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SUPPORT

'Is there support for professionals who work with people with congenital deafblindness?'



The term deafblindness describes a condition that combines in varying degrees both hearing and visual impairment. This combination creates a unique condition. All people with deafblindness experience problems with communication, access to information and mobility. They require services which are different from those designed exclusively for either blind people or deaf people. However, their specific needs vary enormously according to age, onset and type of deafblindness.

Why an expertise center for congenital deafblindness?

Research has shown that in the Netherlands many persons with congenital deafblindness do not get sufficient support. Bartiméus has more than 30 years of expertise with specialized support for congenital deafblind persons. In 2006 Bartiméus established an expertise center for deafblindness in order to bundle, develop and spread knowledge and

experience on a national and international level.

Purpose of the Bartiméus expertise center for deafblindness

The expertise center provides consultation for persons with congenital deafblindness, their family and careworkers. Furthermore, she bundles and spreads knowledge about deafblindness. She also initiates and cooperates in scientific research. Finally, the expertise center promotes innovations for people with congenital deafblindness who are involved in services for persons with intellectual disability. Everyone who is, directly or indirectly, involved with deafblindness can make use of the services of the Bartiméus expertise center for deafblindness.

What we mean for you?

The expertise center provides:

- visual assessment, hearing assessment
- consultation
- psychological assessment

- ambulant support
- communication assessment and communication support
- support in orientation and mobility
- training in the use of visual and hearing aids
- training of professionals
- video-feedback for communication partners
- information (leaflets, books, addresses and websites).

Coöperation

The Bartiméus expertise center for deafblindness works on a national level.

There is also cooperation with:

- other organizations for people with deafblindness
- organizations for people with visual, hearing or intellectual impairments
- the university of Groningen and the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam.

This cooperation takes place on both national and international level.

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