



Hope you all enjoyed the summer. Can't believe that fall is here. Where has the time gone? With fall, comes many events, meetings, workshops and trainings that are scheduled that keep us all very busy.

Early Hearing Detection & Intervention (EHDI) Fund:

The Iowa Department of Public Health, Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) program is pleased to announce the Hearing Aids and audiological services funding will be available for another year. The appropriation was made possible by the legislature during the last legislative session. Funds are limited, therefore claims will be processed on a first come, first serve basis. If you know of a child in need hearing aids or audiological services, please have the family contact Provider Claim Systems at (800) 547-6789 for an application. If you should have any questions please let DSCI know.

Local Public Transportation Provider

Iowa has several options to get around. The best way to discover or learn more about transportation is to attend a Transportation Advisory Group (TAG). The Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization organizes the local TAG for Boone, Dallas, Jasper, Madison, Marion, Polk, Story and Warren counties. All meetings are held at 1:00 PM, the 2nd Thursday each month at 241 Watson Powell Jr. Way, Suite 200, Des Moines Iowa - It is open to the public!

Right now the Des Moines Area TAG is in the midst of a transportation study and would like input from you. TAG meetings will be dedicated to discussing the study and gathering input on ways to move forward. Iowa is unique; all 99 counties have public transportation, either by a rural bus agency or a fixed-route system for larger communities. If you are not able to attend a TAG meeting, you can visit Iowa Department of Transportation's website for more information and ways to contact your local provider: http://www.iowadot.gov/transit/interactive_map.html If you have questions about Central Iowa's Transportation Advisory Group or would like to be involved in the study, you can contact Rural Central Iowa Mobility coordinator Jeremy Johnson-Miller at 515-309-9284 or Polk County Mobility Coordinator Jennifer Roberts at 515-77-6677.



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The Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Transportation Advisory Group is conducting a transportation study in Boone, Dallas, Jasper, Madison, Marion, Polk, Story and Warren counties to discover gaps and limitations in the current transportation system.

Transportation User Survey: created for persons with any disability and older adults that currently use public transportation. We would also like to hear from refugees, low-income, job seekers, homeless, minorities, youth-in-transition and previously incarcerated individuals. These need to be submitted by close of business on September 27, 2013

To access the transportation User Survey, please click on the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SMNW5RD>

If you have any questions about the survey, please contact Jennifer Roberts at 515-777-6677 Mobility Manager for Polk County Under Contract with: Polk County Health Services

***Our ultimate goal is to provide services to
"Anyone, Anywhere, Any Time on Any Service."***





New Public Engagement Advisor at White House

Claudia Gordon, a Deaf African American, was recently appointed as the Public Engagement Advisor for the Disability Community in the Office of Public Engagement at the White House.

Claudia Gordon was born in Jamaica and moved to the United States at the age of eight to attend the Lexington School for the Deaf in New York where she learned sign language. She attended Howard University and in 1995 graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science. During her time there, Gordon was a Patricia Robert Harris Public Affairs Fellow, a member of the Golden Key National Honor Society and the Political Science Honor Society. She then continued her education by attending American University College of Law in Washington, DC. At AU she was an Equal Justice Foundation Fellow, had the Myers Law Scholarship and the J. Franklin Bourne Scholarship. She is the first Deaf African American woman to become an attorney as well as the first Deaf student to graduate from AU College of Law in 2000.

After graduating from law school, Claudia served as a staff attorney for the NAD Law and Advocacy Center for two years. Her position was funded through a Skadden Fellowship, which allowed her to advocate for Deaf and Hard of Hearing people across the country.

After her Skadden Fellowship at the NAD, Ms. Gordon went on to become a senior policy advisor for the U. S. Department of Homeland Security, Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties. Her primary responsibility was to ensure people with disabilities were attended to when Hurricane Katrina hit which led her to earn both the Gold Medal Award and the 2005 Hurricane Response Award from the Secretary of Homeland Security. She is a member of the Alpha Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta.

Most recently, Claudia served as a Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for the Office of Federal Contracts and Compliance Programs in the US Department of Labor (DOL) and was involved in improving regulations of Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 to improve employment opportunities for Deaf and Hard of Hearing people. From there, the Department of Labor added 200 new compliance officers since the beginning of the Obama Administration.

