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Dear colleague

Research often informs policy, programs and practices. In the spirit of *Nothing About Us, Without Us*, we wish to include the Deaf and Deaf-Blind communities, not only as research participants, but as partners in planning, co-designing, and conducting research.

We are holding a Focus Group to explore some questions and seek your help. These questions are:

- 1) Do you feel included in the research for policies and programs that affect you?
- 2) What you think are good principles and practices to ensure Deaf and Deaf Blind are included in community-based research?
- 3) What would you need to join community- based research (some examples: an honorarium for time and childcare, ASL video translation)?

Details for the Focus Group are below:

Tuesday, April 30th

4:30 to 6 pm Pacific Time; 7:30 to 9 pm EST Time

On-line with ASL translation - English

If the following three criteria apply to you, please sign up for the Focus Group:

- Deaf – ASL primary language
- Are 18 years of age or older
- Have access to participate in a zoom session

To sign up, go to <https://www.core-lab.ca/wavefront/cbr/deafaslfocusgroupreg.php>

Eligible participants will be notified in advance and will receive an honorarium of \$100 for participation in the Focus Group. Participation will be limited to 10 persons.

Wavefront Centre for Communication Accessibility is conducting the session in collaboration with the Council of Canadians with Disabilities (CCD). CCD has obtained a grant from Accessibility Standards Canada to explore community-based research for informing accessibility standards development.

If you have any questions, please contact me at [community.research@wavefrontcentre.ca](mailto:community.research@wavefrontcentre.ca). Thank you!

Sincerely,

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