Creating an Accessible Environment at Home

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Preface

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 67th 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
Welcome to Our Town!

An experience of immersion into a world of hands and eyes
A quick “tour” of Our Town

- VP and VRS
- Pagers
- AM Express
- GA SK: TTYs
- 711 Relay Center
- Creating an accessible 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
### Communication Apps

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**iPhone, iPad and iPod touch Apps for Special Education**

App list with links and description provided

- [Link 1](#) - Updated 01/30/15
- [Link 2](#) - Updated 02/10/15

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**Final Note**

Good design for disabled and elderly people is often good design for everyone.
An Accessible Home:
Books, books, books!
VP in action: Direct communication between two people with VP units and monitors

(Deaf)  VP = videophone  (Deaf)
VRS in action

VRS = Video Relay Service

Deaf Person

VI (video interpreter - hearing)

Hearing Person
Wireless Corner: Pagers!

- Sidekick
- Blackberry
- iPhone
AM Express

http://www.harriscomm.com
TTY = teletypewriter
Dial 711

http://www.consumer.att.com/relay/tty
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!)
Read My Lips

“ I love you?”
Nope...island view!
How to sign “No”

Degrees of negation
Hey! **look** at Me!

Appropriate Ways to Get Attention.
Multiple Meanings

- 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/hh students to read and sign more accurately

http://www.fairviewlearning.net/index.php
Non-Manual Signs

NMS

www.lifeprint.com
Hey, did you know?! An introduction to Deaf Culture 101
Visit all these booths!

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Summary: ACCESS!

An Accessible Home: Technology!

An Accessible Home: Books, books, books!

ASL for EVERYONE!