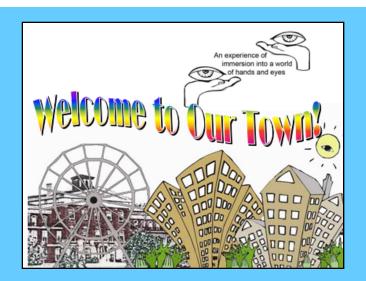
Experiencing Deaf Culture:



Creating a Visually-Friendly Environment at Home

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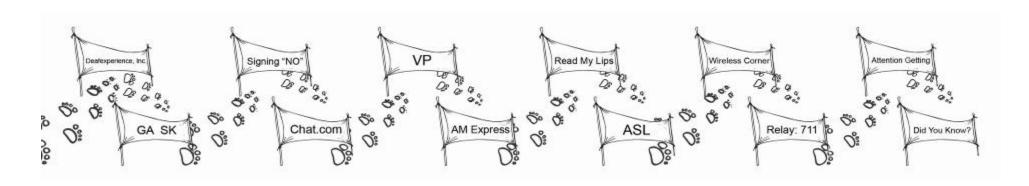
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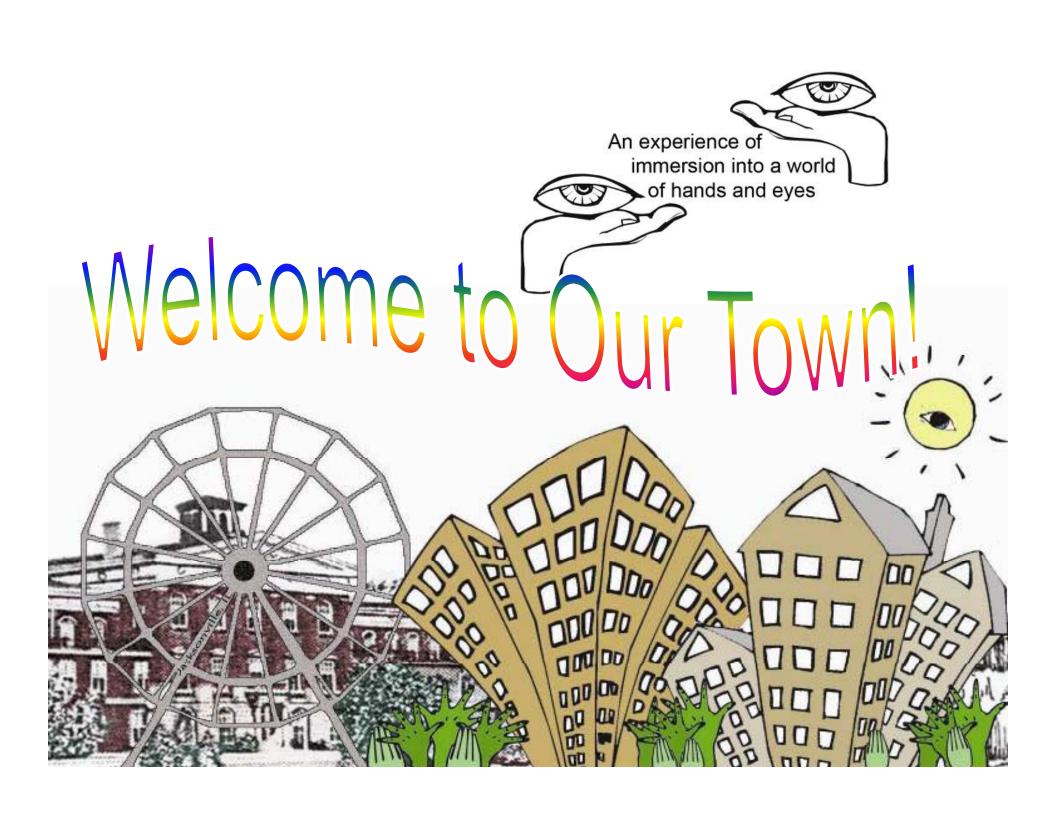
This presentation is a simulation of a two-hour immersion into the Deaf community and is experienced annually by parents who attend a week-long Institute for Parents of Preschool Children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing at the Illinois School for the Deaf (ISD). The Institute is in its 66th year of existence and the "Our Town" experience was initiated in 1996. Parents rotate among booths of activities hosted by ISD teenage students. This activity receives rave reviews from parents, which prompted us to share it with you. Other groups have already used this idea to create their own immersion experiences for various audiences, and we invite you to "copy" it as well and use it in your community.

