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<i>Ella Mae Lentz/Shirley Schultz (interpreter)</i>: All right. But we can't forget the other side, we have to look at both sides at the same time. For instance, if you look only at the clinical side, it means that you will forget the positive things about deafness.

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If you look at deaf people as a culture, there, you will, it will always come up that they cannot hear.

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It's sad, but most of our residential school services for the de-- related to deaf people, operate from the clinical-pathological point of view, but there are more people becoming aware of the cultural side in a professional way.

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Okay, coming back to these. Many people think that deaf people want to be hearing.

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Okay, I want to explain that there are many different deaf people. They have different experiences.

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We have a group, a core group of deaf people who grew up in schools for the deaf, who grew up with sign language, who grew up with each other. Now that group is different from those people who became deaf after, say, 20 or during old age, became deaf during old age. They have different experiences.

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Those grow, first core group grew up with sign language. Those who became deaf later in life grew up with spoken language and became deaf. They didn't know sign language.

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They 're deaf, but they, they're not like those in the core group. Maybe those people miss their hearing, maybe they want to have their hearing back. But those people who grew up deaf, nah, I mean, what do they miss? They never heard, so it doesn't matter to us.

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I'm deaf, fine. I have a language. I can communicate. I can do many things, it doesn't matter.

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So that statement could be true for some people, but not for all deaf people.

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Now the second statement, deaf people read Braille. Often people become confused between deaf people and blind people because both handicaps are related with senses, but they really are opposite.



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