

DAY 11 | Motif: Umbrella

TITLE | "Protection from the Language Snatchers"

MEDIA | Canson Cold Press, Watercolor, Micro Pen

SIZE | 8 x 10

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Having been one of the two lead advocates in the amazing journey of the historic civil rights grassroots campaign to end the horrific language deprivation among Deaf kids in Kansas, I am proud that Kansas was the 2nd state to pass the LEAD-K bill, especially in a very red state. It was a hard fought journey against the audist system by the grassroots Deaf community. Having the LEAD-K bill passed into law was the long overdue drive to start making some progress to address the epidemic of language deprivation and start protecting Deaf kids from the system of language snatchers. The data gathered over time will provide the evidence of what the root of the problem is and what the solution is. Official statistics is required for audists to understand. Kansas just had it's first report from the results of it's first year of LEAD-K assessment data. The results showed that 70% of the Deaf kids assessed were NOT meeting the language milestones. Which was not surprising. The grassroots community has known this for decades. LEAD-K is now the Deaf community's guardian, protector and the engine to change the tide for the better by empowering Deaf kids with their human birthright to a language from birth and on throughout the USA.