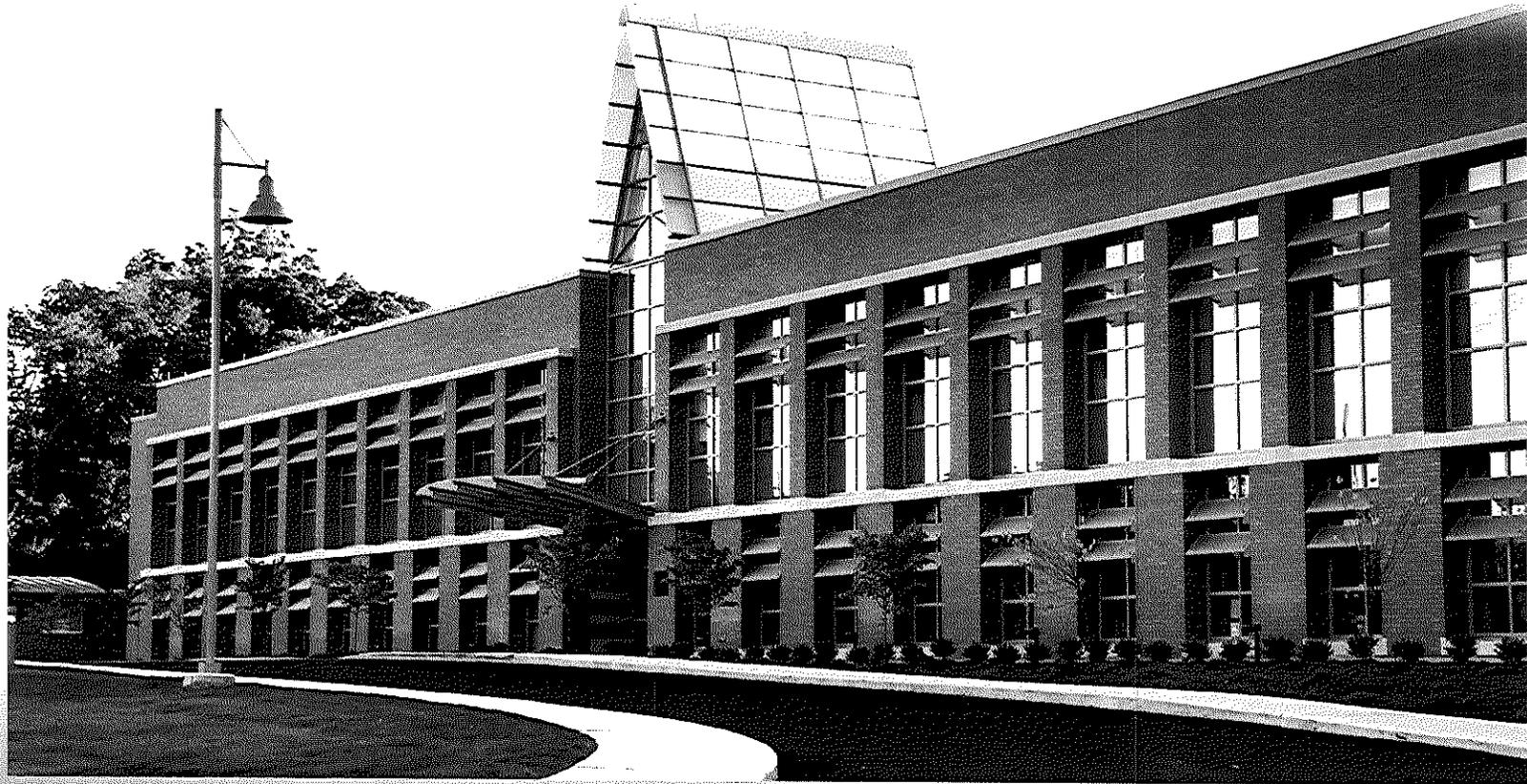
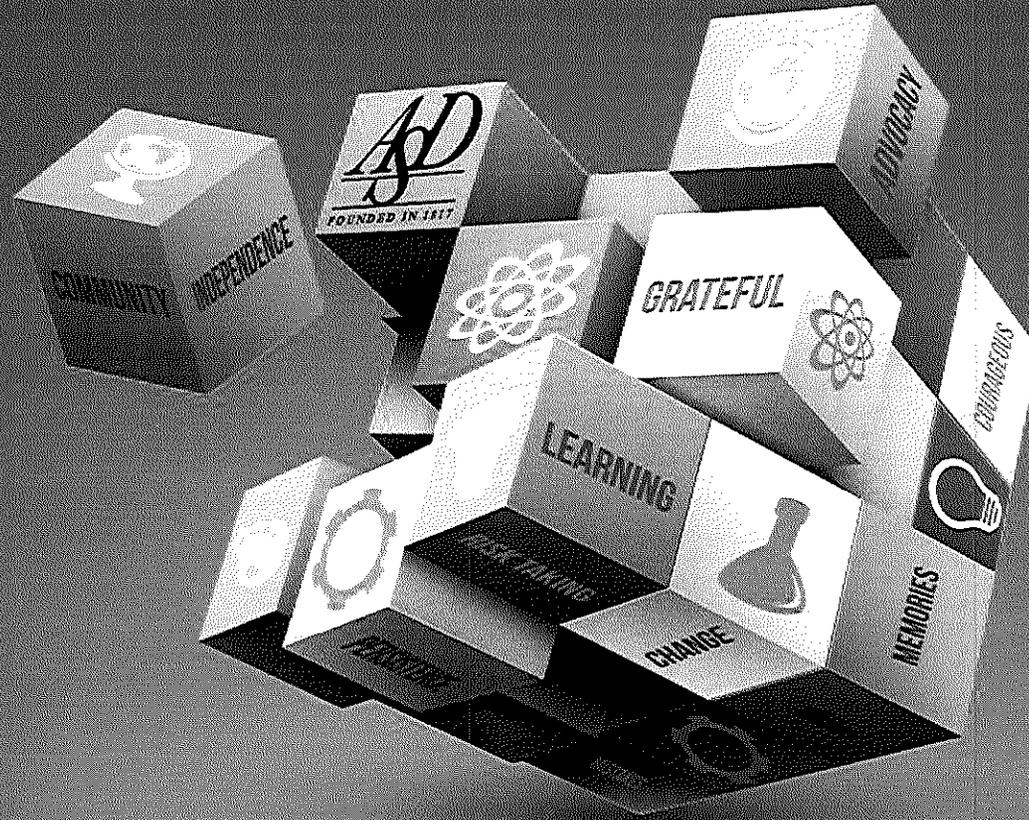


