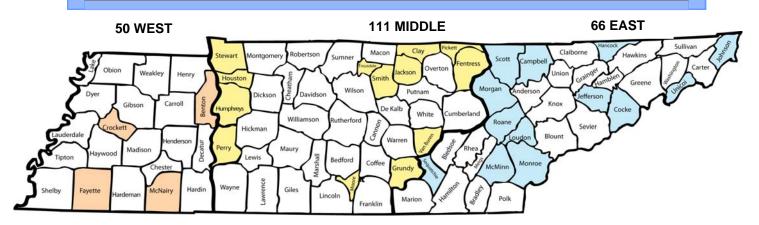
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Did You Know:

- 80-95% of information that we receive about the world in which we live comes through our vision and hearing
- Deafblind doesn't mean totally deaf and totally blind. Most children have some use of hearing and vision
- Hereditary/Genetic Syndromes are the leading cause of combined hearing and vision loss nationwide
- Complications of prematurity is the leading cause for combined hearing and vision loss in Tennessee
- We work with agencies and a variety of programs across the state to identify individuals with dual sensory loss (deafblind)
- We currently serve 227 children from birth through age 21 on the Tennessee Deafblind Census
- We provide Infant Massage instruction for parents and caregivers
- Every state has a Deafblind Project funded by the Office of Special Education Programs in Washington, DC making it possible for these projects to offer services free of charge

December 1, 2011 Deafblind Census 227 Children and Young Adults



No children were reported in the counties which appear in color on the map

Uniqueness of Deafblindness

Combined hearing and vision loss affects learning in many different ways

- Communication and mobility challenges
- Feelings of isolation
- Individuals with deafblindness need to be taught skills that children who hear • and see learn incidentally
- Supports needed by family and service provider may be significant

Leading Causes of Deafblindness

Hereditary/Genetic

- CHARGE Syndrome
- Stickler Syndrome
- **Usher Syndrome**

Maternal Infection during pregnancy Cytomegalovirus (CMV)

Non-genetic acquired hearing & vision loss

Asphyxia

Severe Head Injury

Meningitis

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Complications of Prematurity

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