**Video description:**

Jelica and aj sit next to one another with their legs touching, in front of a plain dark background and sign into the camera

**Video Transcript:**

Jelica: Hello! My name is Jelica Nuccio. My sign name is a "Y" that starts at my shoulder and crosses my body to the opposite hip.

aj: I am aj granda. Hello!

Jelica: We would like to welcome you to the DeafBlind Interpreting National Training & Resource Center. We go by DBI. We are excited to share more about this grant with you. This federal grant is funded by the Rehabilitation Services Administration, RSA. The purpose is to disseminate training information to interpreters across the United States, in order to increase the number of interpreters who work with DeafBlind individuals. This increase will promote better access to communication, which is great! In addition to those efforts, aj and I will be providing intensive, immersion based, protactile ASL trainings. These trainings will incorporate the most recent research on protactile as a language, available resources, and access to training materials. This information, resources, and training will benefit DeafBlind interpreters. This is all very exciting! Plus, check out our website for more information. I'll let aj tell you more about the #WhyISignPTASL initiative.

aj: And now, some of you have already noticed on Facebook or other social media platforms, the #WhyISignPTASL campaign videos. As Jelica just mentioned, the DBI grant is focused on training DeafBlind interpreters, and we want to collect your videos. These videos should be only a minute or two in length. We welcome videos from people who are DeafBlind, hearing, Deaf, really everyone is welcome to submit a video. We really want to know why you sign PTASL! There are six items you must include in your video. First, we need to know your name. Second, are you DeafBlind, Deaf, or hearing? Third, where you live. Fourth, if you are working, what do you do? Fifth, tell us why you use PTASL. At the end of the video, make sure you finish by signing, "#WhyISignPTASL"! Check out our Facebook page @DBIWOU to watch videos that have already been submitted! It's a really cool campaign. Jelica and I have already shared our stories!

Jelica: In closing, DBI is your one stop center for resources, information, and research. Read more about us on our page! Thank you!