

August 2007



Outreach Services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children

Record Numbers Attend the 2007 Deaf Educators & Educational Interpreters Conference “UNDER THE LITERACY UMBRELLA”

Over 300 deaf educators and interpreters attended the fourth annual Deaf Educators and Educational Interpreters Conference in July. The two-day event was held at Ben Davis High School in Indianapolis and provided numerous opportunities for professional development with topics and themes related to deaf education and up to three concurrent sessions.

Featured speaker, Kevin R. William, a sign language specialist, is currently the Director of the National Consortium on Educational Interpreting, and serves as a consultant and diagnostician for the Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment (EIPA) Diagnostic Center at Boys Town National Research Hospital in Omaha, Nebraska. On the first day of the conference, his presentation looked at the EIPA and how it is currently being used. As more states are requiring their educational interpreters to provide verification of their competency, the EIPA is already being used in more than twenty states across the U.S. Mr. Williams also detailed how the results of the EIPA can be used to build practitioner Professional Development Plans (PDP) as required under IDEA. And conference participants had the opportunity to take the EIPA for certification renewal.

On day two of the conference, Mr. Williams discussed how more than sign language interpreting skills is needed by interpreters in the schools. Keeping in mind that parents and educators often do not have knowledge about sign language, deafness, deaf culture, and the role and function of an interpreter, Mr. Williams championed the need for interpreters working with children to have “a working knowledge of child language development, curricular design and how the child’s language skills will either facilitate or inhibit the comprehension of an interpretation.”

Outside of Kevin William’s featured presentations, concurrent sessions included topics concerning:

Mental Health	ASL & Deaf Culture	Language
Mainstreaming	Response to Intervention	Developmental Disabilities
Educational Interpreting	Early Intervention	Literacy
Autistic Children	Technology	

New Programs and Support Funded through DOE in conjunction with Outreach Services
Preparing Students for Postsecondary Education Technology
Report on the National Deaf Education State Leaders Summit
Parent and Professional Collaboration in the IEP Process

If you are a teacher of the deaf/hard-of-hearing, an educational interpreter, a speech-language pathologist, an audiologist/educational audiologist, an early interventionist, an administrator, or the parent of a child who is deaf/hard-of-hearing and are interested in presenting at or attending next year’s Deaf Educator and Educational Interpreters Conference, contact Joanie Jones at jjones@isd.k12.in.us or 1- 800-722-6166 or 317-920-6311.

Outreach Mission

To identify needs and find the resources to meet the needs of deaf and hard of hearing children and their families throughout the State of Indiana.

Upcoming Conferences

CHAMPION YOUR FUTURE A Game Plan For Life

Designed for
Middle School and High School Students with
Special Needs and Their Families

Saturday, August 18, 2007
Hamilton Southeastern High School
13910 E. 126th Street Fisher, Indiana
Registration 8:30 am to 9:30 am
Conference 9:30 am to 4:00 pm
Fee is \$15 per person or no more than \$60 per family
For more information
www.arcind.org

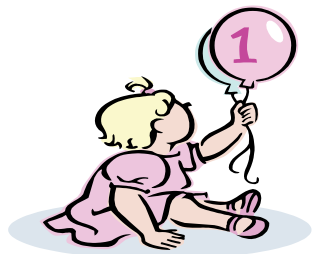
Social Security & Other State & Federal Benefits Planning

August 7 and 8th in Fort Wayne
October 24 and 25 in Indianapolis
Registration fee is \$85

Provided by:
Center on Community Living and Careers
Indiana Institute on Disability and Community
Funded by Indiana VRS

For more information call (812)-855-6508
or go to www.iidc.indiana.edu

Early Intervention News



2007 ITSI Institute
Infant Toddler Specialist of Indiana

August 8-10
In Bloomington

For the Keynote Presentations, Workshops and Online Registration:
www.cfs.purdue.edu/itsi or www.itsi-indiana.org

Are you the parent of a newly identified Deaf or Hard-of-Hearing Infant or Toddler?

