

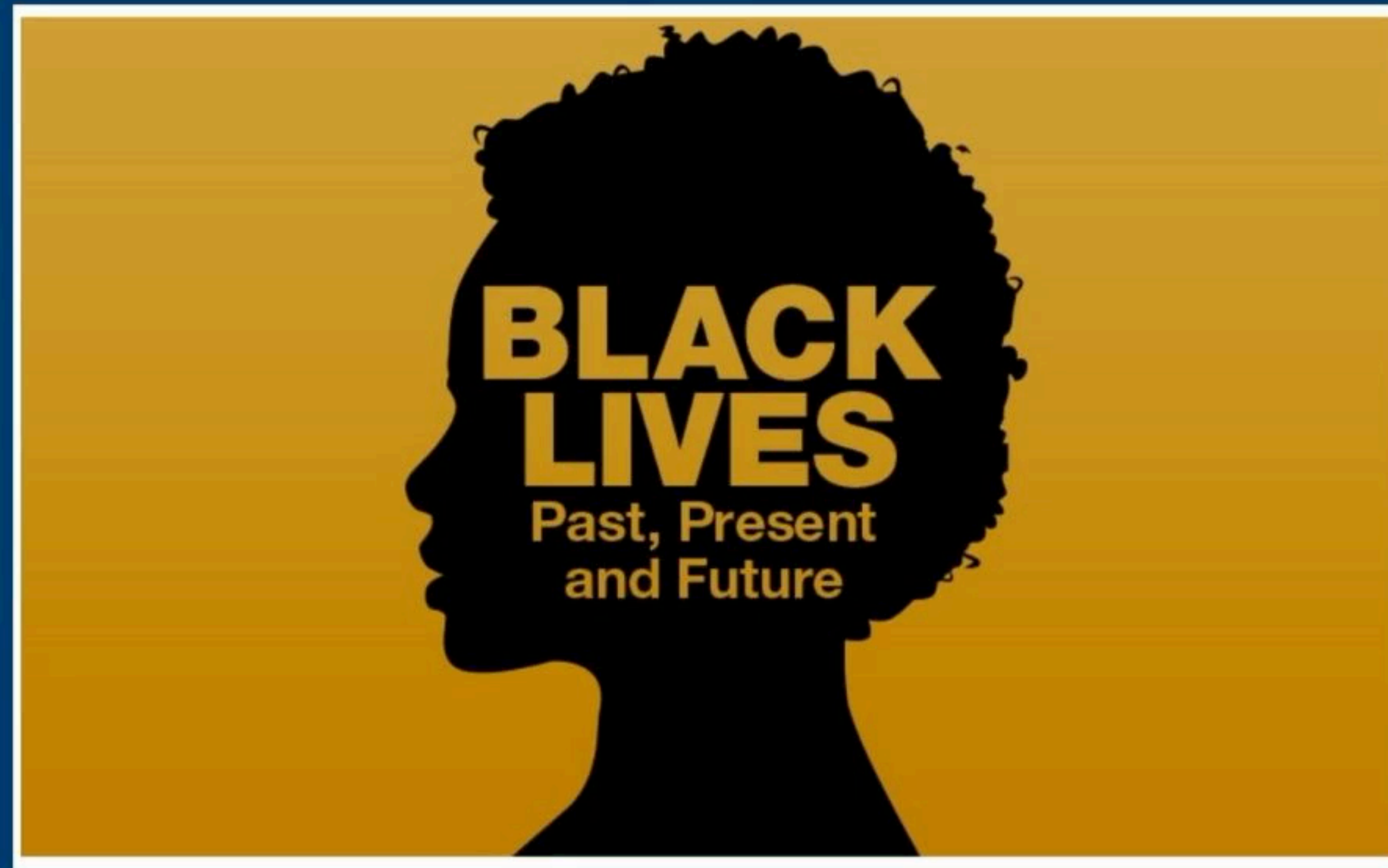


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Past, Present, Future of Black Deaf Education
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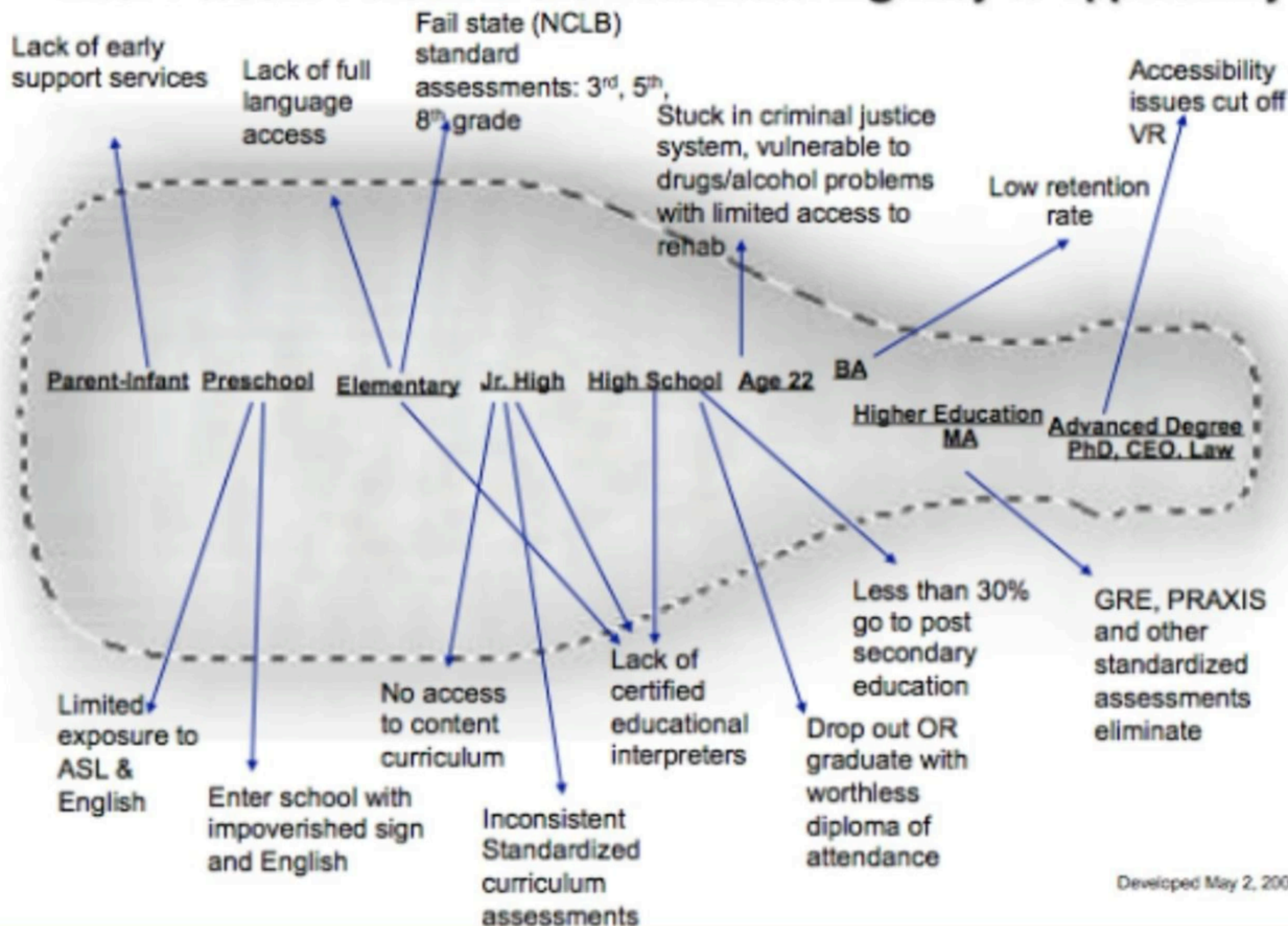
**CANDACE JONES,
DOCTORAL STUDENT**



**Past is experience.
Present is experiment.
Future is expectation.
Use your experience in your
experiments to achieve your
expectations.**

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Deaf Persons : Stuck in the Bottleneck Highway to Opportunity



Developed May 2, 2006

That We Know...



