



Deafblind International DbI

CHARGE NETWORK

DBI CHARGE Network invites its members to the following webinar on Monday 9th September 2024. In our first webinar Jerry Petroff will be sharing his research on fathers' roles in families with CHARGE Children and Young People.

What about the dads?

Fathers' Involvement in the Care, Development and Education of their Children with Deafblindness

Dr. Jerry Petroff, Ph.D, Professor at The College of New Jersey

Recent decades have brought increased research on fathers' roles in families and their contributions to children's development and education, but what about the unique features of fathers of children with vision loss and additional health and development challenges? Research tells us that educators, health professionals, therapists and others need to take special and deliberate steps to ensure that fathers are actively involved in the habilitation and education of their children. Therefore, consideration and training in varied styles of communication, demonstrating flexibility to support father involvement and developing approaches to heighten a gender-balanced climate may lead to fathers' effective and consistent participation.

This session will framework the issues and offer practical guidelines to involving fathers of infants and young children with deafblindness / CHARGE Syndrome. It should be noted that everyone is welcome to participate (e.g. fathers, mothers, professionals).

There will be two webinars on the same topic run in different time zones, so participants can choose the time zone from their region or the best time that suits their schedule. We are working with partners to provide different language interpretation. Participants will need to choose their preferred language when signing up for the webinar (Spanish; ASL; French; English; Portuguese will be provided). There will be time set aside to ask the presenter any questions.

To register for this webinar please email Hannah Fletcher at Hannah.t.fletcher@seashelltrust.org.uk

Please inform Hannah which preferred session you would like to attend and preferred language from the choices.

All times are listed in Central European Summer Time (CET). To support you to work out the time of the webinar that suits your schedule we advise you to check your local time zone: <https://www.worldtimebuddy.com>

Session 1: Monday 9th September 2024

Central European Summer Time 10 am to 11 am

Presenter: Jerry Petroff

Facilitators: Anne Schoone, Veena Ramrakhiani, Heather Colson-Osborne, Allison Mail, Lourdes Quintana Baez

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Session 2: Monday 9th September 2024

Central European Summer Time 8pm to 9 pm

Presenter: Jerry Petroff

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