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GUIDE BY YOUR SIDE™

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Illinois Hands & Voices (H&V)

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Do you know your child's protection under the law?

I hope you are aware that there are two educational laws that protect your child who is deaf/hard of hearing. IDEA (individuals with Disabilities Act) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act are both laws that protect your child in public educational institutions. But, did you know that your child is protected under the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) as well? Many of you are likely aware that ADA protects your child outside of school. For instance, if your child wants to go to a movie theatre, ADA has provided equal access for your child by providing them with captioning systems to use during a movie. Or if your child is 16 and heading out to get their first job, do you know their rights in that situation? Do you know that legally they do not have to disclose their deafness on an application or in an interview? Many of you are likely aware of the ADA and how it protects the person with disabilities. Did you know; however, that your child is protected under the ADA at school? Why would they need ADA if they have IDEA you wonder? Well, simply put the IDEA provides an




"appropriate education designed to meet the student's unique needs", a level playing field you could say. With ADA; however, your child is provided "equal access" to materials in any public setting, including education. Often times the term "equal" and "appropriate" does not mean the same thing. Many times a child who is not showing any educational delay but is not receiving equal communication access can file an ADA compliance request with the school and re-

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O.U.R. Children Vook Club

Who: VOOK Club
What: V(irtual B)OOK- as in a virtual book club ☐
When: 1st Monday of the month 1:00 pm MST
Where: In the comfort space of your choice (home, office, car, Target, etc...) as our meetings take place over the phone and/or computer. We are open to providing different options for meeting times to accommodate for the majority of our participants.
Why: The OUR Children Project exists to Observe, Understand and Respond to child abuse and neglect for all children with an emphasis on children with special needs as they are at a significantly greater risk of being abused or neglected. The OUR Children Project recognized a need to amass a children's literature database to help use literacy open up a dialogue for children and adults around safety.

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**JOHN POWERS CENTER
201 HAWTHORN PKWY
VERNON HILLS, IL 60061**

ASL CLASSES

Three eight-week sessions of ASL classes will be offered at two skill levels: ASL Level 1 and ASL Level 2. If you are interested in joining a class, there is no need to preregister. Registration will be held from 6:00 - 6:30 pm on the first night of class. For inquiries, please call 1-847-680-8320 or email rpatel@sedol.us.

Sign Class Fee:

\$50.00 per 8-week session

Book Fee:

\$55.00 (optional)

**PAYMENT OPTIONS:
CASH OR CHECK**

**WEDNESDAY EVENINGS
6:30 - 8:00 PM**

Three 8 Week Sessions Start:
September 13, 2017
January 24, 2018
April 4, 2018

Free Family Events in IL

IL Guide By Your Side Parent Guides; Anita from Bloomington and Deb from Springfield, co-organized a fun family Fall outing at Gail's Pumpkin Patch near Lincoln, Illinois in October! Families came and purchased goods from the patch store, played games outside,



picked pumpkins at the patch, and road the barrel train ride! It also gave the families an opportunity to connect with others who have children with a hearing loss. We had children participate ages one up to twelve years old! This event was provided at no cost to the families through funding from a contract IL Guide By Your Side has with the Division of Specialized Services for Children (DSCC). To make sure you don't miss out on any of our future events please "like" our Illinois Hands & Voices Facebook page or you can join our email listserv by contacting Carrie at ilhvgbys@gmail.com. You do not need to be an IL Hands & Voices or active Guide By Your Side participant in order to take part in our Family Education Outreach events hosted by Guide By Your Side.

After 16 years serving as the Child's Voice Business Manager and a member of the Board of Directors, Bill Hinkle will retire at the end of the year. Bill was instrumental in the development of Child's Voice in Roscoe Village and Wood Dale. Brooke Graham has replaced Bill as Business Manager.



On Saturday, December 16, Child's Voice Executive Director Michele Wilkins was featured on Fox 32's Good Morning Chicago! It was a great opportunity to showcase Child's Voice and the good things our staff does for children with hearing loss in Chicagoland.

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ceive those needed services. A big example of this is captioning. Many times a child is making good progress but having to work double time to access the information by researching more at home for the parts they missed during a lecture of a class session. Under the ADA, this child can receive "equal" access to that of their peers. This means that if the peers do not have to research more in order to pass the class, neither should your student. If you want more information on this topic you can contact us at ilhandsandvoices@gmail.com and we can put you in touch with an advocate who can assist you.