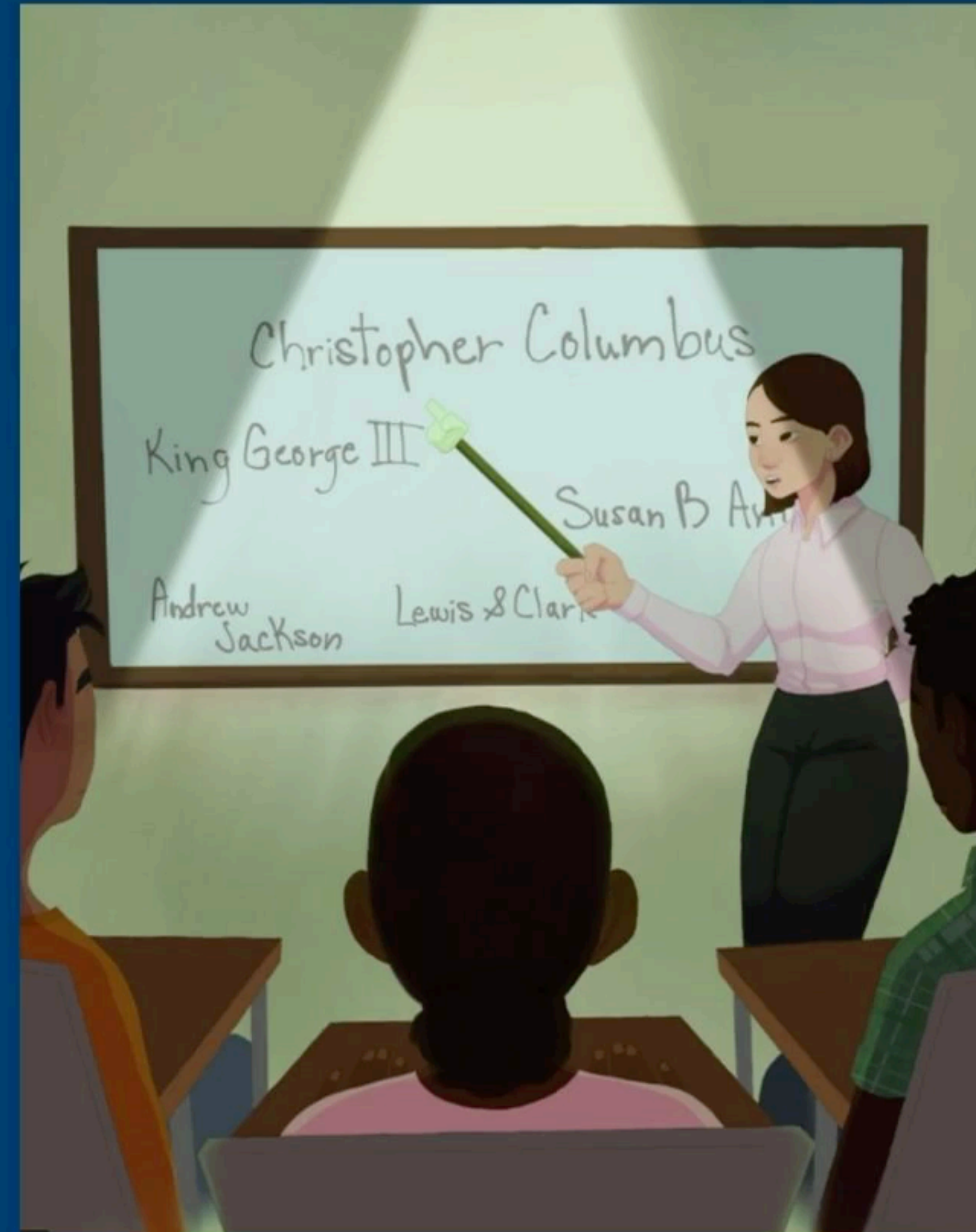
UNDERSERVED CHILDREN & FAMILIES



