

About Minnesota Low Incidence Projects

The Minnesota Low Incidence Projects are designed to assist school districts across the state in fulfilling federal requirements in the areas of implementation of the IDEA, professional development and insuring the availability of high quality staff in the low incidence areas of Special Education. Technical assistance is offered as a regular function of the project.

Low Incidence refers to disability areas that occur rarely or in low numbers. In Minnesota there are nine disability categories that are considered low incidence. Of these nine, the MN Low Incidence Projects provides technical assistance for the following: Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), DeafBlindness (DB), Physically Impaired (PI), Other Health Disabilities (OHD), and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI). Support is also provided for the following areas: Occupational & Physical Therapy, Early Hearing Detection and Interventions and Tuition Support for Selected Low Incidence Areas.

The project supports statewide list serves in targeted low incidence areas in as well as Assistive Technology

(AT) and Universal Design for Learning (UDL).

The Minnesota Low Incidence Projects support the Minnesota Department of Education's Division of Special Education Policy's efforts to support low incidence needs. The Metropolitan Educational Cooperative Service Unit (Metro ECSU) has been the Statewide Low Incidence grantee since 1996.

Coordination of these activities is accomplished through planning and collaboration between the Regional Low Incidence Projects that cover all eleven regions in Minnesota, the disability specialists and other agencies in the areas of low incidence disabilities.

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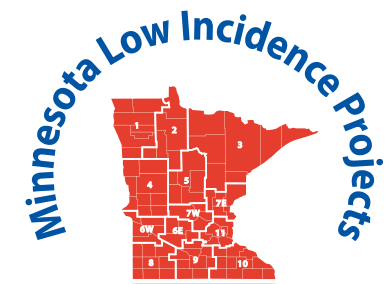
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MN Low Incidence Specialists

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Physical Impairments (PI), Other Health Disabilities (OHD) & Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)

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Tuition Support for P/HD or BVI

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- DeafBlind (DB)
- Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD)
- Physically Impaired (PI)
- Other Health Disabilities (OHD)
- Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)
- Developmental Adapted Physical Education (DAPE)
- School Based Occupational Therapy & Physical Therapy (OT/PT)
- Early Hearing Detection & Intervention (EHDI)
- Tuition Support for Low Incidence Areas (PI, BVI)

Low Incidence Areas

Supported by the MN Department of Education

- Deaf/Hard of Hearing (DHH)
- Blind/Visually Impaired (BVI)
- Developmental Cognitive Disabilities (DCD)
- Severely Multiply Impaired (SMI)

Special Education Libraries

Judy Wolff Library

Lending library materials are available to Minnesota residents September through June.
612 638-1501

View library resources at:

[Judy Wolff Library \(http://www.metroecu.org/programsServices/specialEducation/spedLibraries.html\)](http://www.metroecu.org/programsServices/specialEducation/spedLibraries.html)

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