



Welcome to Deaf Services Commission of Iowa

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## DEAF CAPITOL DAY

I have gone to the Capitol many times with my teacher and my friends, but there are never enough Deaf people there at Capitol. I want to see more deaf people there. It will be more fun and exciting. I like to make new friends. If many Deaf people are there then I can easily communicate with Deaf people and meet new friends at Capitol. I will be excited and enjoy socializing with different deaf and it will make me learn new things about Deaf culture I never knew before. I wish many Deaf people would go to the Capitol for a fun time all day.

I want Deaf people to go to the Capitol at Des Moines, because Senators and Representatives must see what Deaf people say or what they want for better future for Deaf in Iowa.

When you come to Des Moines and visit the Capitol, you don't have to see Representatives or Senators. Just let people there see Deaf culture. I want you to show all people from Senators, and Representatives to see Deaf people from all over Iowa. If we don't get out and let people know we want to be included in the community and have access to more service, they will not be thinking it is worth providing interpreting or other services to just one or two people. We must let people at Capitol know that we have Deaf in Iowa.

You can wear tie or regular clothes at Capitol, because governments need to know Deaf can do work or go to school, and be independent. You can make government proud. No matter where you work –Professional, blue collar worker, stay at home, parent or retired.

If you go to Capitol, people can see you are Deaf and using sign language for communication. Other people will want to talk with you about your job or want to learn some sign language. It makes people happy. People are interested and want to learn about Deaf culture.

It makes you proud and wants you to improve and teach hearing people about Deaf. We need to teach them. We need not hide and we have to be out in the community in a positive way.

In Conclusion: I have seen many large groups of hearing people rally at Capitol, but I never see large groups of Deaf. That is my dream. Deaf in front for positive a rally and hearing in back supporting Deaf.

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### OUR COMMUNITY'S DEAF CAPITOL DAY

**Date:** **Monday, February 1st, 2010**

**Time:** **9 am—2 pm**

**Where:** **Iowa Capitol**  
East 9th Street and Grand  
Des Moines, IA  
Public entrance on Southeast side of building

**Hosted by:** East High School Students  
**Supported by:** Iowa Association of the Deaf and  
Deaf Services Commission of Iowa

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## ANNOUNCEMENT



**2010 U.S. Census: It's In Your Hands  
ASL and Open Captioned CD's  
are available.**

If you would like a copy, contact DSCI.

Email: [dhr.dsci@iowa.gov](mailto:dhr.dsci@iowa.gov)

VP: 515-598-7327

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## ANNOUNCEMENT

Information about the Described and Captioned Media Program is at [www.dcmp.org](http://www.dcmp.org) Free membership includes full use of this free-loan accessible media library. Interpreters, browse under Teacher Training (TT) for sign language materials.

The Described and Captioned Media Program videos that are on-line and are streamed to your computer now have MySignLink support. Kids can pause a video, type a word into MySignLink and see the sign. Go to [www.cats.gatech.edu/MySignLink](http://www.cats.gatech.edu/MySignLink) and click on the DCMP logo.

Also visit the CATS site for new sign language tools [www.cats.gatech.edu](http://www.cats.gatech.edu)

Please share this information with all who may benefit from it.

## INFORMATION

FYI... FDA (Food and Drug Administration) has an online guide to hearing aids. The website is <http://www.fda.gov/MedicalDevices/ProductsandMedicalProcedures/HomeHealthandConsumer/ConsumerProducts/HearingAids/default.htm>

You can also get to this by going to [www.fda.gov](http://www.fda.gov), clicking on "medical devices," then "hearing aids". It has a list of information that people can access.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



**Have an enjoyable and safe holiday!**

**From DSCI**

**Staff & Commissioners**

## INFORMATION

There is a new program called Iowa Rental Help. This program is administered by the State of Iowa and provides temporary financial assistance to help qualified renters who are experiencing financial problems.

Here's the contact information.

- <http://www.iowarentalhelp.com/>
- Text RENT to 30644
- Call 877.386.9104

**12/3, 7, 17: 7:00 — 10:00 p.m. American Sign Language Social** hosted by Deaf Awareness located at Coldstone Ice Cream Shop, 8779 Northpark Ct., Johnston. Games, fun and ice cream! Everyone interested in ASL is invited!

**12/4: 6:00 p.m. American Sign Language Social** hosted by Deaf Awareness and DMACC located at [ALL-Play](http://www.all-play.com) 615 - 3rd Street, Des Moines. Games, eat and drink. First Friday of every month.

**12/19: Dinner at 6:00 pm, Program at 7 CRAD Christmas Dinner/Party** Bring 2 dishes to share at Hiawatha Community Center, 101 Emmons St.

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