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New Video For Health Care Providers

The Health Bridges Team is an advocacy and social service and behavioral health care website which is run by and for persons with hearing loss and for providers who serve them.

The Website has posted a new video specifically for health care providers, www.healthbridges.info about the use of relay services which explains the different types of telephone relay services.

This new video segment is meant to raise awareness about these accommodations which improve communication between hearing social service and behavioral care providers and persons who have hearing loss.

To view the video visit <http://www.healthbridges.info/?p=944>

Survey of Fathers of Children With Hearing Loss

The Department of Communication Disorders and Deaf Education at Utah State University is conducting a research study/survey on fathers of children with hearing loss to help professionals better serve fathers and other male guardians. Only fathers, step-fathers or other male guardians of a child with hearing loss are asked to participate. The survey takes approximately 15 minutes to complete. If you are a father or other male guardian visit <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/fathersofchildrenwithhearingloss> to complete the survey. For more information about the study please contact Dr. Todd Houston at todd.houston@usu.edu or (435) 797-0434

Educating Deaf & Hard of Hearing Children: From Research to Practice

April 15, 2011
3820 Hartzdale Drive
Camp Hill, PA 17011

Historically, the education of children who were deaf and hard of hearing was based largely on intuitions, myths and misunderstands. In recent years, research in several fields has led to evidence-based practice, and we are now seeing significant increased in academic achievement in this traditionally underserved population. This one-day mini-conference offers perspectives on the development and education of deaf and hard of hearing children.

Featured Presenters:

Dr. Marc Marschark - Moderator/Discussant

Dr. Tane Akamatsu- Language development in deaf children

Dr. Linda Spencer- Cochlear Implants, where we started, where we went and where are we going

Dr. Daniel Koo- Language, Cognition and Learning

Dr. Connie Mayer- A Model of Literacy Education for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Learners

Professionals \$50 per person
Parents of Deaf & Hard of Hearing Children Free

For more information or to register contact Jessica Marks at (717) 909-5577 or jmarks@wpsd.org

Engaging Deaf Learners In The mainstream Classroom - A Free Web Conference

Deaf students can succeed in inclusive settings, but only if the appropriate conditions are in place. It's important for classroom teachers to know what those conditions are, and to be able to answer a variety of questions, including:

- How do you adapt classroom games and activities to include a deaf student?
- How do you word a test question so it can be correctly interpreted by a student who has never heard spoken English?
- How do you arrange the classroom optimally for a student who uses a cochlear implant and where should that student sit?
- How do you support a student's self confidence in an environment where he or she is the only deaf learner in class?

Find the answer to these questions and more via "Engaging Deaf Learners in the Mainstream Classroom", a free web conference hosted by LEARN NC on April 18, 2011 from 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Three distinguished experts on deaf education will share their knowledge and answer questions on topics including instruction, communication, and classroom management.

- David Martin, Ph.D. Professor/Dean Emeritus, Gallaudet University
- Mary V. Compton, Ed.D., Associate Professor, Department of Specialized Education Services, UNC - Greensboro
- Kathy Metzger, Teacher of the Deaf, Monticello Brown Summit Elementary

To reserve your seat at the conference, visit:

<https://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?formkey=dGhodUdHaWVCVURNdFotWUZhcEpGTxc6MA>



Tour and Learn (TAL)

June 26—July 20, 2011 in Israel

TAL is a three and a half week program, which serves as an alternative type of American summer camp, directed to serve deaf or hard of hearing youth between the ages of 13—16 on a dormitory basis, combining fun activities with an educational environment.

TAL summer camp programs goal is to give youth a very unique opportunity to experience and explore Israel first hand through tours, fun activities, workshops, social games, visits to historical sites, and many more activities.

This will enable students to develop a deeper appreciation and connection to the national heritage, culture, and history.

TAL program is based on a personal empowerment philosophy, which places an emphasis on discovering each teen's personal identity, his historical connection to Holy Land, and introducing diverse values and philosophies.

For more information visit their website at www.talcamp.com or contact Ephrat or Noa Dvir at ed@startours1953.com or 866-933-1398 (vp)

Children's ASL Class

Hearing & Speech Agency
5900 Metro Drive, Baltimore, MD 21215
April 12 - June 14, 2011

10 week, 20 hour Children's ASL Class
\$85.00 first child, \$45.00 for additional family members

For more information Contact Amy Bopp at
abopp@hasa.org or 443-453-4937

Children's Sign Language Classes

Bells Mills Elementary School
8225 Bells Mills Road, Potomac, MD 20854
9 weeks
January 31—April 4, 2011
3:30—4:30 pm
\$110 per person

For more information contact Rita Owens at
nkowens2002@yahoo.com

Through Your Child's Eyes - American Sign Language Video

Through Your Child's Eyes is a beautiful new video from California State University at Northridge, made possible through support from the California Department of Education and the Annenberg Foundation.

Throughout the video you will see children with hearing loss interact with their families and in education settings as you learn about the importance of American Sign Language and why it makes a difference in their lives.

You can view the video at www.throughyourchildseyes.com

ASL Tales Storyteller's Contest 2011

ASL Tales is looking for people who love ASL Storytelling. Deaf middle and high school students are invited to create their own versions of ASL Tales: Rapunzel. All winning entries will be re-filmed and included in a DVD. Profits from that DVD will be distributed to the American Society for Deaf Children and the Deaf Bilingual Coalition.