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Telecommunication Access Iowa and Relay Services



TAI and Relay Iowa will be attending the 2013 Iowa Speech-Language-Hearing Association's Fall Convention as an exhibitor on October 10 & 11 at the West Des Moines Marriott in West Des Moines. They are anticipating over 200 speech pathologists and audiologists to attend the convention over two days.

Lori Sporrer and Gayle Boeke will be attending the exhibit booth from 7:00am - 5:00pm on 10/10 and from 7:00am - 3:30pm on 10/11.

For more information on the convention, please visit: <http://www.isha.org/>

Communications Service for the Deaf, CSD

CSD will hold ASL classes for 8 weeks on Monday nights from 6:30 - 8:00 P.M. at CSD Community Room - 4403 First Ave SE Suite 302. The class start September 9, 2013. If interested, please call or email to register at 319-429-7210 or tlegg@c-s-d.org.

Lamoni Community School has an Opening for a Sign Language Interpreter Position

Lamoni Community School has an opening for a Sign Language Interpreter for a one on one position in a Kindergarten classroom. This position is to begin immediately and will run the 2013 - 2014 school year.

Send a letter of interest, resume, and application to:

Chris Coffelt, Superintendent

202 N Walnut Street

Lamoni, Iowa 50140

ccoffelt@lamoni.k12.ia.us

Applications are available under forms at:

www.lamoni.k12.ia.us

Open until filled.

EOE/AA



Iowa's Disability Employment Initiative (DEI) Iowa State Agency Partnership Works to Connect Iowans with Disabilities to Careers:

Iowa's state agencies are working to expand partnerships and expertise in order to see more Iowans with disabilities pursuing satisfying careers. Regional Workforce Investment Boards overseeing the employment activities in regions based out of Spencer, Waterloo, Des Moines, Sioux City and Burlington have established increased focus on employment services in those IowaWORKS offices. Iowans with disabilities are engaged in Skilled Iowa's effort to increase the talent available to Iowa businesses. Project staff have worked with the Deaf Service Center of Iowa to develop plans to increase the ability of those offices to serve deaf Iowans. In addition to placing a high emphasis on employment, project efforts will also work to support increased financial literacy and asset development for Iowans with disabilities that are currently dependent on public assistance.

To understand more on how the Disability Employment Initiative is being implemented in IowaWORKS offices near you, please contact

Spencer Area, Amber Nelson – (712) -262-7662 x153

Email: amber.nelson@iwd.iowa.gov

Des Moines Area: Brian Dennis- (515) -725-0856

Email: brian.dennis@iwd.iowa.gov

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IowaWORKS offices in all 15 Iowa Regions have a point of contact for all job seekers with disabilities who are interested in accessing services within those centers. Including the Disability Resource Coordinators noted above, these contacts include:

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Burlington Area

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For other areas of the State

Dough Keast (515) 242-0408 Email: douglas.Keast@iwd.gov



NAD Leadership Training Conference: “Defy Expectations; Achieve Feats”

The NAD's mission is to provide guidance and support to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community to take on society's challenges and succeed in a more equal and accessible world. On October 3-5, 2013 in Omaha, Nebraska, the NAD is hosting a leadership training conference to all state and non-profit agencies that want to gain personal and professional development in leadership skills and community involvement. They will gain knowledge and expertise about legislative and political advocacy, servicing on boards, website and social media tools, financial management, reporting mandates, membership recruitment and diversity training. Individuals will improve their skills in professional development and understanding about legal rights, effective communication skills and how to achieve personal and professional goals. They will also learn about the existing educational system and becoming familiar with the placement process to save the schools that teach Deaf and Hard of Hearing children. This networking event is important to not only learn to lead for ourselves but also learn how to lead society before they can view us with respect and equal standing. The benefits at this event will be life changing! Don't miss out, see you there!

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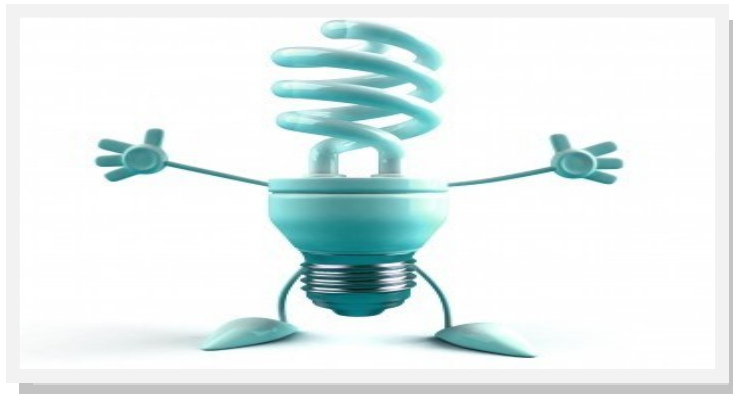
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Have a Bright Idea for your own business,~

You are invited to attend a two-day seminar on starting your own business.

