



Welcome to Deaf Services Commission of Iowa



"Equal Communication, Education, and Access"

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DEAF, DEAF WORLD WORKSHOP

"Deaf, Deaf World" is a workshop developed at the National Technical Institute for the Deaf from an unpublished paper written by Susan Rose, Assistant Professor at Ohio State University on the Academic Faculty for Exceptional Children. This workshop is a valuable awareness tool for people who have little or no previous experience interacting and serving people with a hearing loss.

**PURPOSE:** To illustrate the cultural experience of what it might be like for individuals to live in the deaf and hard of hearing world where the dominant mode of communication (visual) is different from the majority culture that uses spoken language. "Deaf, Deaf World" provides a hands-on experience for participants. Communicating through the spoken language is not allowed, but rather participants are encouraged to use whatever skills and ingenuity they have available to get their information, needs, or requests across to training leaders.

**OUTCOMES/OBJECTIVES:**

- To develop sensitivity and awareness of the communication needs of people with a hearing loss.
- To increase awareness of alternative communication strategies to be used when working with or employing people who have a hearing loss.
- To begin to challenge the assumptions people who can hear make about appropriate communication needs.
- To increase awareness of how a society who can hear created disabling conditions for people with a hearing loss.
- To develop basic knowledge about deaf culture.
- To increase access to vocational rehabilitation services, educational services, and employment opportunities for deaf and hard of hearing people.

Admission is free! Pre-registration is required. Limited seating up to 25 people. If you're interested in signing up for this workshop, please contact Linda Scott for a reservation. [Linda.Scott@iowa.gov](mailto:Linda.Scott@iowa.gov) or call at 1-888-221-3724 or 515-281-3164.

We need deaf volunteers for Deaf, Deaf World. We will provide a stipend of \$35 for your time. If you're interested, please contact Suzy Mannella at [suzy.mannella@iowa.gov](mailto:suzy.mannella@iowa.gov)

**April 28th**

1—4 p.m.  
DMACC  
Career Academy Hunziker Center  
Room 102  
1420 South Bell Ave.  
Ames

**May 13th**

1—4 p.m.  
Southeastern Community College  
Private Dining Room A & B  
Next to Cafeteria  
1500 West Agency Road  
Burlington

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



**4/2: 5 - 8 pm** Educational Series for Deaf and Hard of Hearing, "Why Should I Go to the Emergency Room and How can I be Prepared for My Emergency Visit?", The East Tower Auditorium A Level, Mercy Medical Center, 111- 6th Ave., Des Moines

**4/4: 6 - 10 pm** ASL Social Event hosted by Deaf Awareness and Des Moines Area Community College at inPlay in Des Moines at 615 – 3rd Street

**4/7: 9 am - 3 pm** Deaf Capitol Day, The Capitol Rotunda, 1st Floor, East 9th Street and Grand, Des Moines

**4/17: 7 pm** Des Moines Public School for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program would like to invite you to a special evening of fun and entertainment starring Mr. Peter Cook, Deaf Entertainer and Storyteller, Roosevelt High School, 4419 Center Street, Des Moines

**4/18 Friday 7-9 pm**

**4/19: Saturday 8:30 am – 5:00 pm (doors open at 7:00 am),** JUST GIVE ME JESUS, Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines, Free admission, Just Give Me Jesus is a life-changing two-day revival. Language interpreters, sign language interpreters, and closed captioning will be available at the revival. For more information call the local Just Give Me Jesus office at 515-264-7200 or email JGMJesusDSM@netins.net

**4/19: Exhibit Hours: 9am to 6pm** DeafNation Expo Omaha Civic Auditorium, 1804 Capitol Ave, Omaha, NE 68102, Cost: FREE ADMISSION

**4/26: 9 am - 4 pm** DSCI Commission Meeting at Mercy Medical Center, Education Center - East Tower, Conference Room A0002, 1111 - 6th Ave, Des Moines

**4/26: 4 pm, Dinner at 6 pm** 35th Annual Spring Festival, American Legion Hall, 931 - 6th Street, Jesup

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