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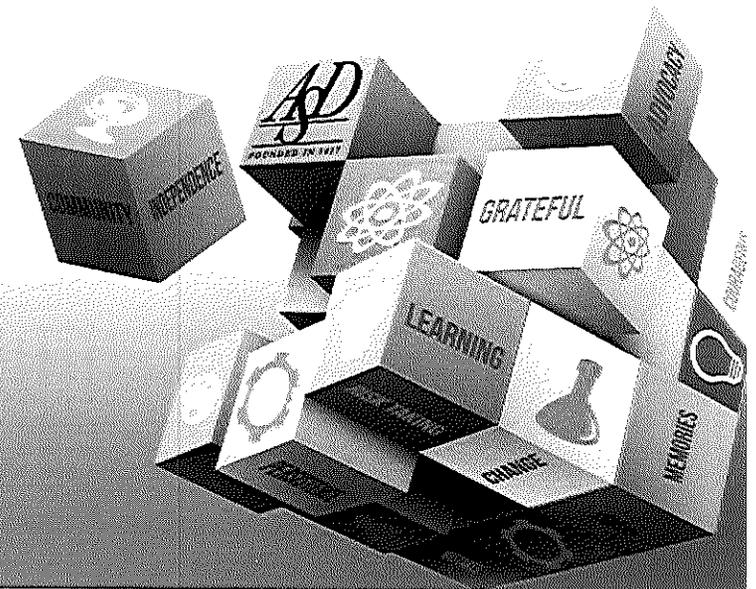
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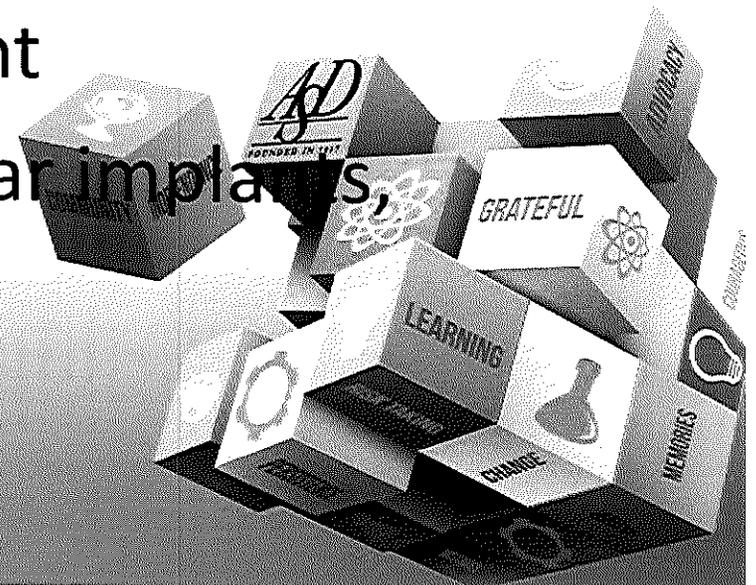
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"Successful partnership with the State of Connecticut in meeting the educational needs of Deaf and Hard of Hearing students.



