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National Black Deaf Advocates (NBDA)

>> MOLLY RAPHAEL: Thank you very much. The information just keeps coming and coming, I think. Thank you. Now, National Black Deaf Advocates, Anquinette Kimble-Stafford.

>> ANQUINETTE KIMBLE-STAFFORD: I think we have a PowerPoint there. There we go. I'm here to represent the National Black Deaf Advocates. There was another person who was going to come, but she was not able to come. Liz Moore. Dr. Moore, but she wasn't able to be here, so I'm going to speak briefly about the history and our goals. National Black Deaf Advocates was established in 1982. We came from a group of black deaf folks who went to an NAD Convention and we felt that our needs weren't being met by the larger organization, so we decided to set up our own organization in Cleveland, Ohio. And that's where we were founded. And that was the first three chapters were formed in DC, Cleveland and Philly.

Our mission is to support the leadership development and economic development and educational opportunities and social equality and safeguard the welfare of black deaf people and hard of hearing people in America. We have 21 active chapters, with

over 300 members. There are four regions. I have one chapter in California, in the Bay Area, so San Francisco and Oakland area. We also have many members at large. Their particular area does not have enough members to have a chapter, so there are members who are not belonging to a chapter. We have regional and national conferences every two years. This year is going to be the regional conference.

We have a senior citizens program, and two youth programs. One is for high school kids, and the other is for kids who are in college. And also, we have scholarships as well. One reason we are thinking about how to partner with libraries is that now there are so many books that are out there, but a lot of people don't have, they are not available in a person's local library and we have this whole list of books about black Deaf culture.

So right now, in 2011 full actually, recently in 2011, there was a book that was written about black American Sign Language. It goes into the history and the linguistics of sign language used by black deaf people. And that book was written by Dr. Carolyn McCaskill. She works at Gallaudet, coauthored by Ceel Lucas and Joseph Hill. Joseph Hill currently works at Rochester Institute of Technology. They are now touring, you know, giving a book tour, and so providing the history, this book talks about the history of black deaf American Sign Language.

I would encourage you and your local libraries to please have these books in your collection, add these books to your collections. Also, for people who live in the City of Philadelphia, Joseph Hill is going to be coming here on March 5th, Thursday, March 5th, at the University of Pennsylvania, he will be giving a talk about this particular volume, and his research. So, our current board is listed up here, and if you would like more information, please contact us at info@NBDA.org. I want to thank you for your attention.

(Applause).
