

## LSUHSC provides services for vision and hearing impaired

he Louisiana Deafblind Project (LADBP) is a new program of the Human Development Center in the LSUHSC School of Allied Health Professions. This statewide program provides services to children and youth (birth through twenty-one years of age) who have both a vision and hearing loss at the same time. Coordinated by Cassondra Glausier, services include technical assistance, training, information, and referral to educators, families and service providers for children with deafblindness throughout the state, at no cost. The only requirement is that the child must be entered into the LADBP Deafblind Registry.

The project is required by the US Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs to maintain a statewide registry of children and youth with



deafblindness. The project needs assistance to identify children and youth who are, or may become, deafblind. Children do not have to be totally deaf and totally blind. Services are available to children and



youth with any degree of the combination hearing and vision loss. Most of the children served have useable vision and hearing. Services are provided in homes, day care centers, schools, or any place a child with deafblindness may be receiving other services.

Any family member, educator or service provider of a child or youth who meets the eligibility requirements for deaf-blindness and has been referred to the Louisiana Deafblind Registry can request information, resources, professional development, or technical assistance from the project. The project also includes a Family Training Program

(SPARKLE) designed to provide family members access to information, training and resources pertaining to deafblindness. For more information contact our Project Coordinator, Cassondra Glausier at cglaus@lsuhsc.edu.

## LSUHSC steps up campus safety capacity

he Health Sciences Center is constantly working to improve the safety of our campuses. The most recent steps include the Active Shooter Drill held last week at the School of Dentistry. The drill tested the tactical response of University

Police Officers as well as communications protocol. Drills like this one are an important part of training, and training for faculty, staff, and students is being planned for the coming months.

The Health Sciences Center has also added new communication capability permitting anyone on our New Orleans campuses to alert University Police with real time information about suspicious activity,



theft, vandalism, and more. Called uTip, anyone on our New Orleans campuses can send an SMS text alert from a cell phone to 50911 and beginning the message with LSUHSC.



University Police participate in After Action Debrief

The uTip service can help prevent crimes on campus by reporting incidents before they escalate and by providing University Police with current, specific information. It offers our faculty, staff, students and visitors another way to quickly report safety issues and get help.



