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The Outcomes for Children Who are Deaf-Blind after Cochlear Implantation (CIDB) Project is seeking approximately 250 children for participation in a study to determine the impact of cochlear implantation on auditory perception, language acquisition, and receptive and expressive communication. Currently, very little information is available about children who are deaf-blind and have cochlear implants. The primary goal of the study is to increase knowledge about this population. Children younger than 13 who currently use or are considering using a cochlear implant may be eligible to participate.

At the beginning of the study, four assessment questionnaires are completed for each child: three by family members and one by a state deaf-blind project staff member based on interactions with the child. Follow-up assessments depend on how long a child has had an implant. Children who have not yet received a cochlear implant or who have recently received one will have subsequent assessments every 12 months for 3 years. Children who have had an implant for less than 7 years will be assessed one more time after 12 months. Children who have had an implant for more than 7 years undergo no further assessments. A small stipend is given to families of children who qualify for participation in the study.

The CIDB Project is a joint effort by the Teaching Research Institute at Western Oregon University, the Beach Center on Disability at the University of Kansas, and the Midwest Ear Institute at St. Luke's Hospital, in Kansas City, Missouri. Fifteen state deaf-blind projects are participating: California, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, and Texas. This project (Grant #H327A050079) is funded by the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Special Education. For more information, visit <http://www.wou.edu/cidb>, email [CIDB@wou.edu](mailto:CIDB@wou.edu), or call 877-660-CIDB (2432).