

2016 GSAP Child Count of Students who have Combined Vision and Hearing Loss

The purpose of the GSAP Child Count is to provide the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) with accurate information about the numbers of students who have combined vision and hearing impairments that cause severe communication, developmental and educational needs that cannot be accommodated in special education programs solely for children with deafness or children with blindness.

Who Should Be Registered?

- ❖ Students must have a documented vision loss **AND** a documented hearing loss.
- ❖ Students do **NOT** need to be totally blind and/or totally deaf to be registered. Most students on the registry have some vision and hearing.
- ❖ Students do **NOT** have to have deaf-blindness listed as an eligibility category on their IEP. Nationally, only about 9% of students on the Child Count have deaf-blindness as their primary disability.
- ❖ Students may be added as “Needs Further Testing” under the vision and hearing categories if there is a strong suspicion of sensory impairment without documentation, but this documentation must be provided within a year or the student is removed.

To update current student records

- ❖ Designees should go to the GSAP website <http://gsap.coe.uga.edu/census/>
- ❖ If this is your first time in our database, please watch the brief video demonstrating how to complete the registry form.
- ❖ Click on the GSAP Registry link to access the secure website. You will receive an email with your user name and temporary password. Go to the PERSONNEL tab to complete your information and create a new password.
- ❖ Once logged in, open the STUDENT tab and select the EDIT STUDENT link. Click on the arrow beside the drop-down box “Student Name” to see the students linked with you. (Non-pending should be selected in the Student Status box)
- ❖ Please update all sections of the registration form. There are 6 sections of the report to be updated: Demographics, Diagnoses, Other Conditions, Part C/Part B Information, Extended Information, and Parent Information.
- ❖ If you are not sure how to answer a section, you can refer to the directions [here](#).
- ❖ Be sure to click on the UPDATE NOW link when you have updated a record.

To add a new student to the registry

- ❖ If you have identified new students who need to be added to the registry, please complete a New Student Registration form [here](#). We will contact you about completing the rest of the required information in the database.