



Public Education v. Deaf Children

The benefits and downsides of public
education for deaf children



Question

What are the benefits and downsides of putting deaf children in public schools?

IDEA

"The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) is a law that makes available a free appropriate public education to eligible children with disabilities throughout the nation and ensures special education and related services to those children (2022)."

Interpreters

“If a child is unable to learn a usable first language via an interpreter, years spent relying solely on an interpreter to support language acquisition may prolong the period of language deprivation, thereby worsening outcomes (Caselli, Hall, Henner, 2020).”

Benefits

“I think the regular classroom teacher, in order to educate the deaf student, really needs to know about that student, just like she would the hearing students in the classroom, and get to know the background of the student, because that plays an important role when the child comes in day after day. I also think it's important for them to learn about Deaf culture, and what that brings with the child, as well as deafness itself (Youtube, 2012).”

Personal Experience



Results

For More Information



Questions?

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