# Data Informed Service Improvements for Deaf, Hard of Hearing, DeafBlind Communities

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## What is our project?

- Vermont lacks adequate data and funding to best serve the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, DeafBlind (D/HH/DB) communities.
- Our primary objective is to develop a process for the ongoing collection of data to begin to understand the measurable needs, challenges, and gaps in current services within the D/HH/DB communities.
- The long-term goal is to help the Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living (DAIL) prioritize strategies and improve Vermont's support systems for D/HH/DB communities.

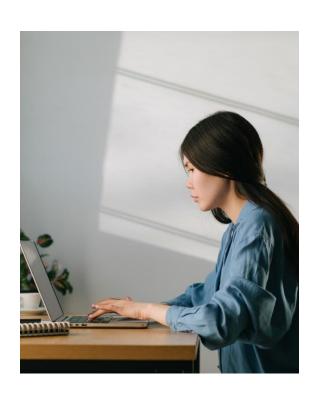
## What are our deliverables?

- 1. A survey to collect data that can be sustained after the conclusion of our VCPM project.
- 2. An action plan for future survey maintenance and data processing.
- 3. A preliminary report on the initial data, and a plan for a future cohort or consultant to develop a more thorough analysis and comprehensive report of ongoing survey results.





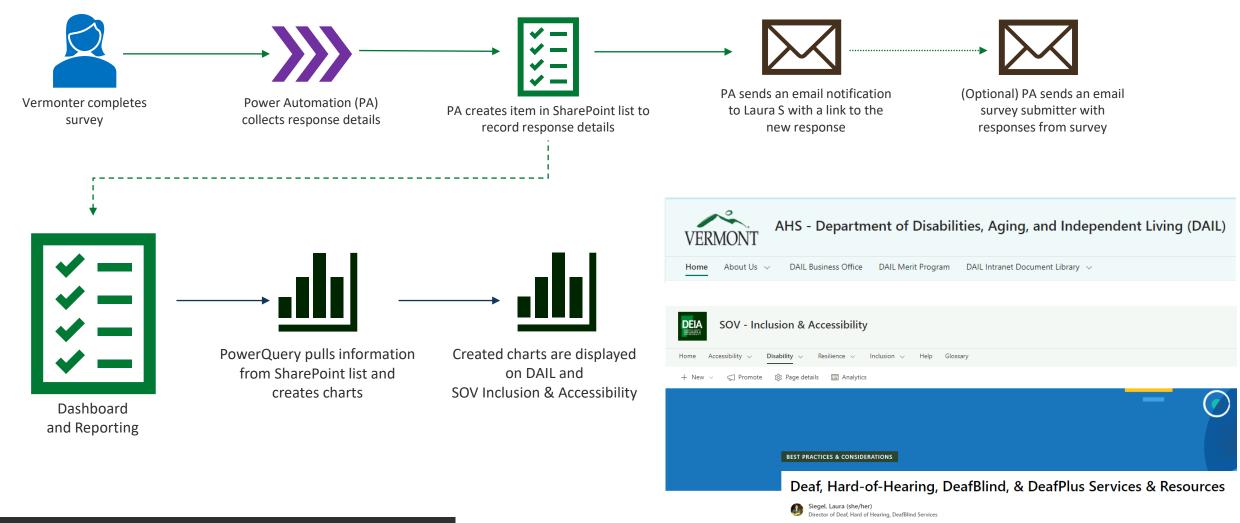
## What is the status of the survey?



- We are ready for feedback on our draft survey!
  - It is informed by multiple meetings with Laura and surveys completed in Colorado and Connecticut.
  - It covers demographics, home safety, healthcare and emergency services, access to state services, employment, and interpreters.
  - It includes sections and branching to allow people to get to the most relevant sections for them.



#### Survey Process: Deaf, Hard of Hearing, DeafBlind Communities in Vermont



## What does the survey look like?



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## What does the survey inquire about?



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### Survey Sections:

General Demographics Questions (non-identifiable) Living in Vermont

Access to State-based programs and services

**Employment Accessibility** 

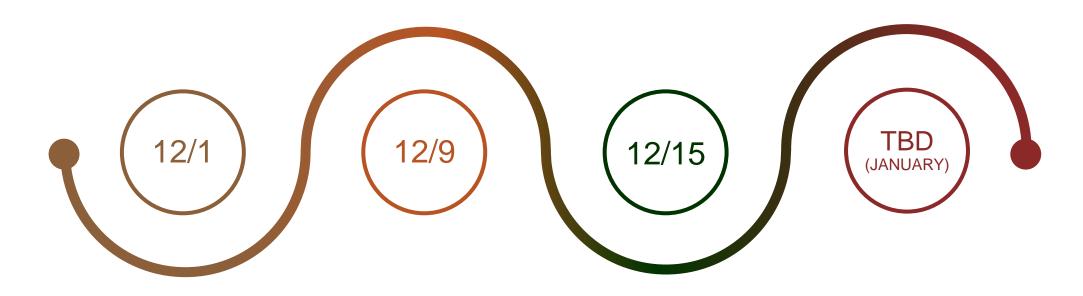
**ASL Interpretation** 

Healthcare and Emergency Services

Final Thoughts and Suggestions



## **Survey Roadmap**



#### **MILESTONE**

We welcome Advisory Council feedback on the draft survey

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Soft launch of the survey

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Full Launch

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Return to the Advisory Council in January with a draft outreach and survey distribution plan and hoping for feedback.



## Next steps

- We would love to have feedback from this Council!
- Our funding request of \$750 has recently been approved.

- Soft launch on December 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Full launch on December 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Report back to the Advisory Council in January





## Thanks for your time!

Any feedback or questions?

