



Spoken English or ASL?

Why Not Both?

A Lived Experience Family Perspective
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Who Am I?

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Graham



Hudson

**bilateral sensorineural
hearing loss**

genetic testing

**we have to teach his daycare
about how to take care of his
hearing aids**

**failed newborn hearing
screening**

**they are going to need
an IEP**

hearing aid loan bank

**ABR
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ABR**

**in home speech language
pathologist services**

**Infant Toddler Services of
Johnson County**



Deaf school or mainstream?

Language Assessment Program

Missed milestones

Cochlears or wait?

Who will learn ASL with our family? Will they have a relationship with family?

Language deprivation syndrome

Deaf Mentor Program

Preschool at Kansas State School for the Deaf

ASL immersion



**Kansas State School for
the Deaf**

Deaf friends and supports

**Careful consideration of annual
IEPs and goals**

Bilingual household

**Encouraging and
empowering others**

Milestones met

**Involvement in the Deaf
community**

**Continual advocacy of
self and others**





Thank You

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