This seminar is for lowans who experience a disability and who want to learn more about self-employment and/or starting their own business.

Molly Sullivan or Beth Keeton with Griffin-Hammis LLC., the nation's leading organization on self employment for people with disabilities will conduct this hands on seminar.

**Dates: Thursday, October 10th , 2013 - 9:00 am – 3:30 pm
3:30 pm – 6:00 pm one-on-one sessions**

**Friday, October 11th, 2013 - 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
12:00 – 3:00 one-on-one sessions**

Location: Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services - 510 E. 12th St., Des Moines, IA 50319

THIS OPPORTUNITY IS AVAILABLE AT NO COST TO YOU

Please RSVP to Brian Dennis Phone: (515) 725-0856. Brian.dennis@iwd.iowa.gov

Please let us know 14 days in advance if you need an interpreter or items written in Braille or any other kind of special accommodation

Sponsored by the Disability Employment Initiative



Contractual Interpreting Funds:

Deaf Services has a program to help pay for interpreting costs for events that are not covered by the state or federal law, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) such as weddings, funerals, family reunions etc. If the event charges a fee to attend, the organization is responsible for providing and paying for an interpreter and contractual funds cannot be used. For such events

Each fiscal year, DSCI sets a dollar amount that can be requested for each event. A new fiscal year started on July 1, 2013 with funds set aside in the budget to allow up to \$5,000.00 for contractual interpreting. This program has limited funds each year so a maximum of \$150 will be paid per event through June 30, 2014. Requests are taken on a first come, first serve basis. When the funds are gone, the program ends until the next fiscal year of 2015.

How Does It Work?

1. Contact DSCI, Linda Scott, Secretary at 515-281-3164 V/TTY & Toll Free Phone 1-888-221-3724 V/TTY Fax: 515-242-6119 & E-mail: dhr.dsci@iowa.gov
2. Tell DSCI that you would like to have assistance paying for an interpreter. Tell DSCI what the event is, when it is, where it is, and who is Deaf that will be attending.
3. Contact and choose an interpreter that you prefer. To view a list of interpreters in the state, please visit: <http://www.deafservices.iowa.gov/interpreting/list-of-interpreters.html>. When they call for an interpreter, if the event is a religious event, wedding, funeral, baptism, an interpreter doesn't need to be permanently licensed and this sounds like they do.
4. ***IMPORTANT*** Remember to tell the interpreter to contact DSCI and tell us that he/she has been hired by you for your event. DSCI will send out a letter to the interpreter saying that we will pay up to, but not more than, \$150.00 for this event.

Anything over and above the \$150.00 would be the responsibility of the requestor.

5. Your responsibility is to follow up with both interpreter and DSCI to make sure that both have been contacted.

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VRlowa:

"Technology is changing how we live our lives. It has things it can do and things it cannot do. Technology is a tool, but you have to be sure you are using the right tool, in the right way, for the job at hand. Video phones, iPhones, texting, VRS and now we are moving forward with Video Remote Interpreting (VRI), are all included when we talk about technology as a tool. Now we know that VRI does not completely replace the on-site interpreter and is not appropriate for all situations, but the technology is here, and we need to be aware of how it works.

VRlowa was developed over about 8 months of work by local sign language interpreters. After meeting in Minnesota and seeing some of the VRI systems set up in the St Paul/Minneapolis area, we decided that the best way to work with the trend toward VRI would be to establish a non-profit program and provide local interpreters to our local Deaf community. We know our local laws and regulations, with regard to licensing and certification, so we know who is providing the service. Also, many of the providers we serve have worked with us on-site and are comfortable with our service and skills.

