

# **Usher syndrome in the family and the Deaf community**

**ADBN – Seminar 06**

# WHY WE LOVE TACTILE SIGN LANGUAGE (TSL)

1. TSL is 3-D!

2. You can eat and use TSL at the same time.

**3. You can use TSL under water.**

**4. It's a cool way to express yourself.**

**5. Deaf and hearing can communicate with Deaf-Blind people using TSL.**

**6. Blackout? No problem! We can still communicate with TSL.**

**7. TSL brings people closer to one another**

**8. TSL is a beautiful part of Deaf-Blind culture**

**9. Deaf-Blind people from other countries can use TSL.**

**10.TSL is AWESOME.**

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# **Usher syndrome in the family**

**Usher syndrome is a progressive  
condition!!**

- **Communication**
- **environment**
- **technical**
- **work**
- **activities**
- **partner**

# ***For you as professionals it is important:***

- ***Not to charge the family with everything but to support external solutions***
- ***To be aware of the fact that there is a need of constant readaptation (communication, environment, work, leisure)***

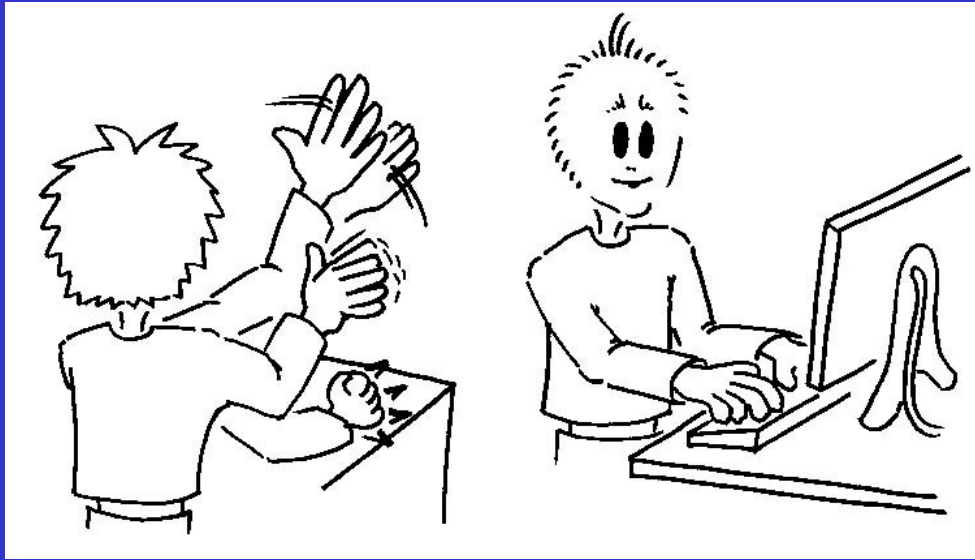
- ***To provide assistance/interpreters (courses, training, organise/guarantee funding etc.)***

# Usher Syndrome in the Deaf Community



# Deaf Community

- sign language
- Deaf-culture



**not right**



**right**

# ***For you as professionals it is important:***

- ***To respect the identity of the person affected by the Usher syndrome (origin, language/culture)!***
- ***To support those who use sign language twice as much in countries where there is not much support for sign language and to support them in the Deaf community as long as possible***

- *To organise campaigns for the deaf at the same time (communication, behaviour usw.)*
- *To cooperate both with self-help groups and professional services for the Deaf and organisations for the Deaf.*

**Thank you for your  
attention !**