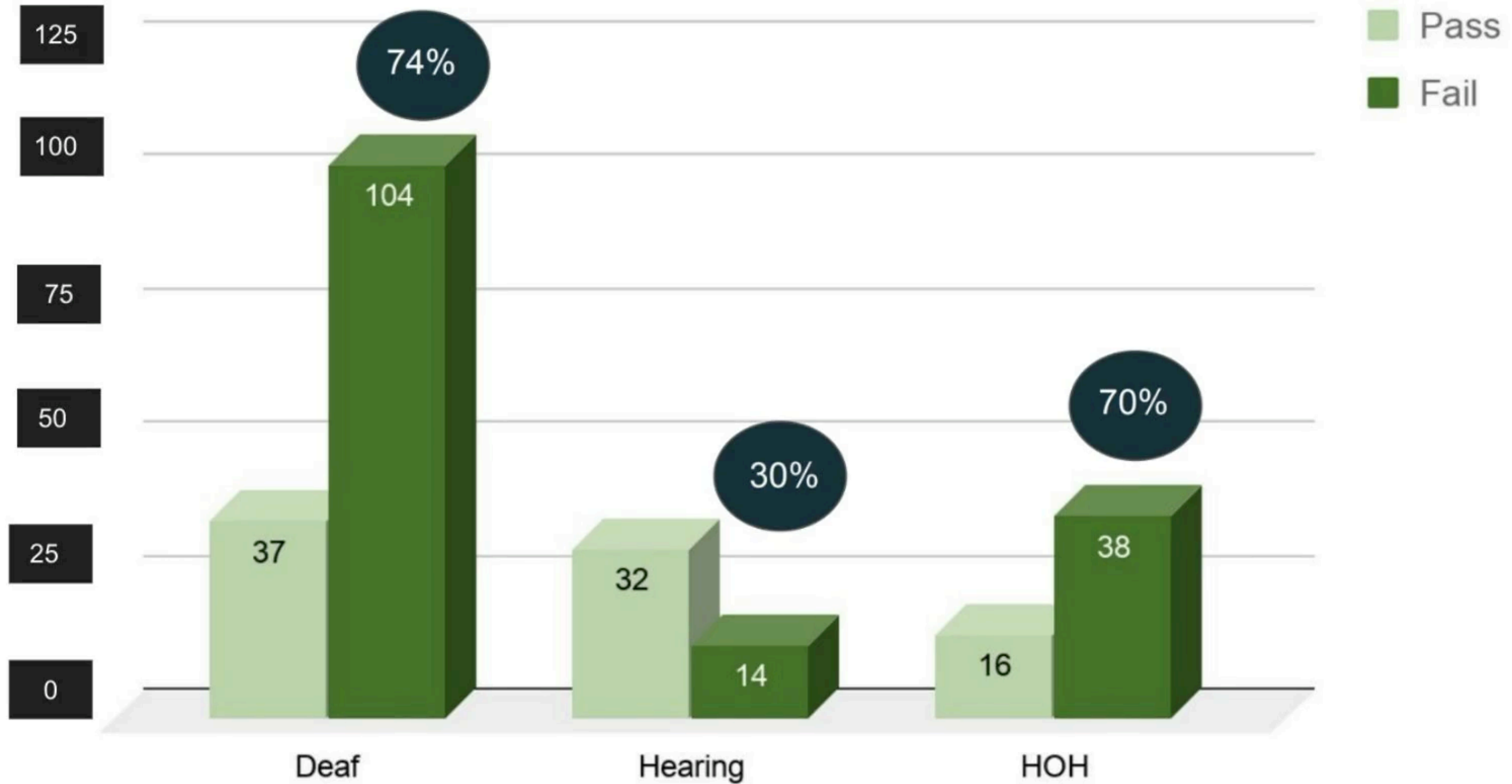
EARLY EDUCATION



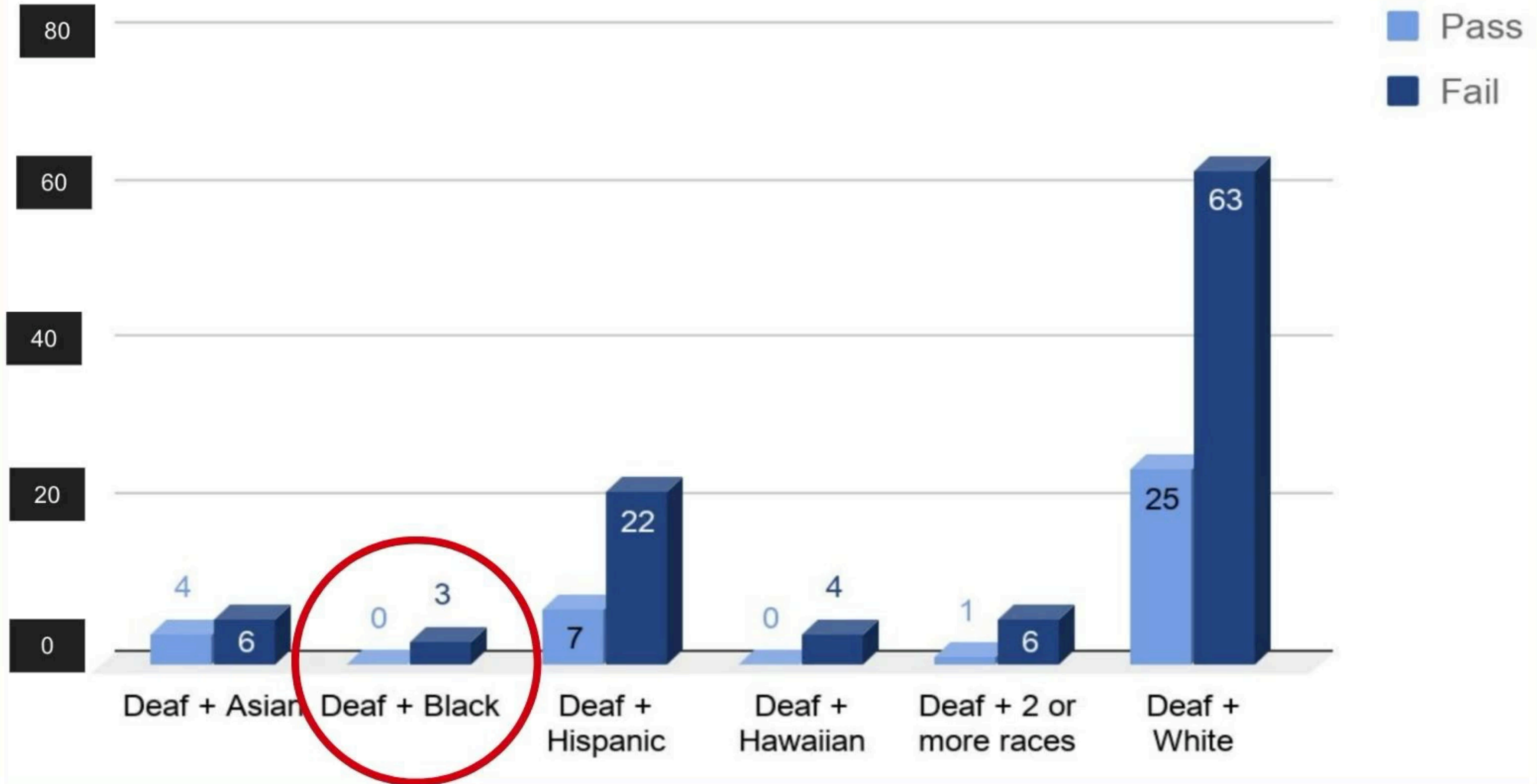