VRlowa has a board of directors, executive director and certified Iowa licensed interpreters. The "Iowa licensed" is critical. We know that there are many companies from out of state who are jumping in to provide interpreting over video resources. The quality and control of these services is out of our hands. Many people do not know that Iowa has a licensure law and that the law was put into place to assist us with being assured that our interpreters have passed the certification tests.

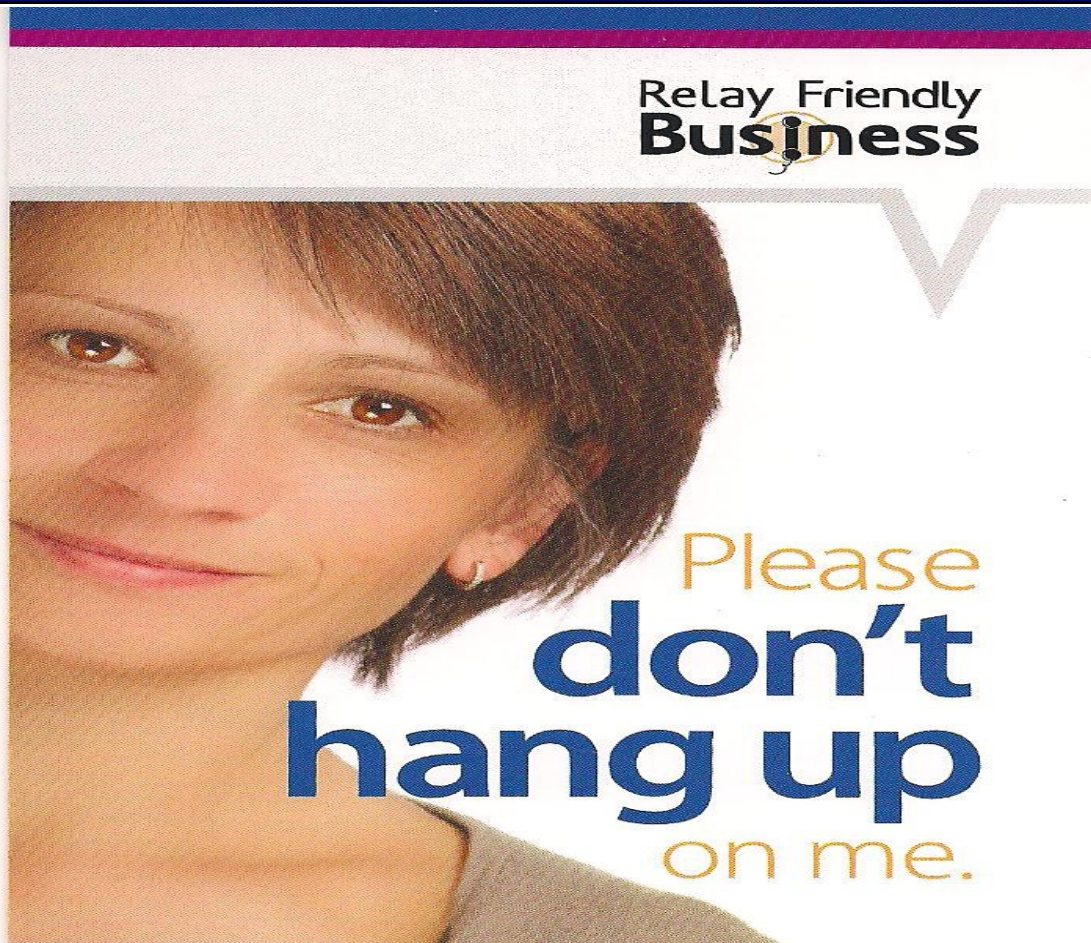
As a provider of sign language services, we know and care about the people we work with on a daily basis. When we provide video interpreting, we also know when the situation would not have a successful outcome with video remote interpreting and an on-site interpreter would be needed. Often, the hearing community is not educated about what is the best fit for the people involved. We want to work with both the Deaf and Hearing communities to be sure that communication is clear from all points.

We are focused, at this time, on medical facilities, especially those in rural areas who have a difficult time connecting with interpreters. However, we are not limited to medical and plan to branch out to all businesses.

VRlowa has partnered with Hands Up Communications and IConnect. They are the schedulers and software providers for our program.

We look forward to VRlowa providing services across Iowa so that our communities are connected with communication equality in all walks of life."