ISRC Offers Online Parent University

The Illinois Service Resource Center Parent University is a resource for parents and guardians to further develop ideas and support for raising children who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or have Visual Impairments. ISRC has collected presentations on topics pertinent to parents and guardians and have made them available on the ISRC website, www.isrc.us.



Upon completion of a module, you will receive a Certificate of Recognition. Complete the quiz found in each module and return to ISRC via fax, e-mail, or regular mail. Your submission will be reviewed and returned to you within 30 days.

Module 1 -- Just for Dads (And Male Caretakers of Children with Hearing Loss)

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MOMS NIGHT INN 2018

CENTRAL Illinois

Sat. March 3rd — Sun. March 4th
Wyndham City Centre
Springfield, Illinois

NORTHERN Illinois

Sat. April 14th — Sun. April 15th
Hyatt Regency
Lisle, Illinois

Register today at: ilhandsandvoices.org/mni

Mom's Night Inn is an overnight retreat for moms or female caregivers who are raising children of ALL ages who are deaf or hard of hearing. It is an amazing way to meet and share experiences with other moms who share similar experiences. Woven into these moments are the connections you make- the experience of sharing your personal journey with another mom and hearing about their journey.

This Event Includes:

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| • Overnight Accommodations | • Dinner and breakfast |
| • Time to relax | • Downtime to bond with others |
| • networking | • Lots of sweet treats to eat |
| • Panel discussion Sunday morning | • Keynote speaker |

Regardless of where you are on your journey, the choices you have made, or the choices you are exploring—there is the common bond of raising kids who are deaf or hard of hearing. It is a wonderful feeling to share our journeys together and our retreat makes this possible.





IL Hands & Voices Mom's Night Inn 2018

For moms and female caregivers of children who are deaf or hard of hearing

"Sweetest Devotion"

CENTRAL ILLINOIS

Wyndham Springfield City Centre
700 E. Adams Street
Springfield, IL 62701

Saturday, March 3rd and Sunday, March 4th
Arrival time: 1:00 pm Saturday, March 3rd
Event ends: Sunday, March 4th at noon
Keynote Speaker: Karla Giese

NORTHERN ILLINOIS

Hyatt Regency Lisle
1400 Corporate Drive
Lisle, IL 60532

Saturday, April 14th and Sunday, April 15th
Arrival time: 1:00 pm Saturday, April 14th
Event ends: Sunday, April 15th at noon
Keynote Speaker: Karla Giese

massages, manicures, dinner, sweets, conversation, soul searching and crafts

Cost: \$ 95.00	per person shared room/members
\$ 115.00	per person shared room/non-members
\$ 145.00	Private room/member
\$ 165.00	Private room/non-member

Full and Partial scholarships are available; please contact us for more information.
To pay via Paypal, contact us at ilhandsandvoices@gmail.com and we will bill you.
To pay by mail, make check payable & mail to: **Illinois Hands & Voices**

**P.O. Box 9366
Naperville, IL 60567**

For more information visit us at www.ilhandsandvoices.org
Contact: Andrea Marwah, 630.697.3544 or ilhandsandvoices@gmail.com

Mom's Night Inn Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email _____

DESIRED LOCATION: **Circle one** NORTH [Lisle] CENTRAL [Springfield]



Special requests: _____

Sign-language interpreting services are available free of charge. Services will be provided if possible but cannot be guaranteed if requests are not made in advance. Please let us know 2 weeks prior to event if you will need any additional accommodations.

Registration Fee:

Member room type:
 Shared \$ 95.00
 Private \$ 145.00

Non-Member room type:
 Shared \$ 115.00
 Private \$ 165.00

Roommate Preference or Name: _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

If you would like to be considered for a scholarship, please contact Andrea Marwah at 630.697.3544 or ilhandsandvoices@gmail.com for an application. Deadline for scholarship applications is 20 days prior to event.

Your signature/printed name will allow us to use your photo and quote to promote our organization:

ILLINOIS HANDS & VOICES PRESENTS

Super Hero
Costume
Contest!



SUPER HEARO DASH 5K RUN/WALK

SUNDAY

APRIL

29th

8:00 AM

RACE LOCATION:

Tipton
Park

2405 CONSTITUTION TRAIL

Bloomington

Register Today at

WWW.RACEROSTER.COM

All proceeds go to helping families in Illinois who have children with hearing loss.

