



## **ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NEW SPECIAL COLLECTION:**

### **Violence in the Lives of Persons who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing** June 2009

This new Special Collection offers information regarding the experiences and needs of individuals who are Deaf or hard of hearing and victims/survivors of domestic and/or sexual violence. The purpose of this collection is to: 1) increase knowledge and understanding of Deaf culture, 2) provide resources to assist helping professionals in direct service work with Deaf individuals, and 3) highlight best practices.

This collection was prepared by staff of the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence in consultation with Gretchen Waech, and with guidance from the National Cross-Systems Advocacy Network, a national partnership among advocates, persons with disabilities, Deaf persons, and others from the disability rights and anti-violence movements. The former executive director of Deaf Iowans Against Abuse and the Justice for Deaf Victims National Coalition, Gretchen Waech is a proud Deaf woman and adult child of hearing parents with particular expertise on the intersection of domestic and sexual violence and the Deaf culture.

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#### **Key Areas:**

- ✓ Deaf Culture: Definitions, History, and Inclusion
- ✓ Myths & Realities
- ✓ Audism: Oppression in the lives of Deaf individuals
- ✓ Language & Communication
- ✓ Etiquette
- ✓ Accommodations: Accessibility and Interpreters
- ✓ Best Practices: Use of Interpreters and Working with Deaf Victims/Survivors
- ✓ Training Tools
- ✓ Organizations providing services to Deaf Victims/Survivors
- ✓ Bibliography & Additional Resources