By using ASL as a foundation for understanding English, students will develop a deeper understanding of the text and use that to create their own version of Rapunzel. ASL Tales is not looking for a replication of the current video, but rather a students own ASL interpretation of the story. You can view the current ASL Tales story at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4W7_z_azHPg

All deaf students, from all educational programs are welcome to enter. The deadline to enter is April 15, 2011. For more information, contest rules and entry forms email contest@asлтаles.net

Free Basketball Camp for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students

Sunday, March 6, 2011
Rowland Middle School, 1843 Derry Street, Harrisburg, PA
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Free Basketball Clinic for deaf and hard of hearing children between the ages of 5 to 18. Clinic is being put on by the Harrisburg Horizon Basketball Team.

A Pizza Party will be provided for campers and their families. Volunteers are also needed for the day.

For more information or to register contact Jessica Marks at 717-909-5577 or at jmarks@wpsd.org



Information

ASL Classes for Beginners & Intermediate

Monday's, March 7—April 25, 2011

Maryland School for the Deaf, Columbia Campus

Denton Building

8169 Old Montgomery Road, Ellicott City, MD 21043

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

\$40.00 per person

If you've ever wanted to learn sign language, now is the time.

All ages and abilities welcome

For more information or to register contact

Verna Kramer at (410) 480-4505,
verna.kramer@msd.edu

or

Cheri Dowling at (443) 277-8899,
cheri.dowling@msd.edu

Parent Hearing Aid Survey

Professor Karen Muñoz in the Department of Communicative Disorders at Utah State University is conducting a research study to find out more about parents' experiences in getting hearing aids when their infant or young child is diagnosed with a hearing loss. She would like to learn more about challenges parents face when getting and using hearing aids. Your feedback is important so please consider participating in this survey. The survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete.

The survey can be found at:

<http://www.infantheating.org/survey/ha-parents/>

If you would prefer a paper survey please contact Cheri Dowling at (443) 277-8899 or CAD800@aol.com

See-The Sound: Visual Phonics Workshop

April 29 & 30, 2011

April 29th - 6:00 - 8:00 pm

April 30th - 9:00 - 2:00 pm

Maryland School for the Deaf, Columbia Campus

Denton Building, Multi Purpose Room

8169 Old Montgomery Road, Ellicott City, MD 21043

Cost \$30 Per Person, Lunch will be provided

Space is limited to 40 participants

Presented by:

Betie Waddy-Smith and Genie Chisholm
 Certified See The Sound Visual Phonics Trainers

For more information or to register contact Cheri Dowling at
 (443) 277-8899 (V/text) or CAD800@aol.com

Camp SHARP 2011

The Gallaudet University Hearing and Speech Center (HSC) is once again hosting Camp SHARP. The program provides an intensive, language-rich, communication-accessible, and enjoyable environment for deaf and hard of hearing children to improve their spoken language skills. Children will have opportunities to develop and enhance their spoken English skills and have their sign language skills reinforced through child-centered, play-based activities. Skill areas addressed include speech, listening, expressive and receptive language and literacy. The summer services are offered between June 20 and July 29, 2011. Services and session availability are contingent upon the number of children enrolled.

Camp features:

- Services provided by certified, licensed speech-language pathologists.
- Clinicians proficient in American Sign Language.
- Focus on speech, spoken language, and listening skills within a literacy-rich environment.
- Serves children age 2 year to rising kindergartners.
- Theme-based, developmentally appropriate activities
- Morning sessions (8:45–12:15) with an option for afternoon childcare.
 Low child to clinician ratio.

For more information please contact Andrea Handscomb at
 202-448-6967 or at andrea.handscomb@gallaudet.edu



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A statewide support service for families with children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing and the professionals who support them

Social Security and Disability Resource Center Website

<http://www.ssdrc.com>

The Society Security and Disability Resource Center Website, [ssdrc.com](http://www.ssdrc.com), provides a detailed overview of how the federal disability system works (social security disability and SSI) and also provides answers to many questions that applicants typically have, but often have trouble finding answer to. The sites author is a former disability-Medicaid caseworker, and a former disability examiner for the social security administration.

Mark Your Calendars Now For these Upcoming Workshops

February 17, 2011

Assistive Telephone Technology Workshop
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Maryland School for the Deaf-Fredrick Campus
Elementary Building, Room #F108

February 24, 2011

Assistive Telephone Technology Workshop
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Maryland School for the Deaf-Columbia Campus
Denton Building-Multi Purpose Room

March 18, 2011

Connecting with 21st Century Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students
Decker College Center, McDaniel College, Westminster, MD
Conference Fee \$70.00 Per Person
Conference Chairperson: Kathy Jones (410) 763-6823

March 31, 2011

Positive Solutions for Families - Part 1
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Maryland School for the Deaf-Fredrick Campus
Elementary Building, Room F108

April 2, 2011

Worry, Anxiety & Stress In Children
8:30-3:00 p.m.
Ramada Plaza Hotel, 1718 Underpass Way, Hagerstown, MD
For more information or to register contact:
Family Support & Resource Center
(301) 766-8221 or partners@wcboc.k12.md.us
Workshop Fee \$10.00 per person

April 7, 2011

Positive Solutions For Families - Part 2
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Maryland School for the Deaf-Fredrick Campus
Elementary Building, Room F108

April 14, 2011

Positive Solutions For Families - Part 3
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Maryland School for the Deaf-Fredrick Campus
Elementary Building, Room F108

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April 30 - 9:00 - 2:00 pm
Presented by: Betie Waddy-Smith & Genie Chisholm
Maryland School for the Deaf - Columbia Campus
Denton Building-Multi Purpose Room
Workshop Fee \$30.00 per person
Seating is limited

June 22 - 26, 2011

American Society for Deaf Children Conference
Maryland School for the Deaf-Fredrick Campus
www.crin.buck.msdc.edu or (301)360-2054

For more information about any of the workshops listed above please contact the Family Support & Resource Center at 443-277-8899 (v/text) or 410-480-4597 or Cheri.Dowling@MSD.edu

