Strategy (2019-2023)
Deaf-Blind Support Foundation Con-nection – a non-governmental charitable foundation created for the purpose of systematic changes in the field of support and social integration of people with simultaneous impairment of vision and hearing. Established on April 8, 2014, at the meeting of the National Council of the Strategic Initiatives Agency.

The activities of the Foundation are systematic and complex: from genetic research to the development of inclusive theater.

President of the Foundation
Dmitry Polikanov
Structure and objectives

Yaseneva Polyana
Resource center for deafblind people support Yaseneva Polyana

Sensor-Tech Laboratory

Center for Creative Projects “Inclusion”

Deafblind Support Foundation Connection

Association of persons with hearing and vision impairments and organizations supporting them “Con-sent”

Parents of deafblind children

Deaf-Blind Family Association
Foundation environment

“House” - as a complex of "rooms" – subsidiaries, united under a common, coordinating "roof" in the form of the association of persons with hearing and vision impairments and organizations supporting them “Con-sent”

“Electricity” - financial support for subsidiaries from the Foundation.

“A switch” is an element of control of the foundation accounting and the administrative department.

“The bricks” are the projects of the Foundation’s subsidiaries, which are easily replaceable. The destruction of one does not lead to the collapse of the entire building.

The furnace is coordinated fundraising of subsidiaries, a source of “energy” alternative to foundation “electricity.”

Association of people with impaired hearing and vision “Con-cent” - a unified organization for the hearing and vision impaired, which unites the deafblind people and their relatives.

“Door” - communication with the outside world through coordinated PR activities based on a unified communication strategy.
Factors affecting the development strategy of the Foundation

| 1 | The evolution of the environment over the next five years will entail a further increase in the number of children with severe multiple disabilities, including impaired hearing and vision. In the case of senile deafness, we will also come to a qualitatively different generation of people over 60 years old who adapt faster and are more advanced in the use of various technical devices. |
| 2 | Technical devices are being developed in the world and in Russia that help people with hearing and vision impairments. One more step will be taken to replace the lost functions of the body or supplement them with the help of modern technologies. |
| 3 | The possible change of priorities of state policy and business are the elements of reducing sustainability for charitable activities. But despite this, it is realistic to almost completely satisfy the request from the deafblind people to the state in key areas of concern. |
Main activities of the foundation

**Goals**

To create mechanisms that meet the needs of the deafblind people (learning, employment, support, leisure and self-realization, family)

To create a career guidance system, train at least 500 deafblind people

To create a family assistance system in which the 80% of the families who need help are covered by Community projects, form local communities around regional offices

**Emphasis**

Raising deafblind leaders, focusing on age 30-40 +

The “Academy” program, youth programs, career guidance for the deafblind people

Children and teenagers, relatives of the deafblind people
Main activities of the foundation

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To implement the social integration of deafblind people through participation in social

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<td>2019</td>
<td>5000 people in the database</td>
<td>125 people trained in courses, a flow separation system and a network of local partners have been created</td>
<td>1300 deafblind people attend 39 centers, 14 centers work independently</td>
<td>2 projects supported, database of job seekers created and analyzed</td>
<td>For the first time, 20 deafblind people were trained at the School of Leaders, 4 projects were supported, 10 regional branches of the Association were established</td>
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<td>2021</td>
<td>6500 people in the database</td>
<td>250 people took computer skills training courses, 150 - social and cultural rehabilitation</td>
<td>1300 deafblind people attend 39 centers, 14 centers work independently</td>
<td>250 people who get career guidance got a job</td>
<td>30 regional branches of the Association are functioning, 60% current Regional Development Program projects are transferred to the Association</td>
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<td>2023</td>
<td>8,000 people in the database, the database operated by 45 unified regional centers</td>
<td>500 people have been trained in computer skills courses</td>
<td>70 centers is working</td>
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<td>45 regional branches of the Association function, deafblind activists are introduced into public councils at government bodies</td>
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### Regional Development Program

