

## **Deaf Education Now!**

**Paving the path for inclusive school environment for Deaf and Hard of hearing children and youth in Bulgaria**

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### **Ramping Up for Deaf Education Now! Actionable Objectives:**

- **Conduct series of Deaf parents' empowerment seminars:**
  - Develop curricula for these seminars.
  - Raise linguistic and identity understanding among Deaf parents in order to raise their children in more inclusive, loving and diverse environment
  - Involve Deaf parents in series of Deaf empowerment training programs for hearing parents of Deaf children
- **Conduct trainings for teachers and specialists, working with Deaf children and youth in the field of Deaf Studies and Bulgarian Sign Language**
  - Develop curricula for these trainings.

- Deaf Trainers conduct trainings for teachers and other educators in the field of Deaf Studies and Bulgarian Sign Language and provide full access to Deaf Education Platform
- **Establish cluster programs for Deaf students in schools or other educational establishments with visual and auditory equipment whereas needed.**
  - Create a list of what programs need to support deaf students: equipment, building space, lighting, staff, curricula, etc.
  - Conduct a call for participation from schools and other educational establishments.
  - Select a limited number of pilot programs/schools.
  - Build the staff and curricula for each program.