

# MADNESS in the Mainstream

**Wednesday, Sept. 24th  
7:00pm - 9:00pm**

Brown University  
Friedman Auditorium  
Metcalf Research Building  
Room 101  
190 Thayer Street  
Providence, RI 02912



**ASL interpreters and captioning will be provided. Refreshments will be served.**

Deaf and hard of hearing students are often placed in mainstreamed educational settings in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Many of these students succeed in what's considered the *Least Restrictive Environment* of the mainstream.

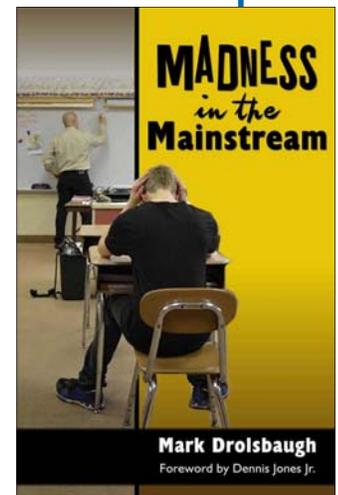
Or do they?

*Madness in the Mainstream* is a rare account of what goes on behind the scenes. Deaf author Mark Drolsbaugh pulls no punches as he reveals the consequences of life in the mainstream for deaf and hard of hearing students.

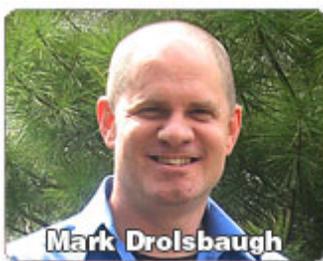
Dig into this book and discover:

- The biggest myths in deaf education
- What deaf and hard of hearing students aren't telling their teachers
- The long-term effects of mainstreaming and how to address them
- The impact on students with cochlear implants
- Survival skills of the deaf and hard of hearing
- Social bluffing vs. self-advocacy
- Eye-opening, real-life stories

With his blend of humor and a tell-it-like-it-is approach—and surprisingly candid input from his deaf son—Drolsbaugh takes you on a wild ride through the hidden reality of mainstream education.



**The event will be live streamed with captions: [www.brown.edu/web/livestream](http://www.brown.edu/web/livestream).**



Mark Drolsbaugh graduated from Gallaudet University with a B.A. in Psychology (1992) and an M.A. in School Counseling and Guidance (1994). He currently works as a school counselor at the Pennsylvania School for the Deaf. An avid writer, Mark has had numerous articles published in national deaf publications such as DeafNation, Silent News, and SIGNews. He wrote his first book, *Deaf Again*, in 1997 (four editions have been published, the most recent in 2008). In 2004 Mark published *Anything But Silent*, an anthology of his work as a newspaper columnist. He then collaborated with a team of other writers to publish *On the Fence: The Hidden World of the Hard of Hearing* in 2007. His fourth book, *Madness in the Mainstream*, was completed in 2013. Mark currently lives in North Wales, PA, with his wife Melanie and their three children.

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