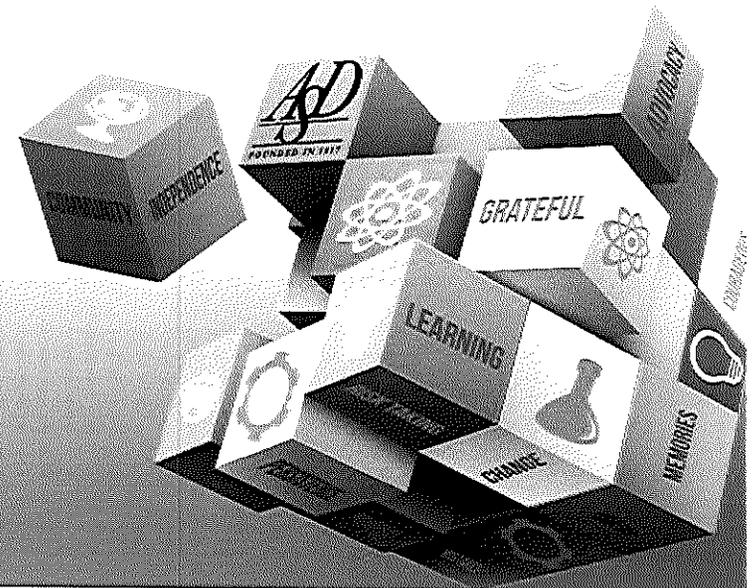
# CHALLENGES – DEAF EDUCATION

- " The "I" in IEP/specially designed instruction
- " Language and Communication
- " Average age of students coming to ASD
- " Language acquisition – Birth to 7 years
- " Parents "Say" in placement of their child
- " Least Restrictive Environment
- " Technology including cochlear implants, digital hearing aids