IL Hands & Voices is a 501c3 non-profit, EIN # 06-0724201

EST. 2017

TIED TO HOME

APPAREL AND HOME DECOR



What's New!

Tied to Home is an apparel and home decor shop! Many of our items are geared towards families with children with hearing loss. We would love for you to follow along in our journey raising our family with children with hearing loss.

Check us out on our Facebook page and Etsy store at

<https://www.etsy.com/shop/TiedtoHome>

Our website can be found at

www.tiedtohome.design





Portillo's[®] for GOOD

FUNDRAISERS

Bring in this flyer or show it on your smartphone
and 20% of the proceeds will benefit

ILLINOIS HANDS AND VOICES

January 24th, 2018

5pm - 8pm

at the Portillo's located at:

221 Townline Rd.

Vernon Hills, IL 60061

We look forward to seeing you there!

To learn more about how you can partner with us
to serve up a better tomorrow, visit
portillos.com/good



Not valid with online orders. Gift cards purchased during fundraisers will not count toward donation.
Promoting on Portillo's premises is strictly prohibited.

Fundraiser FLYER 012

Save the Date

Conferences for Parents of Children who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing

- IEP Law and Advocacy
- Technology
- Behavior
- Family Panel

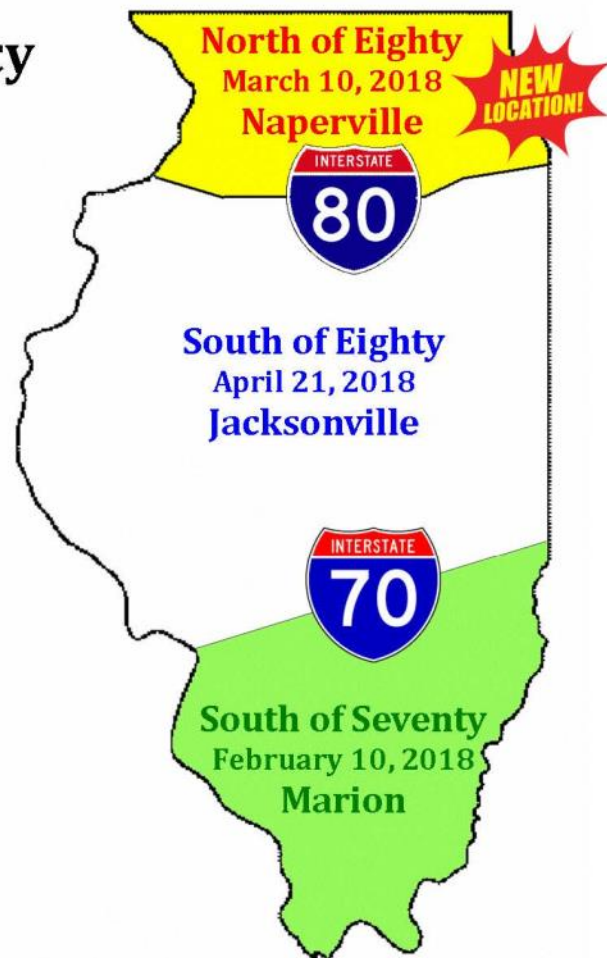


For more information contact:

Andrea Marwah
Andrea.Marwah@illinois.gov
708-409-8800 x 244

Parents:
Financial assistance may be available to help
with travel, lodging and/or childcare costs.

Professionals:
PD and EI credits are available.



State of Illinois
Bruce Rauner, Governor
Department of Human Services
James T. Dimas, Secretary
Illinois School for the Deaf
Julee Nist, Superintendent





See page 11 for more information about this form



Parent ACHIEVEMENT Awards

Nominations due by February 19th, 2018

Nominee Information:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Nominator Information:

I am a parent

I am a professional

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Please mark to certify that the individual you are nominating is a parent of a child with hearing loss.

Please complete all applicable areas below regarding your nominee. Use additional pages if necessary.

1. Community involvement: _____

2. Accomplishments: _____

3. Mentoring others: _____

4. Examples of leadership: _____

How long, to the best of your knowledge, has the nominee been serving others? _____

How long have you know the nominee? _____

Nominations will stay on file for two years for future consideration.