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Main Message

- To create a visually-friendly environment at home
- To allow equal access to all in the home
- To "fast forward" 15 years later to "see" your child functioning independently at home and in the community





A quick "tour" of Our Town

- VP and VRS
- Pagers
- AM Express
- GA SK: TTYs
- 711 Relay Center
- Creating a "Deaffriendly" home
- Deafexperience, Inc.

- Read My Lips
- Signing "No"
- Attention getting
- ASL: Multiple Meanings
- NMS (non-manual signals
 - facial expressions)
- "Hey, did you know?!"
- Chat.com

VP in action: Direct communication between two people with VP units and monitors





(Deaf)

VP = videophone

(Deaf)

VRS in action





Hearing Person

VRS = **Video Relay Service**



Wireless Corner: Pagers!





Sidekick



Blackberry



I Phone

AM Express













http://www.harriscomm.com



GA SK: TTYs



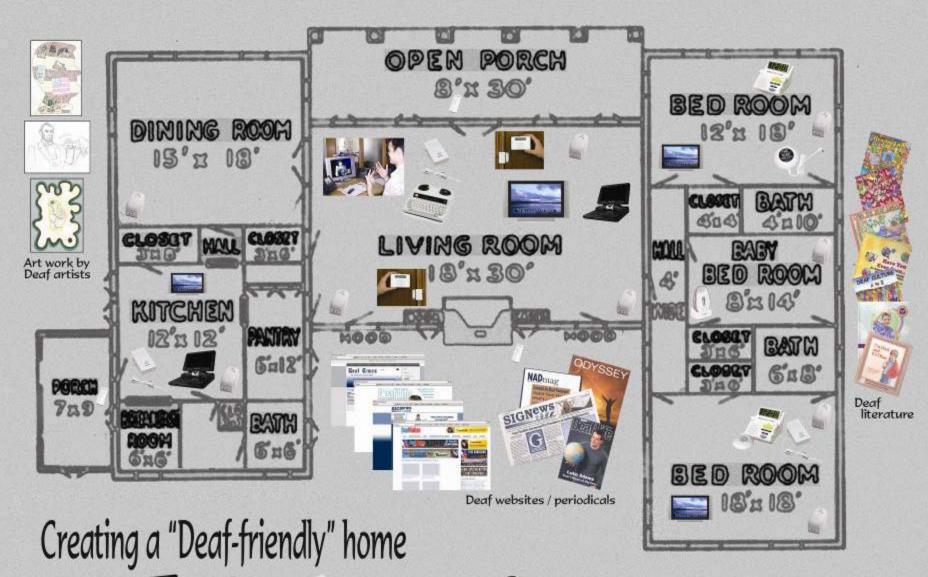


TTY = teletypewriter

Dial 711



http://www.consumer.att.com/relay/tty





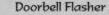
Videophone Baby Signaler

Phone Flasher Signaler Plug Adapter for flasher









Bed Vibrator

Alarm Clock

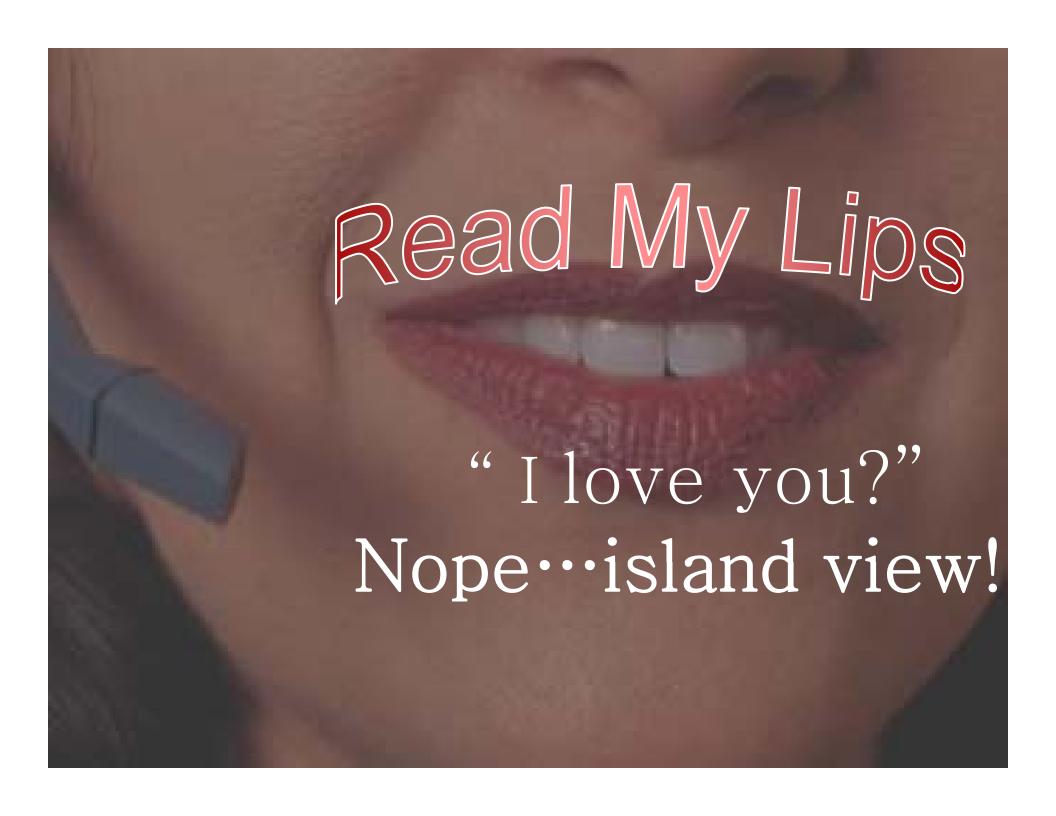
Closed Caption Television

DeafExperience, Inc

