

Diverse communication methods



Clients of CNIB Deafblind Community Services use a variety of communication methods when receiving services.

These methods include:



Tactile Sign Language

Tactile sign language (sometimes known as hand over hand) is a method of communication that relies heavily on touch. The receiver's hand(s) are placed lightly on the back of the signer's hands to feel their signs through touch and movement.



Print-on-palm

In this communication method, letters are traced on the palm, so they can "read" what is being written on their hand. While this method can often be a slower form of communication, it requires minimal training and can be learned quickly.



Two-hand manual

The two-hand manual alphabet is a method of spelling out words onto a person's hand - with each letter denoted by a particular sign or place on the hand.

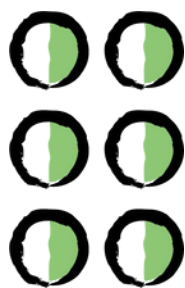


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Braille

Braille is a tactile writing system used by people who are blind, partially sighted or Deafblind. It can be read either on embossed paper or by using refreshable braille displays that connect to computers and smartphone devices.



Voiceover

In this communication method, words are spoken in a tone, speed and volume that helps facilitate clear and accessible communication for the person who is Deafblind.



Large-print

In some cases, written communication is the simplest and clearest form of communication. Some clients may choose to receive their information using printed materials of varying sizes. Most large print notes can range in font sizes from 14-22 and beyond.



American Sign Language (ASL)

ASL is a visual and gestural language used by most of the deaf community in the United States and Canada. The shape, placement, and movement of the hands, as well as facial expressions and body movements, all play important parts in conveying information.



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