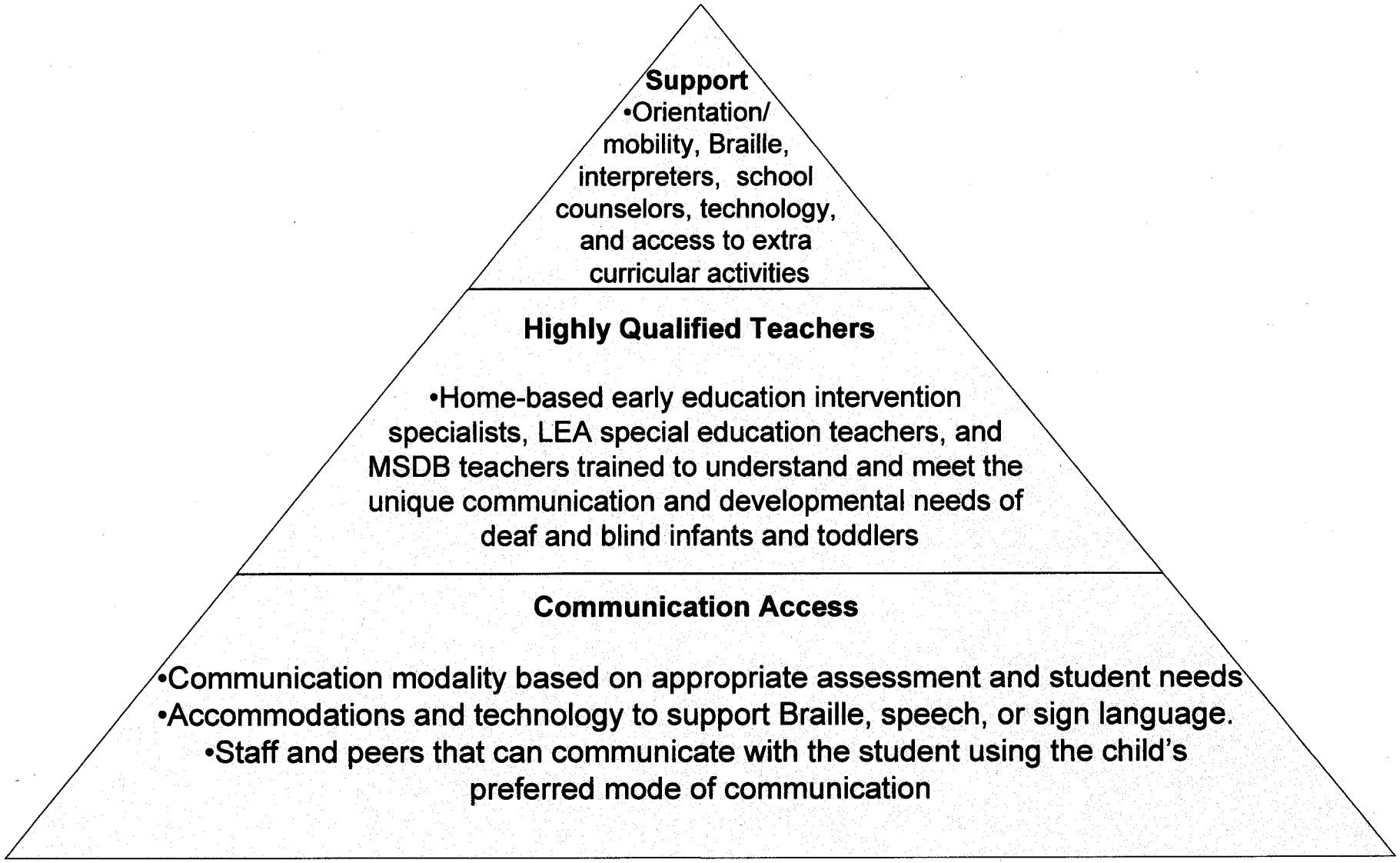
Meaningful access to curriculum and instruction