After we receive the nomination form, both the nominator and nominee will receive notification from Guide By Your Side. All nominations are due by 2/19/18. Online voting will be open 2/26-3/26. The honoree will be notified before 3/30/18. The award presentation will be on 4/15/18 during the Mom's Night Inn event at the Hyatt Regency in Lisle. The award recipient will also receive a complimentary registration to Mom's Night Inn!

Questions?
Please call Guide By Your Side at 1.224.343.1873 or email ilhvgebys@gmail.com.

Please mail the nomination form to: Guide By Your Side c/o Carrie Balian 917 Knightsbridge Dr Island Lake, IL 60042
Nomination forms can also be sent by email or fax. Email: ilhvgebys@gmail.com Fax: 1.866.695.3880

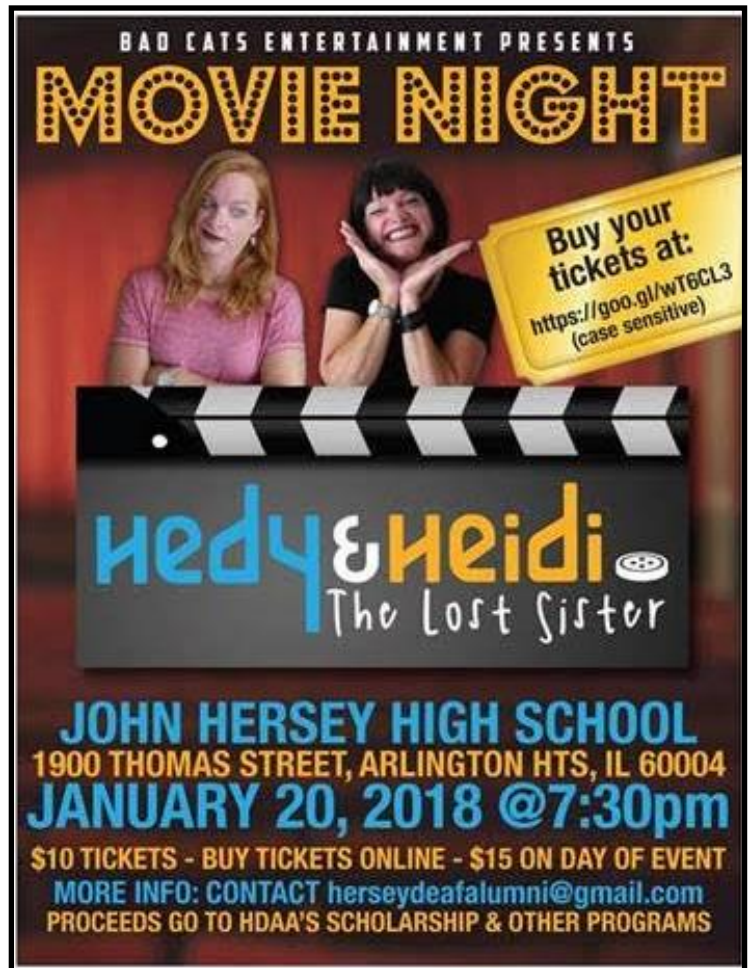
Who are you going to nominate?

The Illinois Hands & Voices, Guide By Your Side Parent Achievement Award was started with the intention to recognize the parents that have gone above and beyond caring for and leading their own family. We often say "It takes a village". The village needs direction, a leader, a voice. This award is to take a moment to reflect and lift up those that go that extra mile. Maybe they gather families to meet and socialize. Perhaps they are on the boots on the ground pushing for legislation to cover the needs of our children. They could be that listening and supportive peer that always has a minute to help during the difficult days. Any activity, big or small, is appreciated and has made a difference in our community.

We encourage you to take a moment to either complete the form on page 10 or follow this link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XG2GZSB> to nominate a deserving parent of a child with hearing loss.

All Nominations are due by 2/19/18. Online voting will be open 2/26-3/26. The honoree will be notified before 3/30. The award will be presented to the honoree the morning of 4/15/18 during the Mom's Night Inn event at the Hyatt Regency in Lisle, IL. You are welcome to join us on 4/15/18 to view the presentation of the award to the selected nominee.

More information about Mom's Night Inn can be found at our IL Hands & Voices website.



*Do you or your child have something to share?
A new adventure or an accomplishment?
They can be a part of our next newsletter!
Stories can be submitted to
ilhvgbys@gmail.com*

Latest Promotion on our Team



Hands & Voices Headquarters implemented a leveled Recognition Program for all Guide By Your Side (GBYS) programs. This program ensures that all GBYS programs provide the same basic training which is labeled the Guide Level. There are two additional levels, Lead & Senior, that guides can achieve based on completing basic competency tasks and additional activity points.