Hungry? Grab a bite here!

(Please pardon our dust—we're going through a renovation and the menus have yet to be printed up! BUT we'll be glad to serve you!)











How to sign "No"

Degrees of negation







Hey! Look at Me!

Appropriate Ways to Get Attention.





Multiple Meanings

Fairview

Run

- ✓ We will have to run to catch the plane.
- Does the pepper make your nose run?
- ✓ Don't let the water run.
- The river will run into the ocean.
- ✓ I have a run in my hose.
- She will run for class president.
- How long will the school play run?
- He will run his father's business.
- ✓ We run everyday.



Multiple Meanings

- Made
- ✓ I made my bed.
- ✓ I made money.
- My brother made me do that.
- The rain made the grass green.
- ✓ I made a present for you.





A program that enables deaf students to read and sign more accurately

http://www.fairviewlearning.net/index.php









Non-Manual Signs
NMS

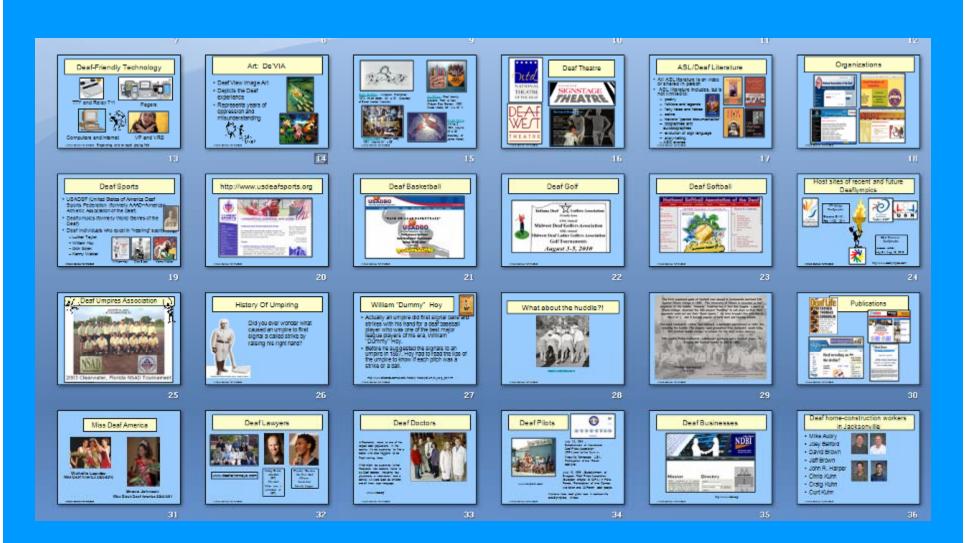






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Hey, did you know?! An introduction to Deaf Culture 101









Welcome to our Deaf Club!

Visit all these booths!

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devices	barrier-free	- NO!
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