Whitewashed
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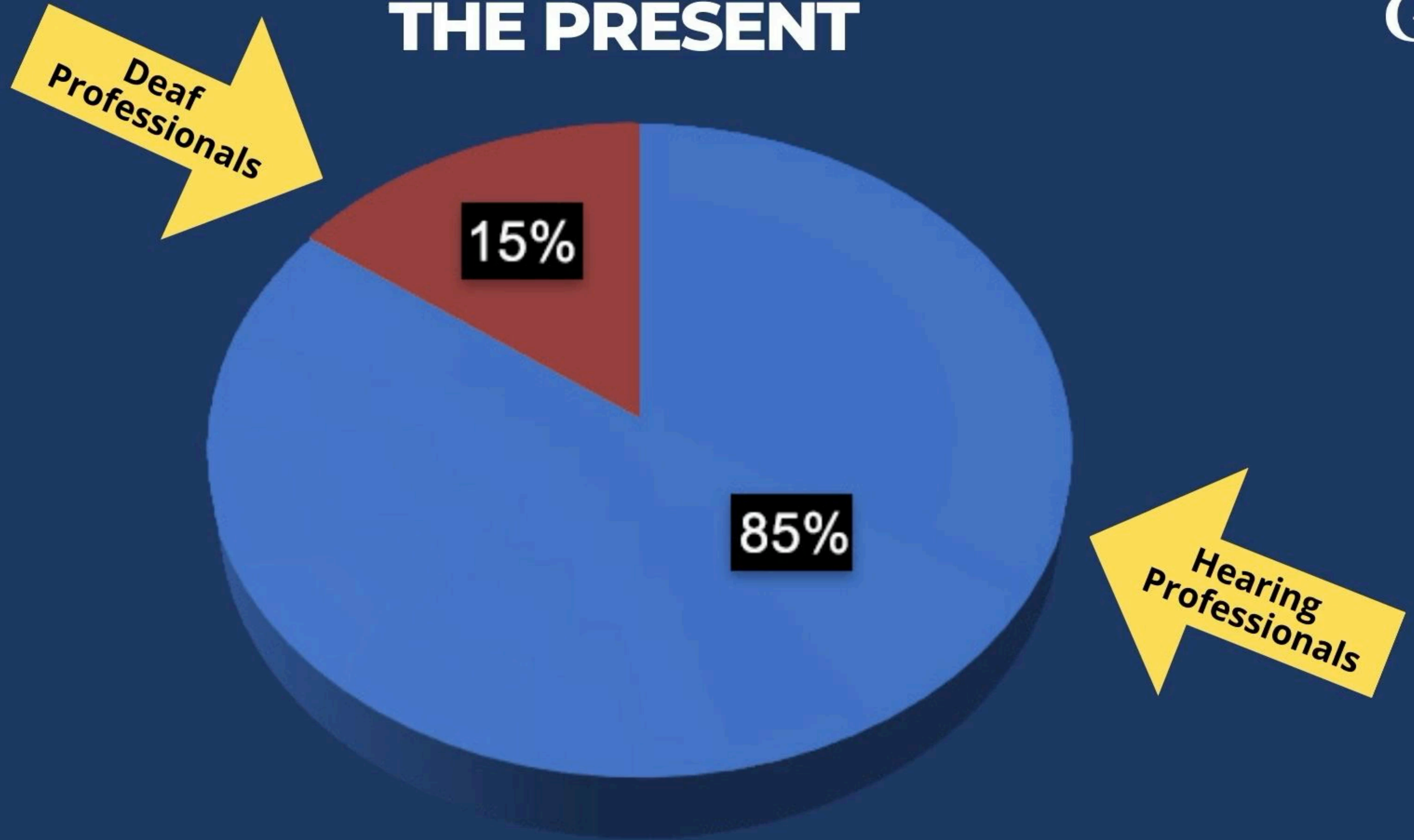
Praxis Core: Deaf, Hearing and HOH 2013 - 2016



