



## **Culture and Communication Dynamics: Coda Siblings Perspective**

**Target Audience:** All 2021 Udderly Coda Time retreat participants are codas. All attending the retreat are welcome to participate in this workshop (includes coda interpreters, coda students, coda non-interpreters).

**LOC:** Ingleside Conference Center, Pewaukee, WI

**Date/Time:** October 1, 2021 (7:30-8:30pm)

This keynote presentation focuses on culture and communication dynamics between coda siblings who were born and raised in an Italian Catholic family in Chicago. Co-presenters, Laura Mosier and Joe Nicolosi, will examine, compare and contrast different memories and perspectives of shared experiences in the same household, shaped by gender traditions and sibling birth order:

- coda perspectives of their parents' educational and social development outcomes on family dynamics (early language deprivation, comparing Bell school education (mother) to the traditional school for the deaf education (father); social integration into the Deaf community through Chicago Club for the Deaf (CCD))
- dynamics around their mother's progressively declining sight from Ushers Syndrome and depression that followed (To provide context, the instructors will introduce 3 major types of Ushers Syndrome identified by researchers in a printed handout)
- identification of coda characteristics and values shaped by the culmination of dynamics in the adult lives of two of four siblings

At the conclusion of the workshop, the presenters will open the floor for a limited amount of time for discussion. Participants will be able to discuss comparable dynamics in their families, focusing on contrasting perspectives of experiences among their own family members. Participants will recognize their own unique characteristics of culture, gender, sibling placement, and communication dynamics and values that carry into their own stories. Presenters will also provide handouts describing three types of Ushers Syndrome. Participants will be able to discuss the three types of Ushers Syndrome.

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