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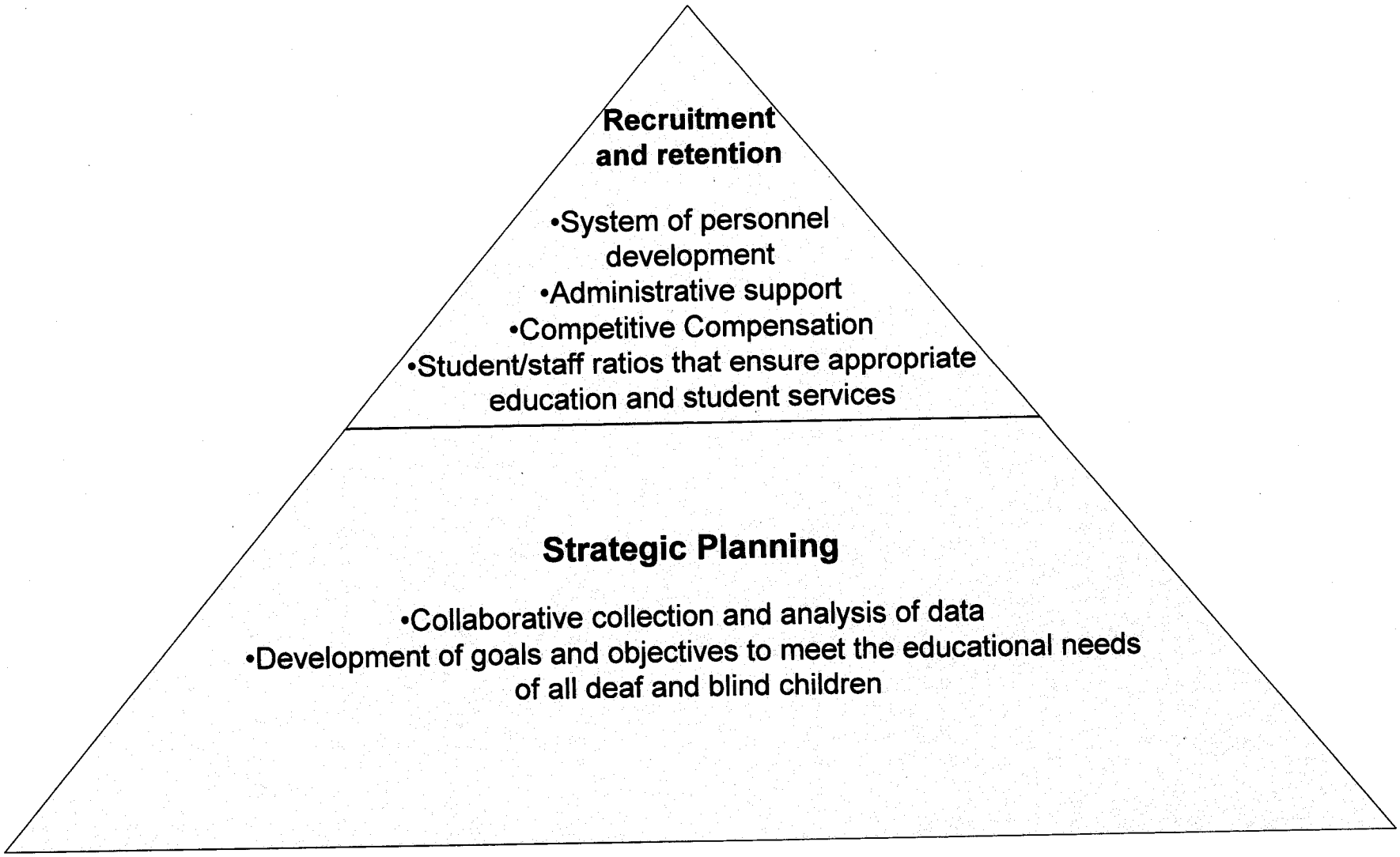
Sufficient resources to meet the needs of deaf and blind students state-wide



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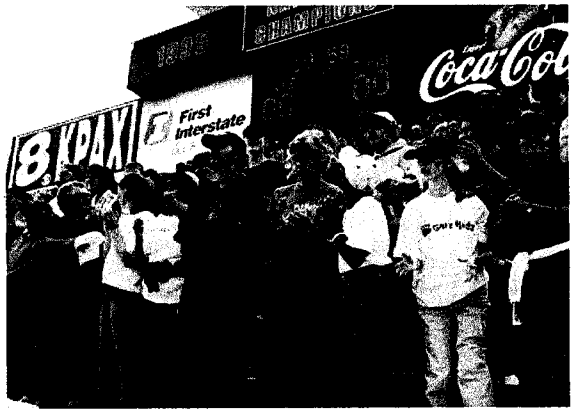
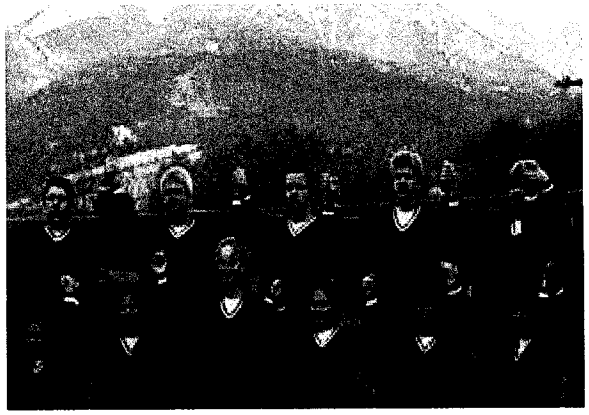
MSDB provides more than academics. Our school community supports unique ways of communicating and learning so that the whole child is well prepared for a productive, independent and satisfying life.





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MSDB Continuum of Services

0 – 2 years | **3 – 18 years** | **19-22 years**

Infants and Toddlers

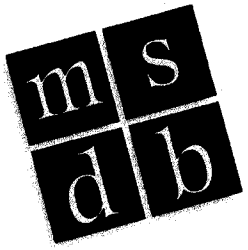
- Family advisor services
- Follow up to UNHS referrals
- Consultation and technical assistance to families, Part C, and the medical community
- Training for service providers to utilize special curriculum for early intervention

Preschool Elementary and High School Students

- School based education and evaluation services for preschool elementary and high school students at MSDB
- Residential services for students who live outside the Great Falls area
- Consultation, technical assistance, and training for families and local school districts through outreach
- Family Learning and Enrichment Weekends and Summer camps
- Professional resource library for parents, teachers and interpreters
- Technology and equipment lending program for students with visual impairments
- Accessible Learning Center for the Described and Captioned Media Program
- State Coordinator for the National Instructional Materials Access Center
- Register students and manage state accounts and purchases for the American Printing House for the Blind

Post - Secondary Students

- Transition training to develop independence, communication, and vocational skills
- Consultation and technical assistance to families and local school districts through outreach
- Collaboration with Blind and Low Vision Services and Vocational Rehabilitation to support students transitioning to work or college



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"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

Helen Keller

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"Everybody in the blind community thinks Braille is the world. If there wasn't any Braille, all the books we read would be a blank spot in our minds."

-Trevor Johnson, MSDB 5th Grader

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