



Welcome to Deaf Services Commission of Iowa



"Equal Communication, Education, and Access"

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COMMISSIONER'S UPDATES



TERESA LEGG

Hello, I have been appointed to be a DSCI Commissioner. I will be learning and working with the Commission as best I can. This month will be my first meeting to attend.

I was born and raised in Cedar Rapids, IA and went to mainstream school and graduated at Kennedy Senior High School in 1977. I left home to go Iowa Western Community College and graduated with AAS degree in Computer Programming in 1980. I'm married and my husband is deaf, David. I was involved with the deaf community and deaf club for many years.

I have worked with CSD-Communication Service for the Deaf as a Community Employment/Living Specialist for 5 years. I have learned a lot about Community Living Support for deaf and hard of hearing consumers. It was big challenge for me. Also I have received Governor's Volunteer Award last July.

I am working with the Cedar Rapids Association of the Deaf hosting Iowa Association of the Deaf Conference this August 2-4, 2007.

I have 3 grown children, Jenn now working for Viable VRS as a video interpreter in Maryland-who graduated from Galluadet University last May. Jannelle now attending the University of Iowa and will be graduating in May. Jonah also began attending the University of Iowa last fall. I have been married for 25 years. My hobbies are memories-book scraping and making quilts.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



FEBRUARY

2/3: 9 am—4 pm DSCI Commission Meeting at Mercy Medical Center, Des Moines

2/6: 7:00 pm "STROKE - LET'S PREVENT IT IN YOUR LIFE" Mercy Medical Center, East Tower Education Center Auditorium (Level A), Des Moines

2/10: 9:00 am IAD -Iowa Association of the Deaf Board Meeting located at Viking Hall in Story City

2/19: 10 am - Meeting of Iowa Board of Interpreters Examiners, Lucas State Office Building, 5th floor, Room 526, Des Moines

NEWS

JUNIOR COMMISSION PROGRAM CAMP

JUNE 17-23, 2007

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE

ON OUR WEBSITE

www.state.ia.us/government/dhr/ds/Webpages/NEW.JCP.htm

OR CONTACT DSCI

1-888-221-3724 V/TTY or dhr.dsci@iowa.gov

"Things are going awesome in my life and I am so thankful for everything you guys taught me at DSCI! I have learned so much from being a better advocate for myself! I am the first deaf person on campus and I am going to try to make an difference here on campus!"



DOLIVER STATE PARK

"This was a great learning experience for me. I am so glad I had this opportunity to come and to be here and learn something. All of your staff have been wonderful."



JUNE 2005 JCP GROUP

This camp offers a unique opportunity for leadership development, learn new leadership skills, develop self-advocacy skills through team-building and problem-solving activities, make new friends, and most importantly, this program opens communication among Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Deaf-Blind, Late Deafened and Hearing teens.

This camp is available to any student who enrolled in an Iowa school in grades 7 through 12. Students may be Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Deaf-Blind, Late Deafened or Hearing. Former participants include those interested in Deaf Culture, hearing loss, pursuing a career in the field of Interpreting or Deaf Education, a KODA/CODA (Kid/Child of Deaf Adults), have a cochlear implant, speak American Sign Language, use Signed Exact English, use real-time captioning, use assistive listening equipment, etc.

The deadline for registration is **May 4th, 2007**. No applicant will be discriminated against because of race, religion, color, age, gender, national origin, or disability.



Visit the DSCI website: <http://www.state.ia.us/government/dhr/ds/index.html>

Questions or Comments?

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