Have you heard about the benefits of signing, but have no idea where or how to start?
Are you located too far away from the traditional programs to take advantage of them?
Does the thought of learning a whole new language overwhelm you right now?

Sign2Me is a nationally recognized infant and pre-verbal signing program that currently has over 10 certified Presenters throughout Indiana. This is an introductory, basic, award-winning signing program based on the research by Dr. Joseph Garcia. You will be taught basic vocabulary and successful methods to incorporate American Sign Language into your everyday activities. This is a great starter program to get you signing today!

Contact your local Sign2Me Presenter by going to www.Sign2Me.com and clicking on classes, then scroll down and click on Indiana. A list of all of the current Sign2Me Presenters will come up and you may contact the Presenter closest to you directly for class or program information.

If you need further assistance or have additional questions, contact the Sign2Me Regional Coordinator, Karen Horvath at 574-232-9255 (V/VP) or NICEinterpreter@sbcglobal.net

For
Our
Friends
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*The League for the Blind and Disabled of Fort Wayne
and Deaf Community Services
of Indianapolis*
*are proud to present a **FREE**, 3-day intensive workshop to prepare currently RID Certified
Interpreters in Indiana* for the SCL*

Schedule

Thursday, August 16, 2007, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
“Legal Terminology: Essential Vocabulary for Court Room Interpreting”
Presented by Donna Sipe
.55 CEU’s PS

Thursday, August 16, 2007, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
“The Discovery Process”
Presented by John Price
.2 CEU’s PS

Friday, August 17, 2007, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
“Conceptually Correct Interpreting in Legal Settings”
Presented by Mike Moore and Rebecca Madigan
.55 CEU’s PS

Friday, August 17, 2007, 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
“SCL Written Test Preparation”
Presented by Lynne Wiesmann
.3 CEU’s PS

Saturday, August 18, 2007, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
“SCL Performance Test Prep”
Presented by Lynne Wiesmann
.55 CEU’s PS

This workshop is limited to 30 people. Pre-registration by August 10 is required. For questions, or to register, please email dcsterps@eastersealscrossroads.org or call 317.479.3240. Workshop will be held at Easter Seals Crossroads, 5th floor, conference room one, 4740 Kingsway Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46205

Sponsored in part by: "Outreach and Training" League for the Blind and Disabled, Family & Social Services Administration Division of Disability & Rehabilitation Services, Bureau of Rehabilitation Services, Vocational Rehabilitation Services, and Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne

** This workshop is limited to Certified Interpreters living and working in the state of Indiana ONLY. Proof of residence may be required.*



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DEAF COMMUNITY SERVICES PRESENTS:

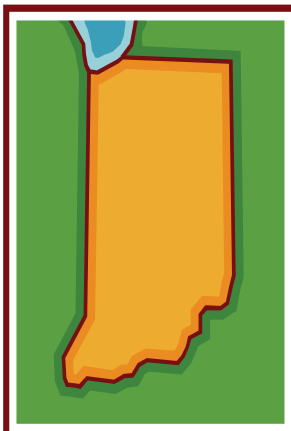
“Discourse Analysis”

with Patricia Lessard
Friday, September 7, 2007
9:00 am – 4:30 pm

“Classifiers: Why are they so hard to Learn? Thinking Visually: Creating Visual Realities”

with Patricia Lessard
Saturday, September 8, 2007
9:00 am – 4:30 pm

Check our website at www.eastersealscrossroads.org on



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DEAF FORUM IN SOUTH B END...

