The Deaf Mentor Program: Benefits to Families and Professionals

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Purpose



A project begins with a good problem statement, which requires four key questions to be answered:



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Where is the problem?
When does it occur?
How bad is it?
How do you know
it's a problem?





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- Few research about Deaf Mentors
- Objective
- Grounded Theory
- Two points of view
 - Families
 - Deaf Mentors
- ❖ Benefited & Oppressed

Research Design

<u>Procedure</u>

- → IRB approval was obtained from the university.
- Consent
- ❖ All data was video recorded
- Interview

Validity of the Study

- ❖ The validity of the data
- Accuracy of the translation
- * Recheck
- Triangulation
- SKI-HI curriculum

Treatment of the Data

- Code process
- Themes and categories
- Coding method
- * Axial coding
- A core category identified
- Complete data on both hearing parents and Deaf Mentors
- Develop a theory





Phenomenal Logical apppraoch



Narrative approach



Grounded approach



Qualitative Approach

Background of the Problem

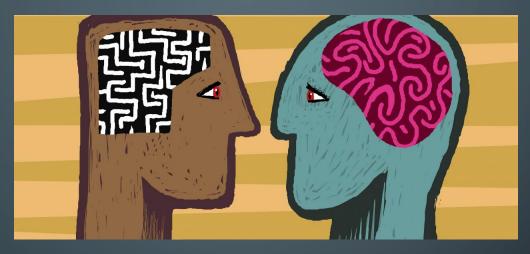
Issues:

- ❖ About three in 1000 infants are born Deaf
- * About additional 6 are identified Deaf by time they are age 6
- About 95% of these Deaf children are born into hearing families
- Challenge for families
- Deaf professionals are not usually involved



°Theoretical Framework °

Critical Race Theory (CRT)



Community Cultural Capital (CCC)



Research Questions

- *Research Question #1: What do hearing families with a Deaf child report as their experiences with the Deaf Mentor Program?
- *Research Question #2: How do experience Deaf Mentors trainers view their roles and responsibilities when interacting with hearing families and their Deaf child?



Focus on Early Linguistic Access

- ❖ Identify early as possible
- Perceptual Window
- Eye-Gaze
- Deaf Gain/Epistemology

Early access to language:
Creating an optimal
foundation for deaf
children's cognitive
development

Two Epistemological Perspectives

Medical Perspective

Communication Options

Hearing Loss

Intervention

Failed hearing test

Diagnosis

Fix the ear

Deafness

Hearing impaired

Socio-Cultural Perspective

Communication Opportunities

Hearing level, status, abilities, or

Differences

Involvement or identification

Refer with explanation

Identification

Modify or cope

Deaf, deaf people, being deaf

Deaf or Hard of Hearing

The Medical Perspective's Impact

- The problems are at university, state and federal level
- Deafness is a disease to be cured
- *Technology



The Socio-Cultural Perspective's Impact



- Maximize development
- Diversity lens
- *Equivalent
- ❖ No risks
- ❖ Increase knowledge of Deaf being

Early Intervention and the Deaf Mentor Program



- ❖ Not 100% effective
- **❖** Two-years lag
- *Referrals
- Availability

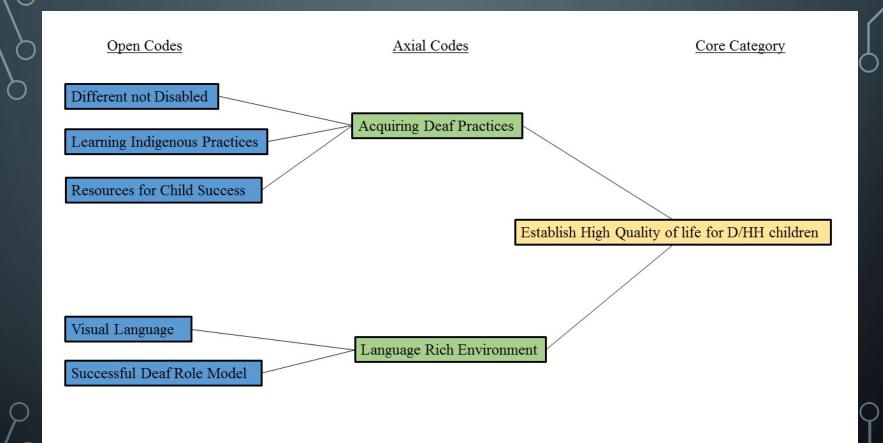


- ❖ Build community capital
- * Reduce the risk of isolation
- High expectations of their Deaf child
- Cultural awareness
- ❖ Model for the families
- First hand experience

