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Philip W. Bravin is the Technology Research and Development Officer at Communication Service for the Deaf (CSD) located in Sioux Falls, SD where he helped pioneer the development of CSD's video relay service (VRS) and currently is working on cutting edge developments in communication technologies for deaf and hard of hearing people. CSD is the largest non-profit organization serving deaf and hard of hearing people in the United States. Prior to joining CSD in 1999, Mr. Bravin was President of Yes You Can, Inc., an organization specializing in enabling people with the latest technological advancements, in addition to providing management, marketing and technical consulting to schools, non-profit organizations and major corporations. He was formerly the President and Chief Executive Office of the National Captioning Institute, the largest provider of closed captioning services in the world for close to three years. Prior to joining NCI, he worked for IBM Corporation for nearly 25 years in a variety of technical, management and marketing positions. Mr. Bravin holds a bachelor's degree from Gallaudet University and has done graduate work at Union College and the University of Hartford. Mr. Bravin formerly served as President of the Board of Trustees of the Lexington School and Center for the Deaf in New York and remains as a Board Member. He formerly served on the Board of Trustees at Gallaudet University for over 20 years, in which capacity he served as Chairman from 1988 to 1994. He is often called on to make presentations all over the United States and overseas on how technology enhances the lives of people who are deaf and hard of hearing. He is a member of the National Association of the Deaf and the South Dakota Association of the Deaf. Privately, he loves to tinker with his computers and grabs every opportunity to ski on snow and play golf.