The Power of Touch Workshop:
November 30th and December 1st, 2017
9am to 4pm each day, 8:30am Registration
Hotel Vermont, 21 Cherry Street, Burlington, VT

Developing the sense of touch in children and young adults with combined vision and hearing loss

You are invited to a workshop for providers and interveners who work with children and young adults birth to twenty-one with combined vision and hearing loss (deafblindness).

In this workshop, you will have the opportunity to connect with other providers who work with children and young adults with combined vision and hearing loss, and to share some of your experiences and learn in a safe and relaxed environment.

You will also be offered techniques for developing and supporting communication and connection through the use of touch. We will focus on establishing genuine conversations using all parts of the body -- including the hands, feet and head -- as ways that children and youth with deafblindness can communicate and learn together with their families and providers.

Barbara Miles, author of Remarkable Conversations: A Guide to Developing Meaningful Communication with Children and Young Adults who are Deafblind and “Talking the Language of the Hands to the Hands,” will be the primary facilitator.

Outcomes:

- The participants will increase their knowledge in the area of research-based effective practices related to deafblindness
- The participants will increase their knowledge and skills in the areas of supporting family members to implement research-based and/or promising effective practices related to deafblindness
- The participants will increase their skills in effective intervention and instructional strategies related to deafblindness

This workshop is provided at no cost to providers. If necessary, overnight accommodations can be arranged on a case by case basis. Breakfast and lunch will be provided each day during the event.

Emma Nelson will coordinate registration and any special accommodations you may need.

For more information, please contact Emma at emma.nelson.1@uvm.edu