Published by: VRlowa Team



Become a Relay Friendly Business

Relay calls are from individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, deaf-blind, or have difficulty speaking. By becoming a relay friendly business you'll discover that relay users are customers with money to spend.

- Answering relay calls can mean **increased revenue**
- Answering relay calls can **increase the number of customers you serve**
- Answering relay calls can result in the **recommendation of your business to others**



Relay Iowa offers training to businesses on relay services to educate them on the process of communicating through a relay service with someone who is deaf, deaf-blind, hard of hearing or has difficulty speaking. This training allows a participating business to better understand what a relay call sounds like to help eliminate possible hang-ups. Relay Friendly Business training has taken place at the following locations over the past six months. If you are affiliated with any of these businesses, please stop in and thank them for their support of the deaf and hard of hearing community.

Floyd County Public Health, Charles City Advanced Home Health Care, Inc., Burlington Broadlawn's Hospital Interpreting Services, Des Moines Hearing Health Center, Spencer Hearing Health Center, Le Mars (submitted by Lori Sporrer | Relay Iowa Outreach Project Manager | Hamilton Relay)

Hamilton Relay Scholarship Announces Winner:

DSCI would like to congratulate Gabrielle Humlicek for receiving the Telecommunication Access Iowa Relay Service Provider, Hamilton Relay scholarship award! After completing an application and writing an essay under the topic of communication technology, Gabrielle has received \$500 to put towards her college expenses. Gabrielle is from Honey Creek, Iowa and is a Senior at Iowa School for the Deaf. She plans to attend University of Utah this fall to study either Forensic Medicine or Education.

The Hamilton Relay Scholarship opportunity is available to high school seniors who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Deaf-Blind or have difficulty speaking. A recipient is selected within each of the states where Hamilton is the contracted service provider and is one of several ways the company give s back to the communities they serve. DSCI would like to wish Gabrielle the best of luck in the future with her personal and professional goals!

Need speaker/booth Exhibitors/Workshops

Does your school, club, Human Resources person, doctor's office, hospital or organization have any interest in bringing in a speaker from DSCI to provide training about Deaf culture, auxiliary technology, interviewing and hiring Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals and/or interpreter issues? Call Deaf Services today to set up a date for a presentation. We can provide booth exhibitor materials to your organization and travel throughout the state to provide information on a variety of topics about Deaf and Hard of Hearing in your community.



Iowa Association for the Deaf, IAD:

On July 25– 27, the Iowa Association of the Deaf held their biannual conference at Stoney Creek Inn in Johnston, Iowa. The conference was a success and everyone had a great time! The conference started with an IAD Board meeting on Friday which included highlights from the six board of director's meetings from 2011-2013 with each officer giving their report along with IAD home office and The Sign Language newsletter. There were awards, western entertainment, scholarships and nominations for the 2013-2015 Board. Michael Berge, Region 11 Representative, gave an workshop entitled "What NAED Is All About." Dr Frank Turk provided an adult-youth integration workshop and Ted Supalla, researcher from Georgetown University, Washington DC gave a presentation on evolution of Dr. Schuyler Long's Sign Language manual researched Deaf Iowans Sign language. DJ Meyer, a former Youth Leadership camp student shared his experience at the Youth Leadership camp. On Saturday morning, there was discussion about by law proposals and resolutions and other business sessions, took a group picture and announced the new 2013-2015 Board officers. Saturday evening, a banquet was held with Howard Rosenblum, NAD CEO the Keynote Speaker.

DSCI staff congratulates the new 2013-2015 IAD Board Officers:

IAD President: Kathy Miller

IAD Vice President: Lennis Mitts

IAD Secretary: Natalie Miller

IAD Treasurer: Barbara Carlin

IAD Rep. At Large: John Matthews

IAD Delegates to the 52nd Biennial NAD Conference in Atlanta, GA:

Kathy Miller, Bob Vizzini and Alt. Shirley Hampton.

The 2015 IAD Conference will be held at the North Central Club of the Deaf in Fort Dodge, see you there!



