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Deaf Services Commission of Iowa

June 2010

## ANNOUNCEMENT

### WEBSITES ABOUT THE FCC AND VIDEO RELAY SERVICE RATES

TDI: Telecommunications for the Deaf, Inc.  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yTouBb18-HY>

VRSCA: Video Relay Services Consumer  
Association: <http://www.vrsca.org/>

NAD: National Association of the Deaf &  
Consumer Groups File Comments on VRS Rates:  
[http://www.nad.org/blogs/bobbie-bethscoggins/  
nad-consumer-groups-file-comments-vrs-rates](http://www.nad.org/blogs/bobbie-bethscoggins/nad-consumer-groups-file-comments-vrs-rates)

## ANNOUNCEMENT

The National Association of the Deaf (NAD) would like to know about your experience with the Social Security Administration (SSA). Your answers will be helpful for them to better understand how deaf and hard of hearing people communicate with the SSA.

If you get or have gotten SSI or SSDI benefits, please fill out this survey online. Your information will help NAD advocate for improved social security access for deaf and hard of hearing people. This survey will be available until June 15, 2010.

Please take the survey online at:  
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SSAAccess>

The survey takes approximately ten (10) minutes to complete. NAD will not share your name or address without your permission. In filling out this survey, you agree that NAD can share your experiences with the SSA. Thank you for your time and help.

**Survey Deadline: June 15, 2010**

## ANNOUNCEMENT

### SIGN LANGUAGE CLASSES

Communication Services for the Deaf (CSD) will be offering American Sign Language (ASL) classes for 6 weeks, 2 hours at their office located at 4403 First Ave SE Suite 303, Cedar Rapids. You need to register for this class thorough Kirkwood Community College, Cedar Rapids.

There will be 3 classes:

Beginners: Monday evenings from 3 to 5pm or 6 to 8 pm starting on June 8 until July 19. No classes on July 5.

Intermediate/Advanced: Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8pm starting on June 9 to July 13.

You can register through Kirkwood Community College via phone 319-398-1022 or 1-800-332-8838 or online: log on to [www.kirkwood.edu/ce](http://www.kirkwood.edu/ce)

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**6/4: 6:00 pm: American Sign Language Social** hosted by Deaf Awareness and DMACC located at [ALL-Play](#) 615 - 3rd Street, Des Moines. Games, eat and drink.

**6/12: 9 am— 11 pm: IAD's 52 Annual Picnic** located at Riverview Park Campground, 402 Woodland Ave., Marshalltown.

**6/21-25: Sertoma Club of Des Moines's 12th Annual Fantasy Baseball Camp** located at Johnston Little League Park in Johnston.

**6/26: 3-9 pm: CSD 10 Year Celebration** located at Thomas Park, English Pavilion, Marion.

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