

GUIDE: HOW TO USE THE LINKS TO THE DEAF-BLIND CONSUMERS

Hello and welcome to our video clip called “DB Consumers”. Here I’ll explain (offer a guide) to the different links, why the links are there, who is in that list of consumers, and why they were involved. Ok, ready?

In our on-line curriculum the last section is training on the topic of how to use an SSP. This set of videos is to follow the first part of the Deaf-Blind training. The purpose of these materials is so the trainees can get a picture of the experiences of different DB people, why they use SSPs, both pros and cons and how to improve it, ...for understanding of the rights to use SSP services, who can, who not – the view from each of these people.

[The consumers] are of different ages, from young to older; they have different communication needs. They also represent different perspectives: some identify with the Deaf culture, others identify as hard-of-hearing. Their views are both included.

We want to thank all the deaf-blind people who shared with us. Now, who are they? First is Corrina Veesart from California; next is Jenne Chalfant from Washington; third is Jorge Aristizabal, from South Carolina who moved a short time ago; fourth, Lorie Noel from the south part of Washington, and finally, Don Meyer from Seattle. The first three respond in ASL while the last two speak English and their interviews are captioned. For the first three interviewees who use ASL there are no captions or voice over. If you do not understand the signing, this is not a problem; you can click on the English text version [translation]¹ and read what they have said there. Or, of course, you can look at both.

¹ Also available in Braille.