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Title: Early Steps for Speech Development in Congenital Multi Sensory Impairment

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Main focus: Mainly practice/Both congenital and acquired deafblindness

Abstract: Many children with multi sensory impairment have also brain injury. They have difficulties in moving their arms or legs, their tongue in the mouth or swallow their saliva. They can understand what people talk to them, but they can not answer because of their phisical difficulties. Parents have difficulties to communicate with their children and ask support from specialists for improving their relation with the child.

In my presentation I would like to introduce a young boy who have all the difficulties I mentioned above. He can understand many words he hears, but he can not answer. He can not control his movements and he can not see very well, so he is like a prison in his body. The presentation is mainly focused on practice. I will present a touch based stimulation method who can help the child to swallow and move his tongue better. Improving tongue's movements will lead to a further speech development.

All these can lead to a better communication, a better social interaction and a better life.