Kenny Walker

Kenny Wayne Walker was born in Crane, Texas on April 6, 1967. He was the youngest of six children. At the age of two, Walker became sick with spinal meningitis and became profoundly deaf. He made All-State for both football and basketball in public high school. Kenny was offered a football scholarship to play for the Cornhuskers at the University of Nebraska where he majored in art and received a B.A. in Fine Arts. When he was not studying or playing football, he indulged in one of his favorite pastimes, catfishing and often volunteered working with deaf children in the Lincoln, Nebraska area. At his final home game, the crowd of 76,000 people showed their appreciation for Walker by signing "applause" to him in unison. Walker was named Big Eight Conference defensive player of the year in 1990. A year later, the Broncos selected him in the eighth round (200th overall) of the NFL Draft. Kenny played in all 16 games as a defensive lineman and all but one game the following year. Coach Reeves called Walker one of the best draft choices the team had made in years. However, after only two seasons, he was cut from the team in August 1993. He then married his wife, Martina and had two children together, Tommy who is deaf and Kenny Bo who is hearing. He went to play CFL football in Canada a year later and published an autobiography "Roar of Silence: The Kenny Walker Story" about being a deaf football player in a hearing world. He wanted to show other people how they can overcome their personal life struggles or adverse circumstances.. He retired from football and returned to the United States and started his coaching career at the Iowa School for the Deaf in 2007. Three years ago, he joined the Gallaudet coaching staff as the defensive line coach for an NCAA Division III team. Kenny was one of the NFL's most inspirational players and will continue to be an inspiration in the deaf community.



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Town Hall & IAD Board of Director's Meeting October 26, 2013

Fairmont Street Library
3000 N. Fairmont Street
Davenport, IA 52801

- 🦇 9:00 am - Library Opens
- 🦇 9:15 am - Registration
- 🦇 9:30 am - Town Hall Meeting
- 🦇 10:30 am - Break
- 🦇 11:00 am - IAD Board of Director's Meeting
- 🦇 12:00 pm - Lunch (more information announced later)
- 🦇 1:00 pm - IAD Board of Director's Meeting resume
- 🦇 6 pm to 9 pm - Halloween Event - free for all & food will be provided



Town Hall, IAD Board of Director's Meeting, & Halloween Event
Host by
QCIAD

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October 5, 2013

@Jeanette Kern's brother Jerry & Roxy's place
27034 - 307th Way, Adel, Iowa 50003
6:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.



Bring your own lawn

Admission with foods!
\$10.00 with costume
\$15.00 without costume



Bobbing for Apple



**Carving
Pumpkin
Contest**



Sell Hot Apple Cidar

Bonfire



**Best
Costumes
Contest**



Hosted by Iowa Deaf Campers
Fundraising for the National Campvention of the Deaf



Cedar Rapids Association of the Deaf Halloween Party

14th annual

When: Saturday, October 19, 2013



**Where: Iowa State University
Extension and Outreach
3109 Old Highway 218 S
Iowa City, Iowa 52246**

Time: 6 pm to 11 pm



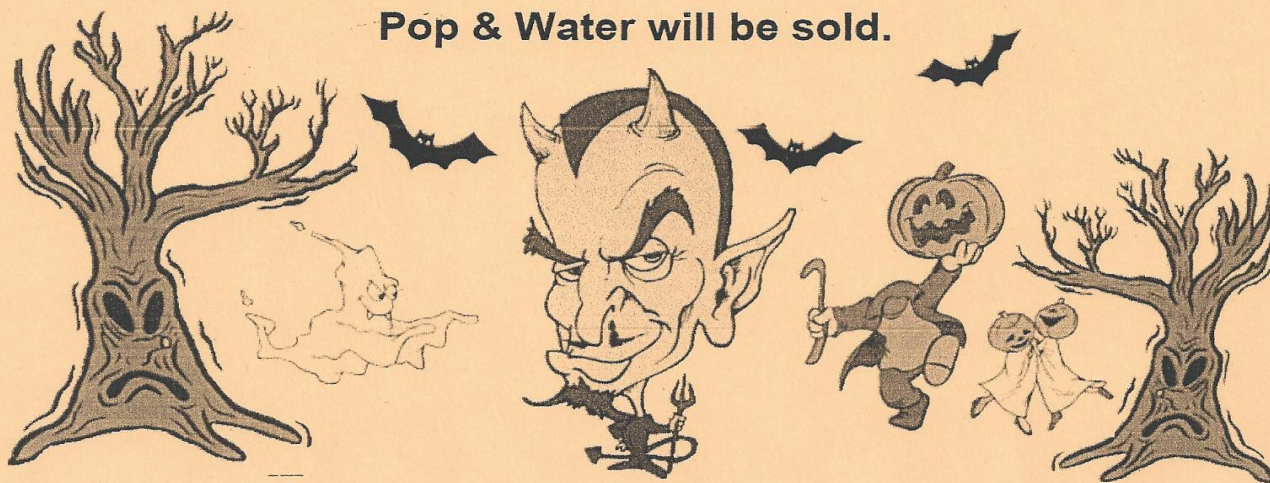
**Admission: Wear Costume \$5.00 Adults
Without Costume \$6.00 Adults
6 to 18 years old \$4.00
5 and under Free**

We will have costume contest for Adults and Kids at 7 pm.

