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Lessons in a Lunch Box: Braille & American Sign Language Adapted

Children with vision and hearing loss can now participate in the program with confidence.

Owings Mills, Maryland (**November 6, 2017**). The Children's Oral Health Institute announced today they will extend the *Lessons in a Lunch Box* program to students who are blind and deaf. The generosity of sponsors is helping to ensure the program is available for all children.

"Especially exciting is that Benco Dental has made provisions for the *Lessons in a Lunch Box* program to be explained using American Sign Language. Procter & Gamble will include this footage on dentalcare.com. Support from Braille Works, which has provided braille translation for both the lunch box and the dental carrot case, and from EyeQuest, is immense for our nonprofit organization," says The Children's Oral Health Institute CEO Dr. Winifred J. Booker.

Qualified sign language interpreters translate *Lessons in a Lunch Box* when the program is presented at schools. Now, with the video adaptation available on both dentalcare.com and The Children's Oral Health Institute websites, audio and American Sign Language translations can be accessed by everyone. Children who are blind and deaf, their families, dentists, educators, school nurses, and other health professionals can take advantage of the useful resource.

Braille and sign language translations included in the program and as part of the exclusive lunch box and carrot case designs, offer opportunities to improve diet behaviors and dental hygiene practices. These invaluable connections are how blind and deaf children can seize on the program tangibles, and confidently comprehend the lessons taught throughout the lunch box.

The Children's Oral Health Institute is proud to enable children with vision and hearing loss the opportunity to participate in the program with self-assurance. For more information, and to register a school for the oral health program, visit: <http://www.mycohi.org> or <http://www.dentalcare.com>.



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