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**The Helen Keller National Center (HKNC)**

HKNC was created under an Act of Congress in 1967 and has been serving the DeafBlind both at its Sands Point, NY headquarters with on campus training and through regional offices throughout the United States. HKNC offers a wide variety of services specifically for DeafBlind consumers, including but not limited to:

* [On Campus Services](https://www.helenkeller.org/node/7)
* [Information on Combined Vision and Hearing Loss](https://www.helenkeller.org/node/110)
* [Peer Learning Groups](https://www.helenkeller.org/hknc/peer-learning-groups)
* [DeafBlind Immersion Experience](https://www.helenkeller.org/hknc/deaf-blind-immersion-experience)
* [Resources for Consumers and Professionals during COVID-19](https://www.helenkeller.org/hks/resources-consumers-and-professionals-during-covid-19)
* [HKNC: VIRTUAL Summer Youth Programs 2021](https://www.helenkeller.org/hknc/virtual-summer-youth-programs-2021)
* [Off-Campus Services](https://www.helenkeller.org/node/27)
* [Professional Learning](https://www.helenkeller.org/node/9)
* [Technology, Research and Innovation Center (TRIC)](https://www.helenkeller.org/hknc/tric)
* [Virtual Comprehensive Vocational Rehabilitation Program (CVRP)](https://www.helenkeller.org/hknc/consumer-vocational-rehabilitation-program)
* Zoom Video-Conferencing: Accessibility Practices for People who are DeafBlind

Within the state of Ohio, Karlee and I are able to assist both DeafBlind transitioned aged youths and adult consumers in their employment journey by providing:

* Intake and Assessment
* Job Readiness Training & Support
* Job Development and Placements (Milestones)
* Supported Employment
* Assistive Technology Assessments
* Braille Instruction
* Youth & Adult Peer Learning Groups
* Independent Living Skills training

Along with these individual services, our team is able to provide support and training to organizations and agencies serving the DeafBlind by providing:

* Professional development of Organization Staff
  + In person or remote training
  + [Online courses](https://www.helenkeller.org/hknc/online-courses) Courses are currently being offered free of charge, codes can be obtained by contacting Regional Services Coordinator, John Filek at [John.Filek@hknc.org](mailto:John.Filek@hknc.org)
* [Online Learning Tools & Information](https://www.helenkeller.org/hknc/onlinelearningtools)
* Facilitating of inter-agency/organizational collaborations
* Collaboration and sharing of national and local resources

With the significant social and economic changes in our society since the onset of the Covid-19 Pandemic, HKNC has embraced this time to be innovative and is now offering many of these services virtually as well. These have been amazingly successful in fulfilling the HKNC mission of *Giving People who are deaf-blind the tools to live, work, and thrive in the communities of their choice*. I encourage your organization to peruse any of the links above or visit the Helen Keller National Center website for a wealth of resources at: <https://www.helenkeller.org/hknc>

As the Deaf-Blind Specialists and Regional Service Coordinator for Ohio, we appreciate the opportunity to collaborate not only in regards to services but as a partnership of information and resources for Deaf-Blind consumers.   
  
If your organization has an individual that would be interested in or would like further information on any of the above programs, please reach out to Regional Services Coordinator, John Filek at [John.Filek@hknc.org](mailto:John.Filek@hknc.org).   
  
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