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## **Bridges to Boulder**

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**Advocacy in the 21st Century;  
Building Sturdy Bridges**



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## What is a bridge?

- An expansion
- A stable structure that unites two pieces of land
- Must have flexibility
- Must have a firm foundation on both sides



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## What is advocacy?

- Advocacy is awareness
- Ability to ask the right questions
- Promotion of growth where a voice might otherwise go unheard



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## **Bridges to Boulder Community Sign Language Program**

- Brings community members together with adults with developmental disabilities in a mutually beneficial learning environment
- Provides tools and supports that allow people with developmental disabilities to become active members of their community and contributing citizens



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## Why?

- Everyone has a purpose, a contribution to make and a voice to be heard
- All participants have a responsibility
- It is imperative that we help people create natural opportunities for themselves within the community



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**Adults with deafness and  
developmental disabilities help  
facilitate the function of the Bridges to  
Boulder program**



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## **Making a contribution:**

- Making a contribution could be a smile or a simple gesture “hello”
- We all have a gift to share!