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<td>2019</td>
<td>The method of functioning of training apartments is described. 4 projects are supported (including Silent House, Podolsk and the launch of the rehabilitation center for accompanied accommodation in the Leningrad region)</td>
<td>5 services work at the regional level, 1220 people receive assistance services</td>
<td>Administrative costs of the magazine are reduced, sustainable financing model is developed, 4 issues came out</td>
<td>60 people received rehabilitation equipment, 250 people are covered by targeted assistance</td>
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<td>2021</td>
<td>Accompanied accommodation in at least 3 centers is implemented with government funding</td>
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<td>Staff for an updated edition of the magazine is trained, sustainable financial model of the magazine activities is implemented</td>
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<td>2023</td>
<td>At least 3 places for accompanied accommodation work, and are available as the state service</td>
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<td>The magazine is published in electronic form, and also is available in paper form in 45 single regional centers (3 copies each) and libraries (3 copies each), an updated editorial team works successfully</td>
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<td>Year</td>
<td>&quot;Academy&quot; Program</td>
<td>Diagnostic training</td>
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<td>2019</td>
<td>An educational license has been obtained, development roadmap was made, an electronic library of deafblindness resources has been updated</td>
<td>Specialists from 12 regions are trained in diagnostic training, training methods are verified, a roadmap of their transfer to the state as part of the &quot;Early Aid&quot; program was made</td>
<td>A conference was held in Novosibirsk in partnership with the university</td>
<td>An international conference of young scientists was held (pre-conference of young deafblind)</td>
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<td>2021</td>
<td>At least 250 people are continuously trained in the Academy</td>
<td>In 30 regions, a diagnostic training system was introduced, in 20, a system for diagnosing the deafblind potential was introduced.</td>
<td>A conference was held in one of the main regions of the country</td>
<td>Youth Conference was held under the auspices of the DBI and with the funding from this organization</td>
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<td>2023</td>
<td>Courses within the Academy work successfully and are in demand in the professional community (500 people are continuously trained)</td>
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<td>A large international conference is held every two years, alternating with a regional conference</td>
<td>The youth conference has become worldwide and is held regularly under the auspices of the DBI.</td>
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<td>&quot;Perkins&quot; Program</td>
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<td>2019</td>
<td>A financial model for the development of resource centers in the regions and training on adapted Perkins modules was created, specialists were trained in accordance with the Perkins program, the first internship in the Netherlands was arranged</td>
<td>Training programs for volunteers and young scientists are implemented in 5 countries according to the Foundation methods, stages for the &quot;Mentors and Students&quot; programs are developed, young scientists enrolled in the program work within the &quot;Mother's school&quot; project</td>
<td>Pilot career guidance project was implemented, development model of entrepreneurial skills for deafblind people are tested.</td>
<td>Center works with 150 classes are arranged, marketing model of sales of additional education programs for specialists was developed, etc.</td>
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<td>2021</td>
<td>Teacher training completed in agreement with Perkins International, 40 &quot;gurus&quot; was trained</td>
<td>3 specialists received a candidates of sciences degree, at least 3 doctoral students are being supported, the developed concept of the Alumni Association is being implemented (at least 3 online and 1 offline events per year)</td>
<td>Professional community has certified deaf-blind career guidance methods, 250 deafblind persons took part in the Career and Employment Program</td>
<td>45 “gurus” are ready to work in the regions on the topic of deaf-blindness, the Academy implements its own courses based on the Perkins program and the infrastructure created within it.</td>
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<td>There is a full-fledged community of graduates of the Academy’s programs and youth projects (alumni association), there are 10 candidates of science and 1 doctor of science on deafblindness in the country</td>
<td>Deaf-blind career guidance methods has been introduced into the state education, labor and employment systems, 500 deafblind persons took part in the Career and Employment Program</td>
<td>“Time out” has become a nationwide social service and is implemented with the governmental funding</td>
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<td>Year</td>
<td>&quot;Together it touch&quot;</td>
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<td>2019</td>
<td>The Board of Trustees is established, 5 active local communities are formed around the regional branches (at least 20 people in each)</td>
<td>500 families are in focus and are covered by Association projects</td>
<td>15 active and independent regional branches is working (5 activists each), a model for measuring activity according to a number of parameters was made, 10% of the association projects are implemented jointly with the regional development prorgam of the Foundation, 10% are implemented together with the Yaseneva Polyana center</td>
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<td>2021</td>
<td>20 active local communities are formed around the regional branches</td>
<td>1000 families are in focus and are covered by Association projects</td>
<td>30 regional branches is working, 50% of the association projects are implemented jointly with Deafblind Association, 20% are implemented together with the Yaseneva Polyana center</td>
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<td>2023</td>
<td>Active local communities are formed around the regional branches in 45 regions</td>
<td>1500 families are in focus and are covered by Association projects</td>
<td>45 active and independent regional branches is working (5 activists each), 80% of the association projects are implemented jointly with the Deafblind Association “Con-cent” or under its auspices.</td>
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<td>Performances</td>
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<td>2019</td>
<td>4 shows per year, 6 commercial shows, not less than 300 thousand rubles from them earned for statutory purpose</td>
<td>A new group of students started studying in Moscow theater school, students has graduated from all the Inclusive Theater Schools, 2 schools promote their teaching methods holding the special events</td>
<td>1 method is described in the format of university requirements and an agreement was reached with the university on its use for teaching students, the specialists of “Inclusion” participate in 5 professional conferences holding reports, an inclusive theater festival and educational seminar were held (at the Cultural Forum-2018)</td>
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<td>2021</td>
<td>Center for Creative Projects “Inclusion” organizes 10 big shows per year</td>
<td>10 Inclusive Theater Schools was established and are working successfully, 6 schools promote their teaching</td>
<td>The Inclusive House of Arts was created in which “Inclusion” plays a leading role.</td>
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<td>Center for Creative Projects “Inclusion” organizes 10 big shows per year</td>
<td>Schools are working according to “Inclusion” methodologies in 14 cities with over the the million population</td>
<td>10 main Russian theater universities use the methods of “Inclusion”, incorporating them into training programs, the festival of inclusive theater has become regular, “Inclusion” is the leading participant and co-founder of the Inclusive House of Arts</td>
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## Informing and engaging Program