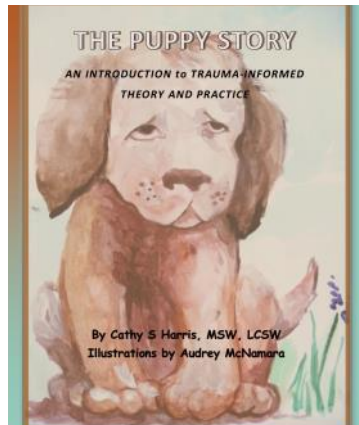
Don't hesitate to congratulate **Anita Mazique and Eva Savickas** on their recent promotions to **Lead Guide** the next time you speak with them.

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The VOOK Club's mission is to read, evaluate and recommend what we feel to be the most effective resources to help adults use literature as a tool to create a strong foundation for children's safety by opening up awareness and dialogue around keeping kids safe from abuse and bullying. It is our focus to create and sustain social/emotional awareness and provide language around safety that cultivates the ease for communication between adults and children/young adults. We also provide additional activities that can be paired with each resource to help expand further.

Next Meeting:

Monday, Feb. 5, 2018
at 2:00 p.m. CST
O.U.R. Children's
Safety Book Discus-
sion:
The Puppy Story: An
Introduction to Trau-
ma-Informed Theory
and Practice
Join us on Zoom by
phone or computer.



See this book and discussion on YouTube
at <https://youtu.be/Zc6oSsXUeyw> and we'll dis-
cuss it together.

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: [https://
zoom.us/j/7196503159](https://zoom.us/j/7196503159)

Or iPhone one-tap :
US: +16699006833
Or dial US: +1 669 900 6833
Meeting ID: 719 650 3159

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<http://www.coloradorcc.com/> and input your event
confirmation number, 3527340 to receive caption-
ing.

Please contact Chresta Brinkman
(chresta@cohandsandvoices.org) or Christen Nolfi
(cnolfi29@gmail.com) for more information. We
are always looking to add new members and their
thoughts and ideas!

Looking for a great way to help IL Hands & Voices?

No time to run to the store for cards?

No time to do a scrapbook of your kids?

Looking for a unique iPhone cover?

Illinois Hands & Voices has a solution: SendOutCards! Not only do we use this ser-
vice for our non-profit organization, we are offering it to our members and fami-
lies. For every subscription, IL Hands & Voices receives a percentage.

With SendOutCards, you can create customized greeting cards that can also include
gift cards, books and gifts as well. The company prints and sends out the cards
through US mail. You can upload your handwriting font and signature too!

SendOutCards can also help you create:

- Custom photo mugs
- Canvas prints
- iPhone and iPad covers
- Metal prints
- Scrap book and photo books
- Postcards
- Posters
- And much, much more

SendOutCards™

"Changing Lives... One Card at a Time"

www.sendoutcards.com/illinoishandsandvoices

**Check it
out!**

Illinois Hands & Voices and
Guide By Your Side participate
in various fundraisers to sup-
port and enhance these organi-
-zations. If you are interested in making a tax de-
ductible donation contact Andrea Marwah at (877)
350-4556 or email her at ilhansandvoies@gmail.com.

Gift Cards for sale!

Do you buy gift cards? Why not buy gift cards through us and
allow us to earn a percentage from your purchase? Here is
how it works:

1. Go to www.shopwithscrip.com and set up a family ac-
count.
2. Enter **ED2CCL6419145** so that your purchase will come
back to IL Hands & Voices Guide By Your Side.
3. Select and pay for your gift cards using presto pay.
4. We finalize all orders the 22nd of the month.
5. You will receive your order in the mail approx. 5-7 days
after we finalize the orders.
6. We receive the donation from your purchase directly
from Shop With Scrip!

Lots of gift card choices - check them out at
www.shopwithscrip.com. There are even reloadable and
Scrip Now cards which allow you to print the gift certificate
out from your home printer! Questions? Contact Carrie
866.655.4588 or email her at GBYS@choicesforparents.org.

HEAR to LEARN



BUILDING SUCCESS ONE STEP AT A TIME
Hearing - Language - Literacy



<http://heartolearn.org>

This user friendly learning resource is for parents and professionals to support spoken language learning for young children who are deaf or hard of hearing.



