

Outreach Newsletter

For Teachers, Interpreters, Parents & Early Interventionists
January 2007

D.E.A.F Network Presents Robert J. Cooper
"Avoiding Financial Scams and Making Sense of the Financial Jungle"
Robert J. Cooper

Saturday, January 13, 2007
6:30 to 8:30 P.M.

Greater Indianapolis Deaf Club
1917 E. 46th Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46250

Robert J. Cooper is a licensed Personal Banker at JPMorganChase Bank in Westerville, Ohio. Previously, Mr. Cooper served as CEO/Executive Director for Deaf Service Center in Worthington, Ohio and also for Minnesota foundation for Better Hearing and Speech/DOORWAYS, Inc. of ST. Paul, Minnesota for cumulatively six years.

Mr. Cooper is a graduate of Gallaudet University where he received a B.A. degree in Government. He was born deaf and from a Deaf family. Currently he resides in Columbus, Ohio. His email is DARC821@aol.com.

The presentation is in American Sign Language only.
Admission is free. Food and Drinks will be sold.

Sponsors for this event are InTRAC, Archibald Memorial Home, Behavior Corp, Deaf Community Service, Division #22, N.F.S.D., Greater Indianapolis Deaf Club, Indiana Association of the Deaf, Indiana Chapter of Gallaudet University Alumni Association, Indiana Chapter of RID, Indiana School for the Deaf, ISD Alumni Association of the Deaf, IUPUI ITP, Parent-Teacher-Counselor-Organization, Relay Indiana/Sprint, Silent Senior Hoosiers, Vincennes University ASL Program, and Willard ASL Teachers Association.

For more information Contact Bob Canty at RCanty500@aol.com

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.

Outreach Services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children in the State of Indiana
1200 E 42nd Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46205 317-920-6311 www.deaf-kids.com

Upcoming Events

Mishawaka - First Saturday of Each Month

Parent Directed Signing Play Date

11 AM to Noon

Mega Play in Mishawaka

For more information contact Karen Horvath, 574-232-9255, toll free 866-674-6423

Indianapolis - January 19, 2006

Baby Toddler Playgroup

9:00 AM to 10:30 AM at Indiana School For The Deaf

Meet, Interact and Enjoy being with other families.

Share resources on raising a Deaf/Hard of Hearing baby/ toddler.

For more information, please email LDille@isd.k12.in.us or

call Lori Dille at 317-924-8415 (TTY/V)

Indianapolis - March 19 to Friday, March 23, 2007

HANDS ALIVE 2007 Young Deaf Arts Festival

Talent Show & Art and Literary Exhibitions from elementary, middle school and high school students performed and exhibited at The Indiana School for the Deaf

Show of Champions, Thursday, March 22 7 PM

For more information contact Joanie Jones at 1-800-722-6166 or 317-920-6311 TTY/Voice

Email jjones@isd.k12.in.us

Indiana Association of the Deaf American Sign Language Program

Registration for ASL Classes 2006-2007

Ten week sessions held at the Indiana School for the Deaf

Register March 26, 2007 (Monday evening) for the classes starting April 9 or 10 and ending June 11 or 12

Register June 4, 2007 (Monday evening) for the classes starting June 18 or 19 and ending August 20 or 21

The cost for the 10 week course of 20 hours is \$100 per person plus an optional one-time material fee of \$70 for ASL learning material with video. Children age 12 and up accepted at the same rate. The classes do not offer CEU's to interpreters. **For further information please email Wanda Kirby at wkirby@isd.k12.in.us**

Do you want to be part of a research study?

This spring, the Lab of Brain and Cognition at the State University of New York, at New Paltz, is conducting a series of research studies of reading in deaf adults between the ages of 18 and 45. This study is researching the understanding of the links between reading, visual analysis of words, and awareness of how words sound when spoken. We want to know if Deaf readers depend more on the way words look than the way words sound when reading English. For more information contact:

Molly Baker at baker371@newpaltz.edu or
Dr. Giordana Grossi at grossing@newpaltz.edu
Web site <http://www.newpaltz.edu/~grossig>

From the Black Oak School for the Deaf in Gary:

American Sign Language Classes

Starting Monday January 15th
5:30 to 7:30 PM

Please contact the school if you are interested in joining classes for individuals and families.

Children K-6 have their own class which meets for one hour and then they have an activity or can get help with their homework.

If you've always wanted to learn ASL, now is the time!

For further information please see the contact information at the bottom of the page.

Parent Support Group Starting

We would like to encourage parents of Deaf and Hard of Hearing children to get together, share ideas and support each other.

Our first meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 11, 2007 at 6 PM. Please call us at 219-381-5092 or email BlackOakSchool@aol.com if you are interested in participating.

At the first meeting we can discuss dates that work best for everyone so we can meet on a monthly basis.

Come and meet other people who share your joys and concerns!

Black Oak School for the Deaf
2800 Fairbanks Street
Gary, Indiana 46406
219-381-5091
BlackOakSchool@aol.com

Do you wish to share information about your upcoming events or efforts to support Deaf Education in the State of Indiana? Please submit information for inclusion in the Outreach Newsletter. Please submit information for approval one month prior to the beginning of each month. For example, if you wish to have information in the February 2007 newsletter, please email information by December 30st to Joanie Jones at jjones@isd.k12.in.us. Or call 317-920-6311. Thank You.



Indiana Hands & Voices

“What works for your child is what makes the choice right”

Indiana Hands & Voices Board Member Application

Indiana Hands & Voices is looking for families and/or professionals from all over the state to serve on our board. Your application will be considered and voted upon by acting board members. You will be notified in writing of your acceptance to a two-year term. We are asking for a commitment from those wishing to serve as Board Members to minimally include:

1. You understand and adhere to our mission statement. It states as follows:

“Indiana Hands & Voices is dedicated to supporting families with children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing without bias around communication opportunities, modes, or methodology. We’re a parent-driven and parent led non-profit organization providing families with the resources, networks, and information they need to improve communication access and educational/social outcomes for their children. Our outreach activities, parent/professional collaboration, and advocacy efforts are focused on empowering Deaf and Hard of Hearing children to reach their highest potential. “

2. Attending regularly scheduled Indiana Hands & Voices Board meetings. If you are unable to attend, you will need to contact one of the Co-Chairs. A participation of at least 75% of general board meetings per year is required (four out of six meetings).
3. Participation on a subcommittee, at least one per year as needed. Subcommittees could include advocacy, public awareness, social, finance, grant writing, others, as needed and of course where you feel comfortable contributing.

Indiana Hands & Voices depends on the continuing support of parents and professionals and we value your input to this organization. Please fill out the following questionnaire and return it to Indiana Hands & Voices.

Indiana Hands & Voices Board Member Application

Name:
Street Address:
City: /Zip:
Phone:
Email:
TTY:
Fax:
Professional Title/Organization:

Please initial after each applicable statement:

- I understand and accept the commitment requirements to be a part of the Board _____
- I am a parent of a deaf/hard of hearing child _____
- I am a professional _____
- I am Deaf or Hard of Hearing _____

Please answer the following questions:

Why are you interested in serving on the Indiana Hands & Voices Board?

Tell us about your personal philosophy of communication choices:

Parents, tell us about your child/children or students, and what your family's approach to communication has been:

How do you see yourself contributing to the Indiana Hands & Voices Board?

Other information you would like to share:

**Return form to:
Indiana Hands & Voices
1200 E. 42nd Street
Indianapolis, In. 46205**