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<td>2019</td>
<td>The level of public awareness about deafblindness in Russia is 48-49%</td>
<td>The recognition level of the subsidiaries is 3% of the national sample, a joint PR promotion program with subsidiaries has been created and is being implemented</td>
<td>The amount of raised funds (excluding Board of Trustees members, grants and subsidies) did not decrease, compared to 2018. The strategy of “transferring” major donors of the Foundation to the subsidiaries was formulated.</td>
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<td>2021</td>
<td>The level of public awareness is 53%</td>
<td>The recognition level of subsidiaries is 10%</td>
<td>The process of “transferring” large “donors” of the Foundation to the subsidiaries (4 donors) was started, the total amount of funds attracted to the portfolio of “constellation” projects to work with deaf-blind people due to coordination with “daughters”, has begun.</td>
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<td>2023</td>
<td>The level of public awareness about deafblindness in Russia is 57%</td>
<td>The recognition level of the subsidiaries is 17% of the national sample</td>
<td>10 large donors have been “transferred” to the subsidiaries and support them, the total amount of funds raised in the constellation of daughters to work with the deaf-blind by coordinating with daughters</td>
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## Sensor-Tech Laboratory Programs

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<td>2019</td>
<td>An organization for the commercialization of development Charlie and Robin devices; more than 50 devices are in use with the target audience; a professional version of See My World application for doctors has been released.</td>
<td>A study was conducted in the field of studying the tactile perception of the blind with the help of EEG (at least 10 participants); a scientific research study was conducted in the field of cortical prosthetics (a detailed TOR for R &amp; D has been developed).</td>
<td>Rehabilitation programs have been developed for deafblind and blind people who restored their vision with the methods of gene therapy and prosthetics (an integrated approach of work together with subsidiaries).</td>
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<td>2021</td>
<td>More than 500 “Charlie” and “Robin” devices are used by the target audience; more than 10% of ophthalmologic clinics in Russia use “See My World”; 15% of the investment returned in the form of donations</td>
<td>The number of patients increased by</td>
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<td>2023</td>
<td>Developed a fundamental new generation of basic products (“Charlie”, “Robin”, etc.); devices are available in most developed countries and the target audience exceeds 5,000; a telemedicine project in the field of ophthalmology (AI-diagnostics) was implemented; 50% of investments returned in the form of donations.</td>
<td>At least 6 master’s and 2 master’s scientific works are defended on the subject of the Laboratory activities</td>
<td>The laboratory is the center of competence for specialists on the topic of rehabilitation of the deafblind with the help of high-tech medical and assistive technologies (implementation programs, methodological materials and video courses are regularly updated).</td>
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