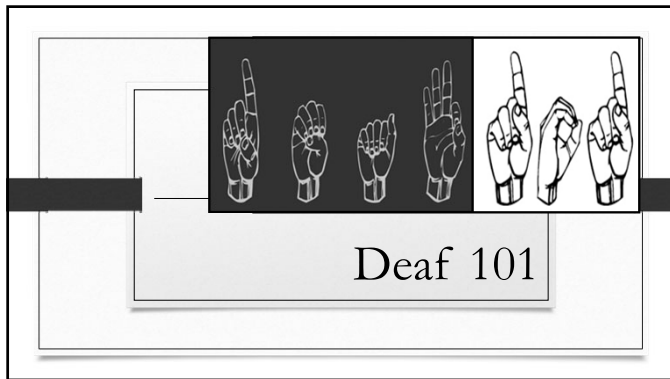
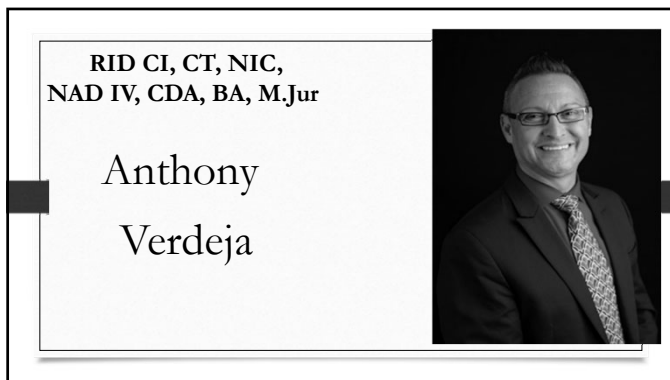
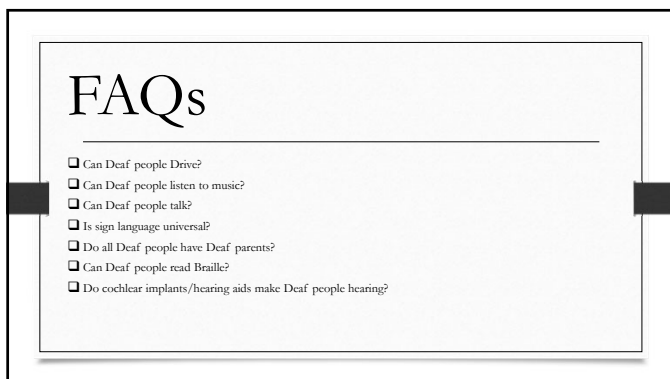




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What does it mean to be Deaf?



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"Deaf people as a linguistic minority have a common experience of life, and this manifests itself in Deaf culture."

This includes beliefs, attitudes, history, norms, values, literary traditions, and art shared by Deaf people."

-World Federation of the Deaf

- Collectivist Community
- Direct
- Animated
- Long goodbyes



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Words
Matter

Deaf	deaf
Hard of hearing	Late deafened
Hearing	CODA

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Don't Say

- Hearing Impaired
- Deaf and Dumb
- Deaf Mute

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Communicating

Dos

- ✓ Let them lead
- ✓ Be flexible
- ✓ Use tools
- ✓ Body language/gestures
- ✓ Establish the topic
- ✓ Rephrase and repeat

Don'ts

- Don't say "Nevermind", "It doesn't matter", "I'll tell you later."
- Don't assume
- Don't criticize their English
- Don't yell
- Don't talk over each other
- Don't give up

**Attention getting: tap, wave, flash the lights

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Can you read my lips:

CAN YOU READ MY LIPS? on Vimeo

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Lipreading

Dos

- ✓ Speak clearly
- ✓ Establish the topic
- ✓ Rephrase and repeat
- ✓ Maintain eye contact

Don'ts

- Don't cover your mouth
- Don't eat or chew gum
- Don't turn your back
- Don't yell

**Studies show roughly only 30% of the English language can be understood by lipreading

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National Association of the Deaf (NAD)

Advocacy Papers

NAD.org

- Lawyers and Legal Services:
 - Courts: [Communication Access in Federal Courts](#)
 - [Communication Access in State and Local Courts](#)
- Police and Law Enforcement
- Jails and Prisons

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Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID)

Resources

- Interpreting In Legal Settings: [Legal Interpreting SPPpdf - Google Drive](#)
- National Certifications: [Available Certifications - Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, Inc.](#)

National Certifications

- National Interpreter Certification (NIC)
- Specialized Certificate: Legal (SCL) Moratorium
- Certified Deaf Interpreter (CDI)
- Others: NIC Master, NIC Advanced, RID CI, CT, NAD IV, V

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Interpreters

- ☐ Look and speak directly to the Deaf/HoH individual
- ☐ Speak in a normal tone at a normal pace
- ☐ Be aware the interpreter must interpret everything
- ☐ Avoid personal conversations with the interpreter
- ☐ The interpreter is not a companion, tutor, or helper
- ☐ Relax and be yourself!



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Video Relay Services

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Questions?

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Thank you!

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