

## **Deaf-Blind Awareness Week**

June 22-28, 2014

- Every year the last week of June is devoted to the recognition of deaf-blind individuals.
- Coincides with birthday of Helen Keller (June 27, 1880)
- 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - formally recognized by the Federal government in 1984
- Approximately 1.2 million individuals are deaf-blind
- More than 34 million Americans have hearing loss
- Approximately 21 million have vision problems and a total of 80 million have potentially blinding eye diseases
- More than 3.4 million Americans aged 40 and older are blind
- There are approximately 59,341 legally blind children in the U.S.
- We will have posters celebrating the week – please ask the Legislator if they would like us to send them one or even better, take a photograph of them holding it for our newsletter, website and their corresponding newsletter and website

Any questions, or if you need materials, contact:

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