THE COMMUNITY IS WELCOMED, HEARING AND DEAF

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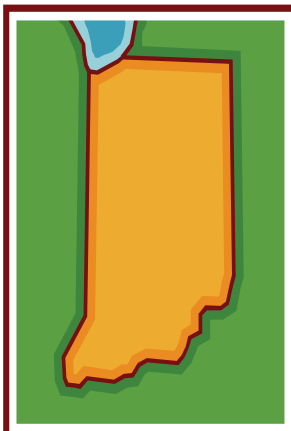
South Bend Library 304 South Main St South Bend, IN 46601 (574-235-4192)

PRESENTERS

MANDY RYAN, CHRISTOPHER BLEDSOE, KAREN HOVARTH, RANDY NICHOLAS, STEVEN CHU

1. **Deaf Forum:** We will invite the audience to express their concerns about interpreting services, basic questions about the NIC test, any other questions that are a cause for concern.
2. **Legal Services for the Deaf:** Christopher Bledsoe will explain a program for the Deaf community that will give them access to the Top Ten Lawyers in United States for unlimited free consultation explaining their Rights in every circumstance in life, Legal aid for tickets, Free contract reviews and much more.
3. **Steven Chu from Sorenson:** To explain the requirments for getting a VP and a brief demonstration as to the operation process of the VP equipment. Wonderful program and services!!!
4. **Karen Hovarth from the NICE Interpreting Agency:** will explain the unending programs for the Deaf community and Parents of Deaf children. Karen is a advocate for Deaf education in the school administration and she has great success!
5. **Christopher Bledsoe:** "WHAT IS THE MODEL INTERPRETER" Panel discussion of what the Deaf community wants from the interpreting experience.
6. **Christopher Bledsoe:** Will perform the song "I BELIEVE" by Fantasia Barrino (performed in sign language a must see performance)
7. **Randy Nicholi** a former ICRID board memeber will be present and assist with the program
8. **Mandy Ryan:** CSAD (UNITED HEALTH SERVICES) will present the services offered by this Interpreting Agency which has been meeting the needs of the community and constantly finding may ways to continue to improve for many years and is outstanding.

Special Note: There will be light beverages and food, please make sure that ALL children have supervision and please no drop offs. There will be interpreters available at this event, Please bring all of your questions and concerns we would love to hear from you! If you need any directions please feel free to VP Christopher Bledsoe 574-535-9262 or email christopherauthor@hotmail.com also for additional services for the Deaf community.



From
Our
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Other
States



Deaf Awareness Events

- ✓ August 4th in Missouri. Details on www.silverdollarcity.com or [www. Branson.com](http://www.Branson.com).
- ✓ August 19th in New York City, Seventh Annual Seaport Deaf Festival. Details on www.americandeafexposition.com

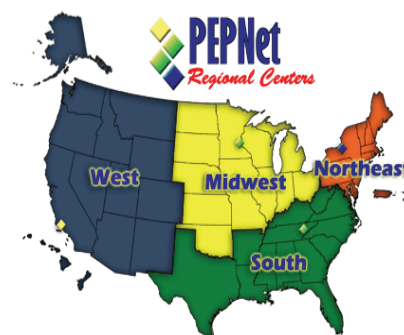
C-Print and TypeWell Training Stipends Up to \$300 per individual!

PEPNet-Midwest is extending a reimbursement opportunity to individuals in the Midwest Region who successfully complete C-Print or TypeWell training between 10/1/06 and 9/30/07.

- ◆ PEPNet-Midwest Region: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, and Wisconsin
- ◆ Training must be completed between 10/1/06 and 9/30/07. Successful completion is determined by C-Print and TypeWell training programs.
- ◆ Stipends are awarded after training is complete and paperwork is received. A total of 10 C-Print training stipends and 10 TypeWell training stipends are available for reimbursement between 10/1/06 and 9/30/07.
- ◆ The maximum individual reimbursement is \$300.

PEPNet-Midwest
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St. Paul, MN 55102
www.pepnet.org

For more information, contact Shannon Aylesworth at (414) 229-3340 or shannon@pepnet.org.



PEPNet, the Postsecondary Education Programs Network, is the national collaboration of four regional centers that assist educational institutions in more effectively addressing the postsecondary, vocational, technical, continuing, and adult education needs of individuals with deafness, including those who are deaf with co-occurring disabilities. Each Center provides technical assistance and dissemination activities, personnel development activities, and technology use activities. The Centers are supported by contracts with the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Office of Special Education Programs.