

HOW TO APPLY

Candidates for the Professional Learning and Leadership Institute must send the following information by e-mail to the associate executive director at Chris.Woodfill@hknc.org

- Cover letter explaining the following:
 - The area of deaf-blind rehabilitation you are interested in
 - The reasons for your interest in this program
 - A post-internship employment plan
- Current resume
- A letter of reference



A PPLI intern works with a consumer on independent living skills

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The Helen Keller National Center is the only comprehensive national program that provides information, referral, support and training exclusively to youths and adults who have a combined vision and hearing loss, their families and the professionals who work with them.



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A PLLI intern works with two consumers in residential habilitation

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WHAT IS PLLI?

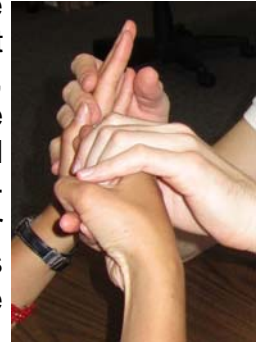
The Professional Learning and Leadership Institute is an internship program available to individuals with a combined vision and hearing loss. They must be currently unemployed or underemployed and seeking employment in the rehabilitation field working with individuals who are deaf-blind. This program embraces the philosophies of self-leadership, self-employment and peer collaborative learning. Interns will have the chance to gain skills and experiences to support their goal to become an instructor, trainer or habilitation specialist. Opportunities are available in various rehabilitation areas such as independent living, communication, braille, adaptive technology, vocational development, residential habilitation, advocacy and other related fields. The expected outcome after the internship is successful employment in the blind or deaf-blind rehabilitation field. The intentions of this internship program are two-fold. It is an employment program for deaf-blind individuals. It also promotes peer to peer instruction, training and engagement of deaf-blind leaders in the deaf-blind rehabilitation field.



A braille notetaker - adaptive technology

FOUNDATION OF THE GRANT

The Professional Learning and Leadership Institute is funded by a three year grant from the Lavelle Fund for the Blind, Inc. The grant provides funding for the interns' salary, travel expenses, and room and board. The grant also funds an honorarium and travel costs for well-known and successful deaf-blind leaders to come to the Center for mentorship opportunities with HKNC interns and consumers. The grant term is three years and expires in Spring 2018.



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REQUIREMENTS

The requirements for admission as an intern into the PLLI:

- The individual must be deaf-blind as defined by the Helen Keller Act:
<http://www.hknc.org/WhoWeServeDEFINITION.htm>
- The individual must be currently unemployed or underemployed
- The individual must have sufficient skills and an appropriate educational background in the area of deaf-blind rehabilitation they want to pursue
- The individual must commit to a 3 month internship and reside on the campus of the Helen Keller National Center in Sands Point, New York
- The individual must have a post-internship employment plan that will help them achieve successful employment