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ANNOUNCEMENT

DEAF EDUCATION DAY

March 7, 2011

Kudos to deaf and hard of hearing students from Des Moines Public Schools and the Iowa School for the Deaf for their hard work! They did a great job planning for Deaf Education Day. It was a success! It was very exciting to see the students meet with legislators and interact with each other. They were hearing, D/deaf and hard of hearing students from all over Iowa and attend the School for the Deaf, mainstream, and home-schooled co-op programs. The students performed skits that were short clips of life as a Deaf/Hard of Hearing student and focused mostly on educational experiences. The Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children's Bill of Rights is still alive. More photos and a summary of Deaf Education Day are available on the Deaf Services website: www.deafservices.iowa.gov/whats-up/index.html.



INFORMATION

911 Emergency Services for Individuals with Disabilities Survey Released

Link to the survey in English and ASL:

<http://fcc.eaac.sgizmo.com/s3>

“On March 16, 2011, the FCC's Emergency Access Advisory Committee (EAAC) released a national on-line survey to determine the most effective and efficient technologies and methods by which persons with disabilities may access Next Generation 9-1-1 emergency services systems. Among other things, the survey asks about accessing emergency services via video, text, and voice. The results of the survey will inform the EAAC as it develops recommendations for the FCC to draft rules to ensure that people with disabilities can access NG 9-1-1 services. The survey is available in English, Spanish and American Sign Language (ASL) video.

This survey will be available until April 24, 2011. We encourage people with disabilities to complete this survey, and share information about the survey with other people with disabilities and organizations that represent persons with disabilities.”

Link to the survey in Spanish:

<http://fcc.eaac-es.sgizmo.com/s3>

News Release regarding EAAC Survey:

http://www.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2011/db0316/DOC-305233A1.doc

http://www.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2011/db0316/DOC-305233A1.pdf

http://www.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2011/db0316/DOC-305233A1.txt

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JUNIOR COMMISSION PROGRAM LEADERSHIP CAMP

WEBSITE UPDATE



JULY 18 — 23, 2011
[DOLLIVER STATE PARK](#)



Click here to download the
[Application Form](#)

Application Deadline is May 31st.

**Need Camp Cook, if interested,
contact Stephanie Lyons at**
stephanie.lyons@iowa.gov



are welcome to the JCP Camp.

INTERESTING INFORMATION NEWS RELEASES

- [New ADA Standards Now in Effect](#)
- [Early Sign Language Acquisition Helps Deaf Children Learn Spoken and Written Languages](#)
- www.deafinx.com - Offers information for various aspects of the deaf community from hearing aids to sign language...

**CHECK OUT OUR NEW ASL VLOG ON
OUR WEBSITE**

["IOWA JUDICIAL BRANCH AND ADA COORDINATORS"](#)

Here's a brief summary about the ASL VLOG... When you need to go to court how do you request an interpreter or an assistive listening device? This vlog is about how to find out that information and who to contact to request an interpreter or an assistive listening device for court. It will show the instructions on how to get to the list of ADA coordinators with their contact information and which district you live in. For more information, contact your local district ADA coordinator by going to www.iowa.courts.gov or call DSCI at 515-281-3164.

PUBLIC LIST OF INTERPRETERS IS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE

Here's the webpage link:

[http://www.deafservices.iowa.gov/interpreting/
training-programs.html](http://www.deafservices.iowa.gov/interpreting/training-programs.html)

SUBMITTING ARTICLES, NEWS, RECENT EVENTS, OR INFORMATION

The deadline for submission for the May issue is April 30th. Send e-mail submissions to the editor at chr.dsci@iowa.gov

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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4/01: 5:30 pm: Take Back the Night at Kirkwood Community College hosted by Deaf Iowans Against Abuse—DIAA/KSAVE at Kirkwood Community College Cedar Rapids Campus.

4/01: 6:00 pm: American Sign Language Social hosted by Deaf Awareness and DMACC located at [ALL-Play](#), Des Moines.

4/09: 1—4 pm: General Meeting of Quad Cities Chapter of IAD located at Butterworth Center, Oak Room, 1105—8th Street, Moline, IL. Questions? Email: QCIADeaf@yahoo.com

4/12: 5:30—7:30 pm: Deaf Coffee Chat located at Old Chicago Restaurant, (inside College Square Mall) 6301 University Avenue, Cedar Falls.

4/16: Iowa Association of the Deaf Board Meeting located at Council Bluffs Silent Club, 536 Bluff St., Council Bluffs.

4/25: 5:30—7:30 pm: UNI American Sign Language Club's Silent Dinner located at Mulligan's, 205 East 18th Street, Cedar Falls. Please RSVP to Whitney Cook, club president, at cookw@uni.edu. Come for food, fun, and chat in ASL! Members get a discount on their meal! Open to all students, Deaf, Hard of Hearing or hearing regardless of hearing status or signing ability.

4/29: 10 am—12 pm: Deaf Coffee Chat located at Village Inn, 6301 University Avenue, Cedar Falls.

4/30: 8:30 a.m. First Annual 5K Race to End Sexual Assault in the Deaf Community located at Cedar Valley Nature Trail, Hiawatha. Runners start at 8:30/Walkers start 8:45 a.m.. For registration contact Jennifer Upah: jupah@c-s-d.org or call Mindy Pfab at 563.593.6650 (voice)

4/30: 4:00 p.m. Cedarloo Deaf Club 38th Annual Spring Festival located in Dunkerton Hall at Dunkerton, West Main Street.

4/30: Iowa Hands & Voices Spring Family Camp located at YMCA Camp near Boone. For more information contact Susan Hagarty at susan-hagarty@uiowa.edu

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

May 15: Guided Sign Interpreted Tours at State Historical Museum located at 600 E. Locust Street, Des Moines. The two tours will be at 1:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. These tours are open to all families and friends. The museum will also have crafts and activities for children of all ages to take part in. Interpretation will be provided for the tours and crafts.

October 6—9: Deaf Women in the Heartland Conference located at Wesley Woods, Indianola, IA. Click here to get [registration form](#) or go to Iowa Association of the Deaf's website: <http://iowadeaf.com/>

To see more details of these events, see our events webpage:

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