

**Hello brothers and sisters!**

**I, Alex Garcia, liked this reference so much!**

**It's with pleasure that I share it with you all-please access the link at the end of the text. The concepts are all correct, very clear and objective.**

**I am a Deafblind Person and I highlight the following concepts:**

### **Guide-Interpreter**

**This concept makes it clear and evident that there is no superiority of "models of communication" in the world of Deafblind People.**

**I, Alex Garcia, have been observing for some time that some people and some groups in Brazil and in Latin America are "pointing out" that Sign Language is the true communication and therefore, the "real" Deafblind People are those who use this Language.**

**It is a catastrophe and do you know why?**

**We, Deafblind People, are distinct in our communication. All the models of communication are great for us because it's through them that we can escape a bit from invisibility and from loneliness. My God! So certain people and groups try to "infuse" that there is a model of communication that is superior to the other ones and that - worst of all- that Deafblind People from this model are the "true" Deafblind People. Wow!**

**So does it mean that if there are the "true" Deafblind People, are there the "false" ones?**

**My God, it is one more signal that Eugenia is more alive than ever in the world and the society.**

**And it is important to always remember that International organizations that support Deafblind People all over the world are totally silent before this situation for some reason.**

**What can I, a powerless Latin American Deafblind Person who lives in the extreme South part of Brazil do?**

**I can only write about it and question it... I can only "shgout" !!!!!**

### **Deafblind Person**

**This is another extremely beautiful concept which is in the material.**

**I, Alex Garcia, have questioned the following term for some time:**

**"People with Deafblindness".**

Writing the word "Deafblindness" means to point out the condition. I have questioned about it a million times and what seems to be very obvious, Oh God, many people and International Organizations keep pointing this way.

I have a historical suspicion... Why do many people and organizations that support Deafblind People keep writing the term "People with Deafblindness"?

With my 45 years as a Deafblind Person I can say it is more than clear that: pointing out the condition favors people who are not Deafblind.

That is to say that the unequal relation of power is favored and, above all, it maintains the absolute power of people who are not Deafblind over Deafblind People.

The concept in the material, therefore, is correct, is spectacular because it writes "Deafblind Person" instead of "Person with Deafblindness".

This year was particular to me regarding this debate. I questioned a lot of People and International Organizations about the use of the term "People with Deafblindness".

These People and Organizations, as usual, spinned around, rotated, went up and down, and made every possible effort to defend this "condition". In other words, they tried so hard to defend the unequal relation of power that favors them.

And I, Alex Garcia, have maintained my position about using the term "Deafblind People"... And now that this term is signed in the OEA material I have to celebrate... I celebrated with a glass of champagne.

Thank you so much, OEA, for having "heard my cried"!!!

Even though I have little hope to see changes in those people who maintain the discourse of "support" to Deafblind People and to see changes in the international Organizations that work as "trenches" to those people.

So I keep questioning and "shouting"... And, of course, I keep my unshakable faith!

The reference can be accessed here:

[www.oas.org/en/sare/publications/GUIA\\_PRACTICA\\_CEDDIS\\_ENG.PDF](http://www.oas.org/en/sare/publications/GUIA_PRACTICA_CEDDIS_ENG.PDF)

God Bless and we keep in touch! Alex Garcia - Brazil

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