This website includes:

- Video tutorials
- Downloadable intervention materials
- Current research
- Communities

The website will continue to offer new learning resources, materials, and research - visit often!



SPECIALIZED CARE FOR CHILDREN

How We Help

The University of Illinois at Chicago - Division of Specialized Care for Children offers free care coordination for families of children with special health care needs in Illinois.

Care Coordinators tailor services to each family's needs. Our support may include:

- » assistance accessing free diagnostic testing;
- » finding specialized medical care;
- » help utilizing insurance;
- » finding resources and information;
- » developing a plan of care;
- » communicating with doctors, specialists, and schools; and
- » preparing for transition.



Free care coordination is available if your child has, or is suspected of having, a treatable chronic condition in one of the following categories:

- » Cardiac Impairments
- » Cystic Fibrosis
- » Eye Impairments (Cataract, Glaucoma, Strabismus)
- » External Body Impairments (Cleft Lip and Palate, Craniofacial Anomalies)
- » Hearing Impairments
- » Hemophilia
- » Inborn Errors of Metabolism (Phenylketonuria [PKU])
- » Nervous System Impairments (Seizures, Nerve, Brain, Spinal Cord)
- » Orthopedic Impairments
- » Speech Impairments (Dysarthria, Vocal Cord Paralysis)
- » Urinary System Impairments

You may also qualify for financial assistance for the health care needs of your child.

Call us at (800) 322-3722 to see if we can help.

We work as quickly as we can to determine if and how we can help.

See Other Side for More Information



SPECIALIZED CARE FOR CHILDREN

WHO WE ARE

Since 1937, we've been helping families of children with special health care needs in Illinois.

Today, thousands of families throughout Illinois receive some form of help from the University of Illinois at Chicago - Division of Specialized Care for Children each year. Services are coordinated by a network of professional staff, working out of regional offices across the state. We consistently draw on the relationships and knowledge we've built over the decades.



Care Coordination Teams

Staff work in care coordination teams throughout the state to help families in their community. Teams are formed based on each family's needs and may include:

- » Nurses
- » Social Workers
- » Audiologists
- » Speech-Language Pathologists

Physicians/Providers

It can be hard to find a provider who's an expert in specific health issues, who also has openings, is close to home, and works within a family's insurance coverage.

We've spent more than 75 years building relationships with the best doctors and providers for children with special needs. Not only do we fully understand the different conditions that require specialized care, we've worked first-hand with an impressive pool of specialists in and around Illinois.

Visit our website to learn more:

dsc.c.uic.edu

See Other Side for More Information



WINTER

February 4th— at 1-2:30 pm. **FREE!**

Creative Movement Class- Taught by a certified instructor

Enjoy fun rhythms and body movements while incorporating sensory items such as instruments, poms, and scarves. Parents are welcome and encouraged to participate too! **LIMITED to 20 kids** — don't delay...RSVP today!

Integrity School of Dance, 732 W Chicago St, Elgin, IL 60123

Call or text Christen at 330.715.7685 or email cnolfi29@gmail.com to RSVP and for more information!



Please call to get all the details and to RSVP.

Guide By Your Side provides unbiased emotional support and resources by trained Parent Guides to families with children who have a hearing loss

Guide By Your Side is the result of a collaborative effort between the following: IL Hands & Voices and the IL Early Hearing Detection & Intervention (EHDI)

Communication accommodations available upon request. Interpreter requests are needed two weeks before the date of the event. Requests after this time are not guaranteed.

All families with children who have a hearing loss are welcome to join us for an exciting experience while meeting others who have a hearing loss too! This event is for the whole family.

H&V/GBYS Family Event



2018

June 24–June 30

Deaf/HOH & Blind/Low Vision youth
Camp Henry Horner—Ingleside, IL

July 15–July 21

DEAF WEEK—Deaf/HOH youth
East Bay Camp, Hudson, IL

July 22–July 28

VISION WEEK—Blind/Low Vision youth
East Bay Camp, Hudson, IL

July 29–August 4

Deaf/HOH & Blind/Low Vision youth
Camp Manitowa, Benton, IL



Deadline to apply:
June 1, 2018

Camp Lions is for fun...

The Lions of Illinois Foundation is proud to sponsor **Camp Lions** summer camp experience for youth ages 7 - 17 who are deaf, hard of hearing, blind, or who have a moderate to severe vision loss.



