**Cortical Visual Impairment:**

**An Overview of Characteristics, Phases, and Approaches to Intervention**

**A Virtual Workshop with Chris Russell**

**May 6, 2021 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM**

Cortical Visual Impairment (CVI) is the leading cause of childhood visual impairment in the United States, and there is a critical need for a strong base of knowledge and skills within educational teams. This session*,* ***designed for all professionals working with students with CVI****,* will focus on achieving a practical understanding of the unique impact of CVI through an exploration of the Characteristics and Phases, and an overview of approaches to student-centered intervention.

**Participants will increase their knowledge and skills in:**

* Identifying common causes of CVI and the unique differences between CVI and other forms of visual impairment.
* Understanding the unique behavioral characteristics associated with CVI.
* Developing appropriate interventions, curriculum adaptations and environmental modifications for students with CVI.

***This free Workshop is open to TVIs, SLPs, OTs, PTs and other professionals***

***working with children in Virginia with CVI***

*The presenter:* Chris Russell is the Project Coordinator for the New York Deaf-Blind Collaborative, and has experience as a classroom teacher and Teacher of the Visually Impaired (TVI) working with children who have visual impairments and additional disabilities including deaf-blindness. Chris specializes in severe and multiple disabilities including deaf-blindness, cortical visual impairment, curriculum adaptations for children with visual impairments and additional disabilities, and instructional strategies supporting communication development for children with pre-symbolic communication. He has the Perkins-Roman CVI Range Endorsement, and conducts training in CVI Characteristics, Phases, Assessment and Intervention across NY state and nationally for professionals and families. He also serves as co-instructor for Perkins eLearning's online course, Cortical Visual Impairment, and is adjunct faculty at Hunter College, CUNY, in the graduate programs for Blindness/Visual Impairment, and Childhood Special Education: Severe/Multiple Disabilities.

**Continuing Education Hours will be available - email Caren Phipps after the Workshop for Verification**

**This Workshop will be captioned but if other accessibility accommodations are needed**

**please note on the Registration Form. A Zoom link will be emailed after you register**

**[REGISTER HERE](https://forms.gle/x2HBr5x35RfVrpwN9)**

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