We will provide Games.

**Appetizer & Dessert will be provided.
You can bring your favorite appetizer & dessert to share**

Pop & Water will be sold.





Deaf Self-Advocacy Training



Participants will gain a stronger understanding of how to advocate for themselves, develop higher self esteem, understand the interpreter's role, and how to advocate for communication access services.

Target Audience

The target audience includes individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, or deafblind and use sign language to communicate.

Available for the first 20 who pre-register. Each participant, who pre-registers, will receive a manual.

Lunch, snacks and water will be provided. Vending machines are available.

**** Register by October 15th to count number of orders for meals ****

Training Date & City

Saturday, October 19th, 2013 – Moline, IL

This is a 1-day training, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Must show up at 7:30 for registration and must stay for whole day to receive Certificate of Attendance

Registration Required

To register or if have questions, email: QCIADChapter@gmail.com

Training site: Black Hawk College, Building 1 on 2nd floor at the Conference Room in One Stop Center, 6600 34th Avenue, Moline, IL 61265.

To Register

Advanced registration is required. This training is free and limited to 20 participants who use sign language as a means of communication. To register by email send 1) your name, 2) mailing address, 3) phone number, and 4) email address; type "DSAT" in the subject line. Registration confirmation will be sent to your email.

This session is sponsored by the Quad Cities Chapter of Illinois Association of the Deaf and the Helen Keller National Center.

The DSAT project was a collaborative effort to create a self advocacy training for communication access services. The project team consisted of the National Consortium of Interpreter Education Centers (NCIEC), Communication Service for the Deaf (CSD), and T.S. Writing Services, who collaborated with Digiterp Communications and D.E. West Studios.

Funded by the U.S. Department of Education RSA CFDA #84.160A and B, Training of Interpreters for Individuals Who Are Deaf and Who Are Deaf-Blind.



JOHN STODDARD CANCER CENTER

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
September 9, 2013

Contact: Amy Varcoe, Media Relations
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Pink Days – A Free Mammogram Program at John Stoddard

Mammograms are an important part of our fight against breast cancer. They have the ability to catch breast cancer at its earliest stage, when it is most treatable. For women who are uninsured or underinsured, access to preventive health screenings is either limited or nonexistent.

John Stoddard Cancer Center has partnered with the National Breast Cancer Foundation and Bras for the Cause to offer "Pink Days" - a free mammogram program for uninsured and underinsured women in the Des Moines metro area.

In 2013 Pink Days will be offered on Saturday, October 12 and Saturday, November 9. Our goal is to provide 200 free mammograms to women in need by the end of 2013.

Eligibility Guidelines:

- Women age 40 or over
- Income at or below 250% of the federal poverty income level
- No insurance or insurance that does not cover these services

The Pink Days Program includes follow-up diagnostic mammograms and breast ultrasounds if needed. Women who require additional testing beyond this or those diagnosed with cancer or a pre-cancerous condition, will be enrolled in the Iowa Care for Yourself Program for additional testing and treatment.

For questions or to see if you or someone you know may qualify, please visit www.johnstoddardcancer.org/PINK or call 515-241-4141. A Stoddard representative will be in contact to discuss eligibility and questions.

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The John Stoddard Cancer Center at Iowa Methodist Medical Center remains at the forefront of cancer care in central Iowa. Our full spectrum of care includes one of the most technologically advanced and diverse radiation oncology departments in the Midwest, operating suites that are models of surgical excellence, a dedicated medical oncology team offering aggressive new treatment options, a comfortable inpatient atmosphere and a wide range of support groups and services. We remain focused on our mission to provide family-centered care that enables us to wrap all of our modern treatment technology into an atmosphere that reflects the importance of having family and friends involved in the treatment process. For more information on the John Stoddard Cancer Center, visit www.johnstoddardcancer.org or call (515) 241-4141.