Camp Lions provides youth a safe place to make new friends, and have FUN!

Campers enrich their personal independence and self-confidence through exciting group activities.

Camp Lions is Free!

Accepted Campers Attend at No Charge! **Camp Lions** operates on funds which have been donated by Lion, Lioness, & Leo Club members plus friends of the **Lions of Illinois Foundation & Camp Lions of Illinois**.

Don't bring a penny!

We ask every person applying to send in a check or money order for \$15 to use as their personal spending money. This way no cash is lost. This deposit is the only money you invest for an entire week of fun with peers and friends.

For applications to attend **Camp Lions** please call 1-800-955-5466 V or 1-815-756-5633 V/TTY relay;

E-mail: lmk@LIFnd.org

or write to:

CAMP LIONS OF ILLINOIS
Lions of Illinois Foundation
2254 Oakland Drive;
Visit Us on the Web at

lionsofillinoisfoundation.org &
[Facebook.com/CampLionsofIllinois](https://www.facebook.com/CampLionsofIllinois)

Scan the box to connect to the LIF



DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE A HEARING LOSS?



"This week was great, helpful and educational in so many ways. It was wonderful that this week is available!"

Do you have questions about communication options, language development, amplification, social-emotional development and school programs?

All of your questions can be answered in one place!

INSTITUTE FOR PARENTS OF PRESCHOOL CHILDREN WHO ARE DEAF OR HARD OF HEARING

JUNE 10-15, 2018



What is the Institute?

The Institute is a one-week program (Sunday - Friday) for parents of children (through age five) who have a significant hearing loss. The Institute is held in June on the campus of the Illinois School for the Deaf in Jacksonville, Illinois. Parents learn about hearing loss and about their child's individual strengths and needs. Parents will meet other parents of children who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Mission Statement

Institute provides information and support to families, so they can make informed decisions on behalf of their child who is deaf or hard of hearing. The Institute was summarized by one parent as: "An incredibly useful week to...prepare my child for a life of learning."

"Very well worth our time. Like others I wasn't sure what to expect but I can tell you it exceeded my expectations. All parents of deaf or hard of hearing children should attend."

Who Sponsors the Institute?

The Institute receives support from:

- Department of Human Services (DHS) Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS) Illinois School for the Deaf (ISD)
- University of Illinois at Chicago, Division of Specialized Care for Children (DSCC)
- Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE)
- Department of Public Health (DPH)
- Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago
- University of Chicago
- University of Illinois

"This was a wonderful and absolutely overwhelming experience. I have learned so much about deafness while here at ISD..."

How Do I Get More Information About the Institute?

Contact Division of Specialized Care for Children by calling us at (800) 322-3722 or Email at institute@exchange.dsc.uic.edu

Visit our website: dsc.uic.edu

SPECIALIZED CARE FOR CHILDREN

More About Institute

What do children do? Each morning the children go to classrooms overseen by experienced teachers of children who are deaf or hard of hearing. Children are given hearing, vision, psychological, speech, language and educational evaluations. Children will also have the chance to play with other children who have a hearing loss.

What do parents do? Parents attend daily lectures by experts in the field to learn about raising a child with hearing loss. They also meet in small groups to discuss specific concerns and connect with other caregivers. Parents meet with professional staff to review the evaluations for their child. They are also provided with the opportunity to learn about various communication modes used with deaf or hard of hearing individuals.

Lecture topics include:

- Child Development
- Types of Hearing Loss
- Communication Choices
- Hearing Aids, Cochlear Implants
- Language Development
- Parent Rights
- School Programming
- Deaf Culture

What about siblings? Brothers and sisters, through age eight, can come to Institute. They participate in activities for their age group at the Nursery School on the ISD campus. Siblings also stay with their families in the dorms and go to recreational activities.

What does it cost? There is no cost for families who come to Institute. Meals and housing are provided at no charge on the campus of the Illinois School for the Deaf. This week is free!

Who works at the Institute? Professionals from all over Illinois come to the Institute. They come from hospitals, schools, colleges, private centers, ISD, DSCC and DPH.

Where is the Institute? The Institute is held at the Illinois School for the Deaf in Jacksonville, Illinois. Jacksonville is 30 miles west of Springfield on Interstate 72.

