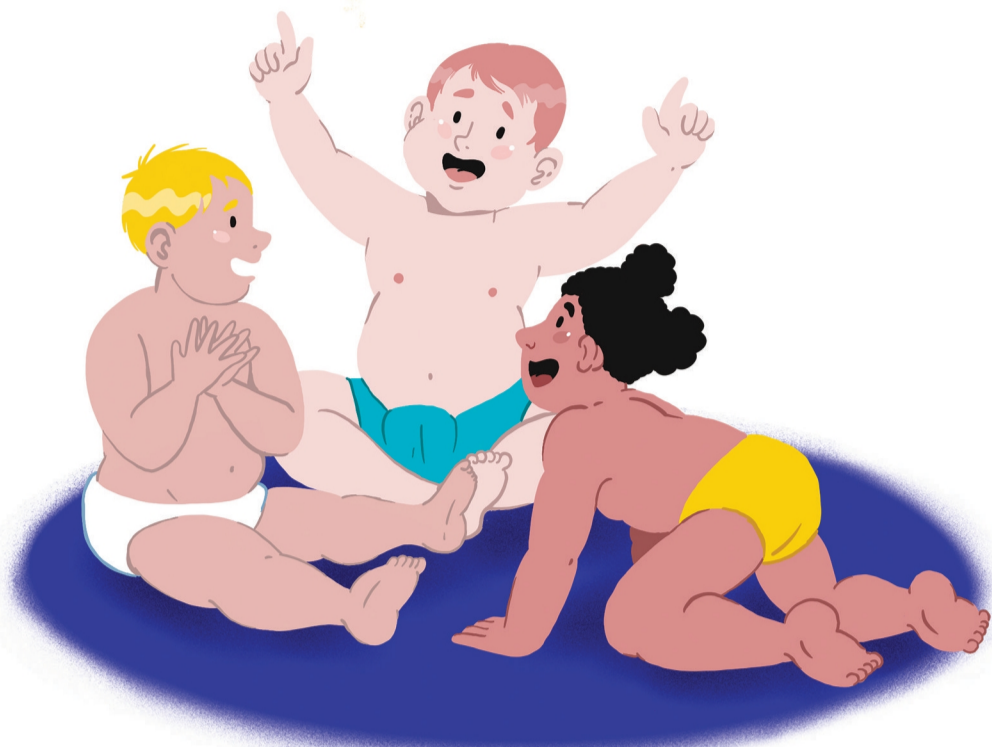


DECLARATION ON THE RIGHTS OF DEAF CHILDREN

Article 1

All deaf children, like all humans, are born free and equal in dignity and rights.



Article 2

All deaf children have a right to a sign language. National sign language(s) are the only fully accessible language for deaf children from birth onwards.



Article 3

The right of deaf children to their national sign language(s) shall not be infringed.



Article 4

All parents, carers and family members of deaf children must be provided with free instruction in their national sign language(s).



Article 5

All deaf children have a right to quality, inclusive, multilingual education in their national sign language(s) and the national written language(s).^[1]



Article 6

All deaf children have a right to learn the linguistic identity and culture of the deaf community.^[2]



Article 7

All deaf children have the right to protection from language deprivation. Not providing access to the national sign language(s) to all deaf children constitutes discrimination^[3].



Article 8

All deaf children have a right to fluent national sign language models, including teachers in education.^[4]



Article 9

All deaf children have a right to express their views on all matters affecting them.^[5]



Article 10

All the above declarations must be implemented for all deaf children immediately and without delay.



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[1] UN CRPD, Article 24; and International Disability Alliance "What an Inclusive, Equitable Quality Education Means to Us: Report of the International Disability Alliance" 2020, Annex p.9 [2] UN CRPD, Article 30 [3] UN CRPD, Article 5(3) [4] UN CRPD, Article 24.4 [5] UN CRPD Article 7(3)