Praxis Core: Deaf and Race/Ethnicity 2013-2016



THE PRESENT



WHERE ARE THE **DEAF** EDUCATORS?

As of 2008, 22% of teachers in the field are Deaf. Only 2.5% out of the 22% are Deaf teachers of color.

"NOT ENOUGH **BLACK DEAF** TEACHERS"



DEAF EPISTEMOLOGY FRAMEWORK

"DEAF WAYS OF KNOWING"

Simms, L. & Andrews, J. (2020)



Study proves black teachers have a significant impact on black students

Black students with at least one black teacher are more inclined to continue education



OAKLAND, CA - MARCH 12: Oakland High School 10th grader, Roashon Wilson writes answers on the board during a math exercise with instructor Tiago Robinson during the Manhood Development Program at Oakland High School on March 12, 2013 in Oakland, California. Robinson works with African-American students, monitoring their grades and helping them communicate with teachers in classes where they are struggling. Ann Hermes/The Christian Science Monitor via Getty Images

HOPE FOR ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

HELP IN THE FIGHT BY TAKING PART IN A MEMORY STUDY

FIND OUT MORE

Re:Cognition
Health
Brain and
Mind Experts

UP NEXT FROM THE UPLIFT

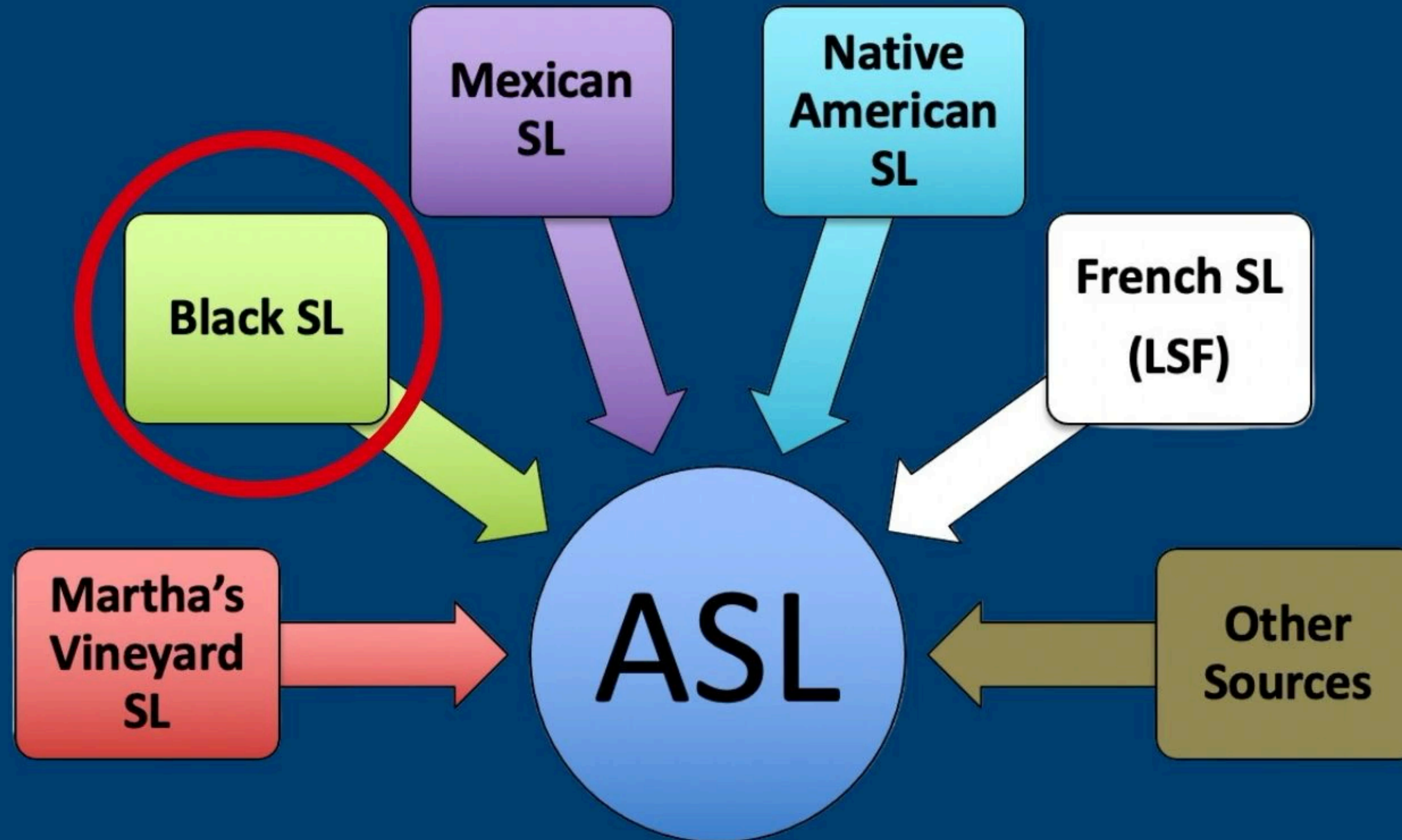
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By Maya A. Jones

Reading Toni Morrison at 17, 25 and 35

By Soraya Nadia McDonald

ASL AS THE CREOLE LANGUAGE



BLACK AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE **TIMELINE**



THE TRUTH

Most of us ***NEVER***
learned American Sign
Language during our
school days.

Most of us ***ALWAYS***
learned English
during our
school days.

ANOTHER TRUTH

More hearing students learn and study ASL than Deaf students.

ASL is the third most-studied language in USA, outnumbered only by Spanish and French.
(www.forbes.com, Jan. 2019)

Most of the ASL Curricula are designed for hearing students, not for Deaf students.

Multicultural and Minority Issues in Deaf Studies
(McCaskill-Emerson, 1993)