

Helen Keller Anne Sullivan

Deafblind Awareness

*During the month of June, please help us
celebrate Helen Keller Deafblind Awareness*

In recognition of the important role of Interveners and Support Service Providers (SSPs) in serving people who are deafblind. Interveners and SSPs enable people with combined vision and hearing loss to communicate effectively with others and receive accurate information about the world around them. These important services enable people who are deafblind to participate more fully in the larger society and contribute to their communities, as employees, employers, volunteers, family members and friends.

Melanie Knapp, a parent of a young man who was deafblind, described it best when she said: "There are people that come into your life for special reasons. Sometimes, we don't understand why right away, but I have learned to accept that they are here not to change who you are, but to enhance your life and to teach you."

For more information about Deafblind Services, call the Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services, Division for Blind Services at (512) 377-0566 or Helen Keller National Center's Regional Office at (972) 490-9677.



Governor Rick Perry with members of the Deafblind Multihandicapped Association of Texas.

