



BLIND EARLY SERVICES TN

Agenda for VIISA/INSITE Training Cohort 2024-25

ZOOM Opening Session: August 15th 4:00pm-7:00pmCT

- Introductions, Course Overview, Assignments, Live Binders/Google Drive
- Vision Impairment, Identification, Early Impacts
- Hearing Loss, Identification, Early Impacts

Begin Assignment 1, due by first onsite

Onsite 1: September 11th-12th, 8:30am-4:30pmCT (location in Nashville TBD)

Day 1

- Quick Introductions, Q&A about the training, assignments and Live Binders
- Cortical/Cerebral Visual Impairment and Identification
- An Introduction to Functional Vision Assessment Including CVI Assessment Tools
- Vision Interventions: CVI
- Medical Aspects of Vision Loss: Ocular Disorders and Implications
- Multiple Disabilities/INSITE

Day 2

- Learning Through Touch
- Hearing Center Activities (hearing aids and care, audiograms, listening checks, cochlear implants)
- Occupational Therapy, Sensory Processing
- Active Learning
- Senses Simulation Activities and Discussion

Begin Assignment 2, due by next ZOOM session

ZOOM Session 2: October 16th 4:00pm-7:00pmCT

- Early Intervention and Work with Families BVI/DB in the Home
- Early Bonding and Social Skills
- Cognition, Concepts and Play

Begin Assignment 3, due by next ZOOM session

ZOOM Session 3: November 14th 4:00pm-7:00pmCT

- Physical Therapy/Motor Impairment and Sensory Loss
- Motor Impairments and Positioning/Handling, Equipment

Begin Assignment 4, due by next onsite session

Onsite 2, Face-to-Face: January 15th-16th, 8:30am-4:30pmCT, (location in Nashville TBD)

Day 1

- Communication Overview
- Early Presymbolic Communication and the Comm/AAC CVI Matrix
- Symbolic Communication
- Augmentative Communication
- Auditory Skills
- Orientation & Mobility

Day 2

- Daily Care Skills
- Early Literacy
- Learning Media Assessment
- Developmental Assessment
- Oregon Project Checklist
- INSITE Checklist

Begin Assignment 5, due by next ZOOM session

ZOOM Session 4: February 13th 4:00pm-7:00pmCT

- Visual Processing Styles of Children on the Spectrum: VI or Not?
- Getting Ready for Braille
- Transition to Preschool, The Preschool Setting and the ECC

ZOOM Session 5: March 13th 4:00pm-7:00pmCT

- Final session to cover any remaining topics
- All assignments due no later than this date