Deaf Services Commission Meeting:

Check the DSCI website for further details on upcoming commission meeting dates, locations, etc. If internet service is not available to you, please contact our office to request the information or check with the Commissioner in your area.

Our next DSCI commission meeting will be: **Saturday, November 2, 2013**

10:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. at the Pleasant Hill Public Library, 5151 Maple Dr., Pleasant Hill, IA.

Commissioner Nathaniel Garrels's Report:

Hello, I'm Nathaniel Garrels from Emmetsburg, IA and I'm the vice chairperson for Deaf Services and been on board for one term already. Little about myself, I lost my hearing at age 3 and grew up mainstreamed and very active in sports and volunteering in my local community. I have attended National Technical Institute for the Deaf at Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, NY and graduated there with an Associate degree. After I graduated, I came back to Iowa. I also was a Deaf Olympics athlete in 2005 in Melbourne, Australia and 2009 at Taipei, Taiwan in both Greco-Roman and Freestyle wrestling. I have a serious passion in wrestling and am going into my fourth year as Assistant Varsity Wrestling Coach for my old school I attended and have sent 19 wrestlers to State the last three years, winning both 2nd place for State individual team tournament and 6th place State Dual team last year. As for free time, I enjoy doing outdoor activities and attend expos in and around Iowa. As a Commissioner, I know what it's like to live without the assistive equipment and knowledge that we need to be able to live a better life as other people do. Everyday our community faces challenges to overcome obstacles to help improve community awareness. DSCI focuses on three main concerns within our community to improve on. I focus on the interpreting services, that I've had a lot of experience with since I attended a mainstreamed school. I also have used interpreters to aid me in many different things and I know there's a lot of problems with the issue of interpreting services that have actually met the goal or the objectives that deaf people would have the access to. If you want to talk to me about anything related to the deaf community or interpreting services, please contact me though the DSCI website. We can talk about it, and your comments will help us to improve the community for Deaf and Hearing People as well.

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Office of Deaf Services

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

September 21, 2013: Iowa School for the Deaf Homecoming football game ISD vs Arkansas School for the Deaf at ISD in Council Bluffs

September 22-28, 2013: Deaf Awareness Week

September 26, 2013: ISD Heritage Day, 2 P.M. - 6 P.M., Iowa School for the Deaf Museum

September 28, 2013: Deaf Awareness Night, Cedar Rapids Roller Girls Derby 7 P.M., 1100 North 18th St., Hiawatha, IA (see flyer included)

October 3-5, 2013: National Association of the Deaf Leadership Training Conference, Omaha, Nebraska. (check NAD website for detailed information)

October 5, 2013: Iowa Deaf Camper Gathering, 6:00 P.M.-12:00 A.M, 3703 307th Way, Adel, IA 50003 (See the flyer included)

October 11-13, 2013: Iowa State Registry of Interpreter for the Deaf (ISRID) Fall Conference, Holiday Inn Airport– 6111 Fleur Dr. Des Moines IA. Detailed information at www.news.iowastaterid.org

October 19, 2013: Cedar Rapids Association of the Deaf Halloween Party, 6 P.M. - 11 P.M., Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, 3109 Old Highway 218 S, Iowa City, IA (See the flyer included)

October 26, 2013: IAD Board of Director's Meeting & Town Hall, 9:00 A.M., 3000 N. Fairmont Street, Davenport, IA.

November 2, 2013: Office of Deaf Services, DSCI Commission Meeting from 10:00 A.M.- 1:00 P.M. at Pleasant Hill Public Library, 5151 Maple Dr, Pleasant Hill, IA

Nov 6, 2013 (TENTATIVE): Central Iowa Club of the Deaf 40th Anniversary Banquet, 9:00 AM to 5:00PM, Quality Inn & Suites Starlite Convention Center, 2601 E 13th Street, Ames Iowa 50010

November 11, 2013: Office of Deaf Service will be closed due to the Veteran's Day

November 18, 2013: Board of Sign Language & Transliterators Meeting at 10:00 A.M at Iowa Department of Public Health.

November 28 & 29, 2013: Office of Deaf Service will be closed due to Thanksgiving holiday.

**The deadline for submission for the December issue is November 22 2013.
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