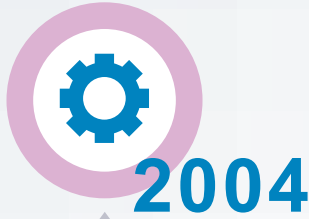


The Deafblind Network of Ontario (DBNO) is a dynamic group of individuals and organizations who work for the improvement of services for all Ontarians who have the dual disability of deafblindness.

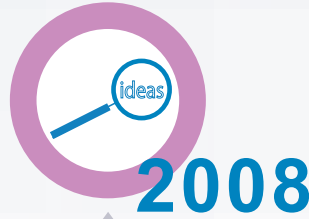
### Transformation Activities

During 2004, a review of the sector took place and laid the ground work for transformation activities.



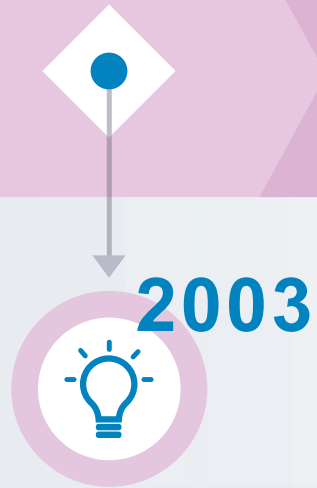
### Intervenor Symposium

The first 'Spirit of the Intervenor Symposium' was held in 2008 with the objective of bringing together individuals with a vested interest in deafblindness to share experiences and expand their knowledge.



### From DBCO to DBNO

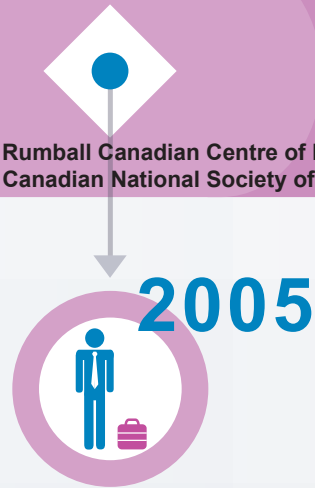
In 2017, the DBCO was rebranded to the Deafblind Network of Ontario (DBNO). This rebrand included the development of a new logo. The DBNO was also incorporated.



### DBCO Founded

The DBCO was founded in 2003 to identify and address the needs of the deafblind sector in Ontario.

Member Organizations: • Bob Rumball Canadian Centre of Excellence for the Deaf, Canadian Deafblind Association - Ontario Chapter, Canadian Helen Keller Centre, CNIB Deafblind Services, Canadian National Society of the Deaf-Blind, DeafBlind Ontario Services, Intervenor Organization of Ontario, Lions McInnes House



### DBCO

In the Fall of 2005, the Deputy Minister attended a DBCO meeting where the role and influence of the DBCO was emphasized in terms of guiding transformation activities.



### Objectives

- Increased public awareness: uniqueness of deafblindness
- Increased recruitment and hiring of intervenors
- Increased development of training programs for intervenors
- Increased awareness among consumers of the benefits of intervenor services



### Single Point of Access

In early 2018, the official DBNO website and Single Point of Access will launch. A bylaw change will also take effect.