

DO YOU HAVE A CHILD WITH COMBINED VISION AND HEARING LOSS? If so, make a referral to GSAP for support!



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CHILDREN WITH COMBINED VISION AND HEARING LOSS:

- experience challenges in getting information from people and objects around them
- often need support in order to learn, communicate, and interact with the world
- may or may not have additional disabilities or health concerns



WHAT DOES THE GEORGIA SENSORY ASSISTANCE PROJECT DO?

- GSAP provides consultation, training, and resources for families and educators to support children and youth (birth through age 21 years) with combined vision and hearing loss.
- GSAP provides additional support during transition from early intervention to school services.
- GSAP has two Family Engagement Coordinators who can assist families in a variety of ways.
- GSAP is required to submit an annual count of students with combined vision and hearing loss to the Office of Special Education Programs- this helps to provide federal grant money to state projects.

COMBINED VISION AND HEARING LOSS- WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR SUPPORTS?

- Vision loss can range from low vision to blindness, including Cortical Visual Impairment.
- Hearing loss can range from mild to profound, including Central Auditory Processing Disorder.
- Any combination of these vision and hearing losses qualifies children to be registered with GSAP.
- Children can also be registered as “needs further testing” for vision and/or hearing; this can be helpful while their vision and hearing abilities are being determined.

MAJOR CAUSES OF VISION AND HEARING LOSS:

Complications of Prematurity, Genetic syndromes / Hereditary disorders, Birth trauma, Brain injury, Infections (pre- or post-natal), Eye / Ear Trauma, or may be Unknown

HOW DO I MAKE A REFERRAL TO GSAP?

For more information about GSAP and to discuss a possible referral, contact:
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Visit the GSAP website at <http://gsap.coe.uga.edu/census/georgia-pines/>



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