

# **Mental Health Services for the Deaf**

## **Lessons learned**

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# What do we want from you?

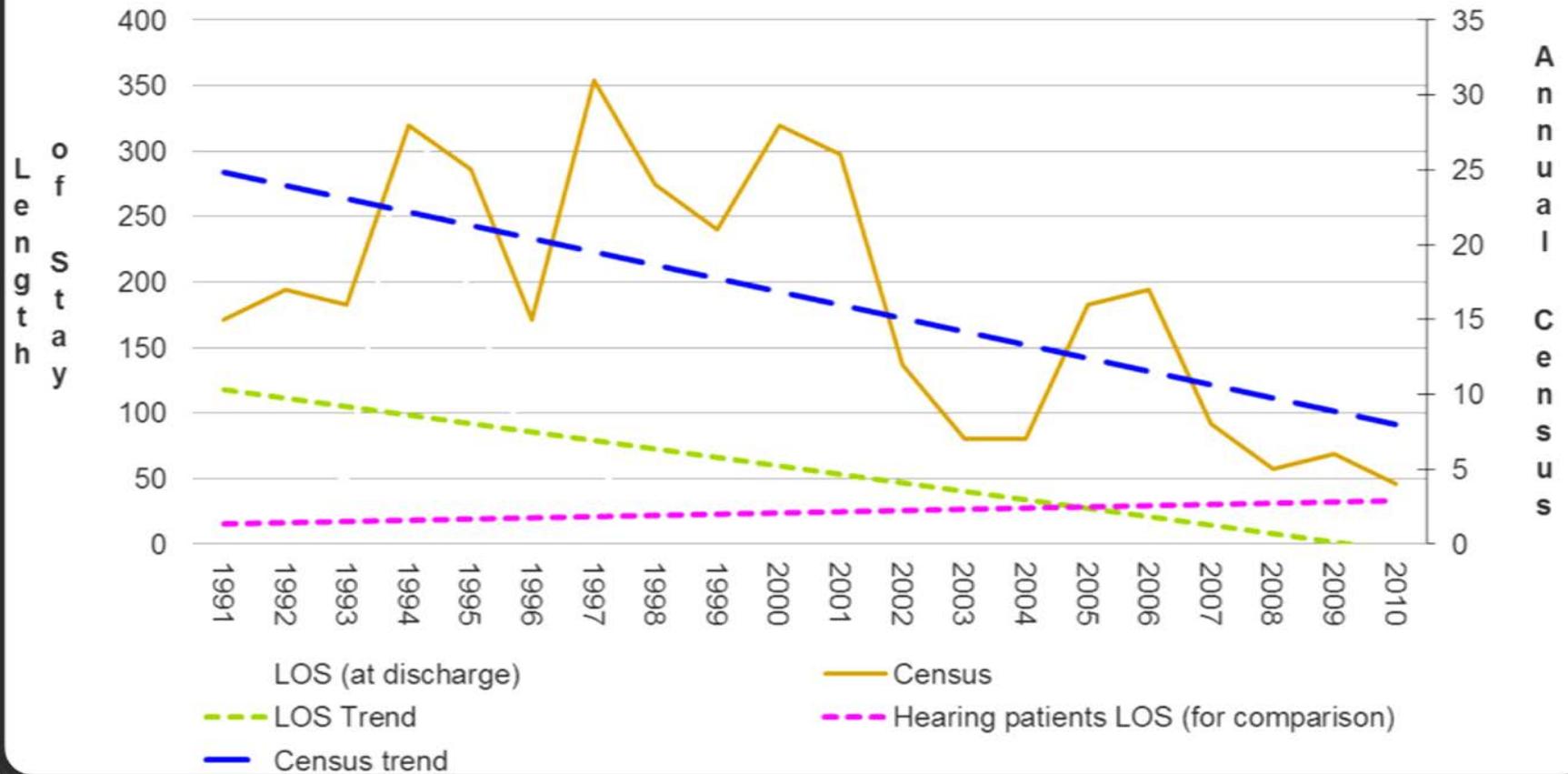
- Short-term
  - **The knowledge there is a problem**
  - **The knowledge there is a solution**
  - **A sense of discomfort**
- Long-term
  - **A plan for your state**
  - **A commitment to adequacy**
  - **“East Podunk” test**



## Just the facts

- Why?
- What?
- Who?
- Where?
- When?

# Why?





# What?

- Direct services from specialized staff
- High use of technology
  - **Text messaging**
  - **E-mail**
  - **Tele-mental health services**
  - **Video remote interpreting**
  - **Active web presence**
- Additional costs
  - **Salaries**
  - **Travel**
  - **Technology**

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# Who?

- Deaf and Hearing clinicians
  - **Fluent in ASL and culturally competent**
  - **Peer Support Specialists**
- Interpreters
  - **Trained in mental health interpreting**
- Recruited nationally

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# Where?

- Regional staff needed to serve low incidence population
  - **Impractical for rural areas to develop their own services**
- Statewide program direction and administration
- Statewide contracting and coordination for interpreters

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## When?

- Well, I wouldn't expect you to start until you returned to your office.

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# Thank you

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