**Deaf Child – Journal Response**

**Instructions**:

*Point and Counterpoint*: For several years **Deaf Child Area** signs have appeared in the neighborhoods across the United States, brewing controversy.

Read both perspectives and then write a response explaining which position you support and the reasons why and why each position may be right. Minimum of 1 page response.

**Point**

Deaf child Area signs just make sure a Deaf child who can’t hear a car horn is safe playing on the street.

The signs are what’s best for a Deaf child and the public safety because a Deaf child cant hear potential danger and is more likely to be involved in an accident.

Drivers are used to seeing signs alerting them to potential dangers, such as icy roads and animal crossing signs, so they remind drivers to slow down and drive with care.

**Counterpoint**

Deaf Child Area signs don’t really ensure the safety of any child playing on the street, whether Deaf or hearing.

While such signs are often placed with good intentions, they single out the Deaf child and make him or her more needy than hearing children .

Signs like this convey the perceptions that Deaf people – children or adults – need more care and attention simply because they don’t hear.

And realistically, it’s unlikely such signs encourage bad drivers to think twice.



