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NCSA Board of Directors Revises Position Statements

September 16, 2007 – Bethesda, MD – The National Cued Speech Association is pleased to announce that its new position statements are now available online. Former position statements have been revised and a new position statement about incorporating Cued Speech into an auditory-verbal environment has been added.

“The NCSA understands the need to keep up with current trends, terminology, and ongoing discussions occurring within the fields of deaf education, special education, audiology, speech and language pathology, and deaf studies,” said Sarina Roffé, President. “We feel that when an individual is informed, he or she is able to make the appropriate choice(s) for his or her child or student.”

Several new board members - many of whom are deaf cuers - have joined the NCSA Board of Directors. As a result, the NCSA is expanding its reach to meet the needs of an adult generation of deaf cuers who have used Cued Speech as their primary mode of communication. These newly issued position statements reflect the input of parents, deaf adult cuers and professionals in the field of deaf education.

The NCSA’s mission is to promote communication, language, and literacy through the use of Cued Speech. We do not advocate for or against the use of cochlear implants, American Sign Language, or other communication modes and tools that are used in educating individuals who are deaf and hard of hearing. Rather, we advocate for Cued Speech to be used appropriately, whether singly or in combination with other communication modes, assistive listening devices and any number of educational options, tools, and approaches.

The position statements that have been updated are:

- Cued Speech and Literacy
- Early Intervention and Cued Speech
- Cued Speech and the Deaf Child in the Hearing Family
- Cued Language Transliterations and Direct Instruction at Schools and Other Educational Institutions
- Cued Speech and Cochlear Implants
- Bilingualism - American Sign Language and cued English

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The new position statement is:

- The Inclusion of Cued Speech in an Auditory-Verbal Environment

All position statements can be accessed online at:

<http://www.cuedspeech.org/sub/about/position.asp>

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The National Cued Speech Association champions effective communication, language development and literacy through the use of Cued Speech. The NCSA launched the Deaf Children's Literacy Project in 1997. For more information contact info@cuedspeech.org or visit www.cuedspeech.org.

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