**WORKSHOP FOR TEACHERS AND PARENTS**

**OF BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED CHILDREN**

The Professional Development and Research Institute on Blindness at Louisiana Tech University and the National Federation of the Blind of Louisiana (NFBL) are hosting a workshop for teachers and parents of blind children. This event will take place on March 24 from 3 to 5 p.m., immediately prior to the NFBL state convention in Shreveport.

Topics covered will include:

* Orientation and Mobility for all ages and abilities
* make-and-take items to assist with teaching Braille and other concepts
* Move it: teaching and reinforcing Self-help skills
* Access Technology: hands-on beginner to advanced.

In addition, if teachers or parents feel that a child might benefit from having a professional assessment performed to determine the appropriateness of Braille instruction or the need for orientation and mobility training, there will also be a limited number of scheduled O&M and reading media assessments available throughout the weekend. To secure an assessment in one or both areas, please contact the Institute on Blindness at 318 257-4554, or email smanual@latech.edu.

The NFBL convention will take place on MARCH 24 – 26 at the Wyndham Garden, 1419 East 70th Street, Shreveport, Louisiana, 318-797-9900. For more information, please contact Pam Allen, President, NFBL at 800-234-4166, or visit the registration page for the convention: <http://www.nfbla.org/state-convention/>.

**You should note that the deadline for preregistration is March 10.**