Finding

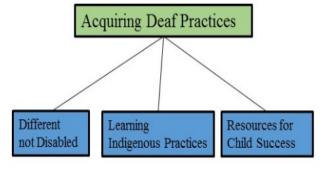


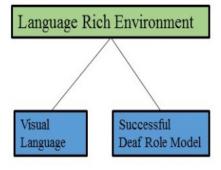
Families



Axial Codes



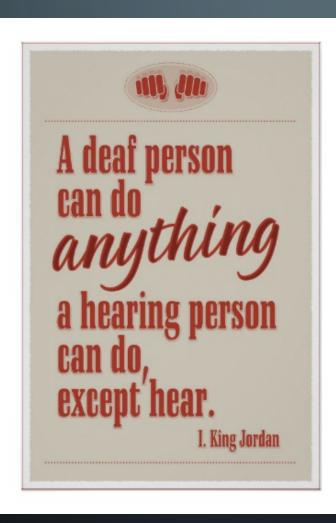




- Deaf perspective
- * Deaf epistemology
- Hearing professional VS Deaf Professional
- Before Deaf Mentor

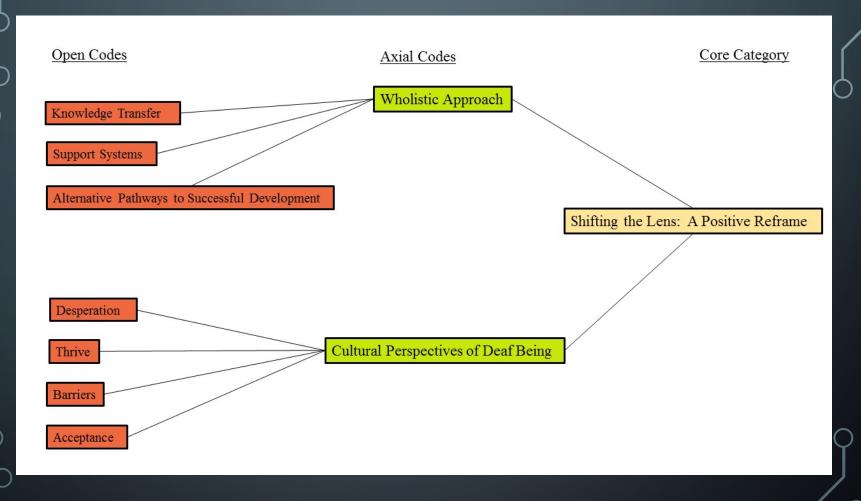
- Vital Support
- Complete unit
- * Academic and everyday life
- Immediately
- Opportunity

Establishing a High Quality of Life for Deaf/HH Children

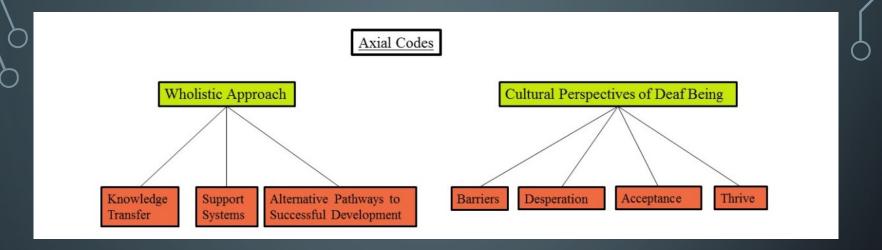


- Inclusive services
- * Move forward
- * Positive outcome
- Connected to the Deaf community
- Navigate

Deaf Mentors



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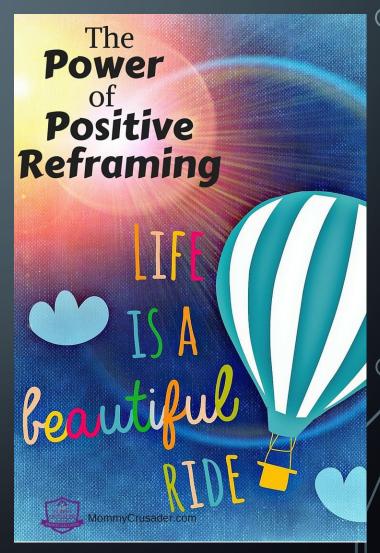


- * Natural approach
- Offer
- Accepted Deaf Mentor's advice
- Importance
- Advocate

- Medical Perspective to a Socio-Cultural Perspective
- Transition is a breakthrough
- * Empowered

Shifting the Lens: A Positive Reframe

- Deaf child's quality of life
- Insight
- More support
- Deaf identify
- Claim an identity leads to a confident child



Relationships between family and Deaf Mentor interviews

"Once you understand and appreciate other people's cultural backgrounds, then you can also **connect** with them more."

- ***** CCC to families
- Bicultural and developed

Conclusion

Establishing a
High Quality
of Life for
Deaf and Hard
of Hearing
Children

Theoretical framework

Shifting the Lens: A Positive Reframe

Using CCC to Enhance the Visual Lives of Deaf Beings

- ❖ Benefit in ...
- ❖ Gain confidence and knowledge
- Deaf epistemology
- Cognitive ecology
- Shifting perspective

Implications

- ❖ Using CCC to Enhance the Visual Lives of Deaf Beings
- *Broad and multidimensional
- **♦** Language structure
- Can collaborate
- Providing access
- Present all information
- Inclusive
- **❖** Accept the fact





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