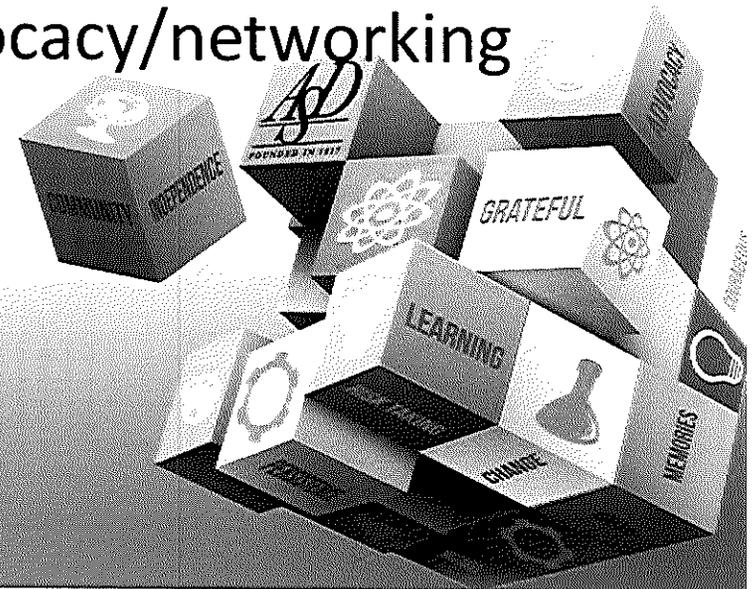
# CONCERNS ABOUT DEAF OR HARD OF HEARING CHILD IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

- " Certified Teachers of the Deaf or Special Education Teachers
- " Evaluation and supervision of Teachers of the Deaf
- " Professional Development
- " Social barriers
- " Universal designed environment for the deaf



# SOLUTIONS

- " Provide for accommodations in public schools
  - Teachers of the Deaf
  - Certified Interpreters
  - Notetakers
- " Regional centers or classes throughout Connecticut
- " Parent/Family involvement/advocacy/networking



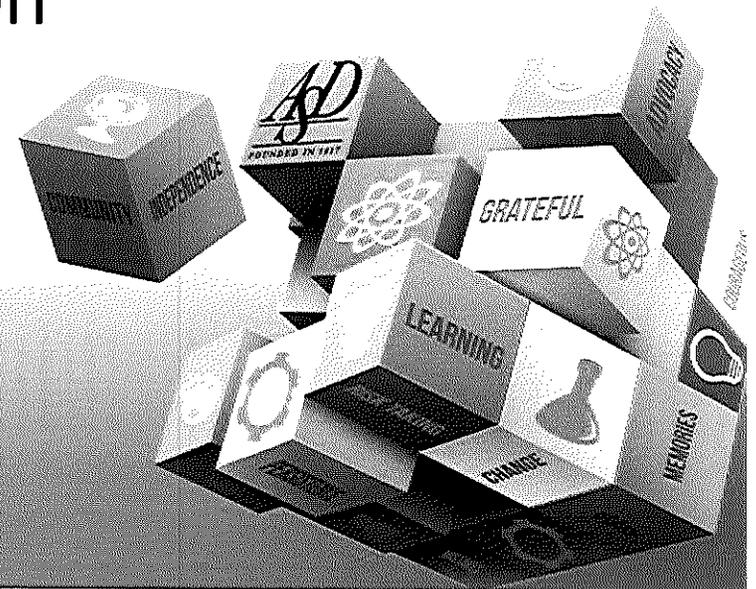
# CENTER SCHOOLS ADVANTAGES

- " Access to language and communication in the child's natural language
- " Classrooms are small (4-8 students)
- " New Gallaudet-Clerc Education Center
- ✓ Amplification needs
- ✓ Visual needs
- ✓ Smartboards and interactive technology
- ✓ Emergency management and communication system
- ✓ All staff provide for language rich environment
- ✓ Social, emotional needs (residential, after school, weekend activities)



# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- " State of CT Language and Communication Plan
- " "Effective Communication" Guidance from the U.S. Department of Justice and U.S. Department of Education



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