DSCC and DHS/DRS do not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, their programs and activities in compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. The Directors are responsible for compliance. DSCC (217) 508-2350 and DHS/DRS (217) 479-4200 (voice/TTY) or <http://illinoisdeaf.org>.

What works for your child is what makes the choice right!

GUIDE BY YOUR SIDE

Ill. Hands & Voices, Guide By Your Side

We Provide:

- > Unbiased support
- > Firsthand personal experience
- > Compassion
- > Resources
- > Notice of upcoming events
- > Someone to listen and talk to
- > Opportunities to meet other families

For Whom?

- > Illinois families who have a child with a hearing loss or a hearing loss is suspected.

Cost:

- > Free!

Providing Unbiased emotional support and resources by trained Parent Guides to families with children who have a hearing loss.

To receive more information or to request a Parent Guide:

Call/Tel: 224-343-1873
 Fax: 866-695-3880
 E-mail: ilhvgbys@gmail.com
 WEB: www.ilhandsandvoices.org/gbys

GUIDE BY YOUR SIDE™

Please fill in the information below and fax, text or email to us:

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Child's Name: _____ Child's Birthdate: _____

How did you hear about us?

_____ I would like to be matched with a Parent Guide

_____ I would like more information about Ill. Hands & Voices, Guide By Your Side and resources

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Module 3 -- "Walking the Walk"- Karen Putz Journey with Hearing Loss

Module 4 -- Self-Advocacy 101

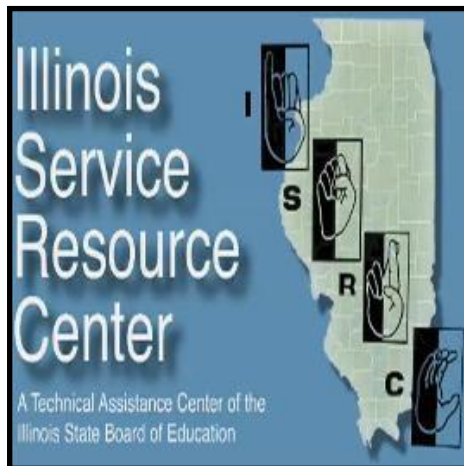
Module 5 -- Acronyms and State Resources

Module 6 -- Leveraging Resources in Transition Planning

Module 7 -- Crafting The Best IEP For Your Child Who Is Blind or Visually Impaired

Additional modules are being developed and will be added.

For more information, contact ISRC at 847-559-8195 or at isrc@isrc.us.



Chicago Park District Offerings

Check out our Chicago Park District, programs for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing on our FaceBook page!



The Chicago Park District specializes in serving the deaf and hard of hearing community throughout the City of Chicago. The parks offer year-round programming to meet recreational needs of individuals who have all types of hearing loss, from early childhood thru adulthood and programs to deaf or hard of hearing adults who blind/visually impaired.

JOIN US at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/CPDDeafHardofHearing/>. To those who have already accepted us as FRIENDS under SarahTim Parks, please join us on our Deaf & Hard of Hearing Face-Book page.

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*Hey Members,
Let's Jump!*



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*This is a Free Member Event
Non-Members: \$10/child*



Where: **FunFlatables** at Yorktown Mall

~ 273 Yorktown Shopping Center, Lombard, IL ~

When: January 27, 2018 11:00 am — 1:30 pm

Includes: Pizza, soda and dessert

RSVP by: 1/8/18 to 630-842-4247

or email—ilhandsandvoices@gmail.com

Socks required for all jumpers!

All ADA requests must be made 2 weeks prior to the event.

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Mom's Retreat

Welcoming Moms of Children with Special Needs



March 24 & 25, 2018
Pine Manor Estates

26 Pine Lake Drive, Carbondale, IL 62901

This retreat is designed for Moms of children with special needs. Relax, refresh and rejuvenate with other Moms who share common experiences raising children with special needs. There will be opportunities to get information, network, relax, enjoy activities, and simply have some peace and quiet on your own. There is a \$25 fee to cover retreat expenses.

The Retreat begins Saturday, March 24th at 9:00 a.m. and concludes on Sunday, March 25th at 11:30 a.m.

Mom's Retreat Registration

Complete this registration form and mail with your check of \$25.00 (made payable to St. Clair County Regional Office of Education) to:

Sheri Kraus, c/o STARNET, 1000 S. Illinois St., Belleville, IL 62220

If you have any questions, need financial assistance, an interpreter or any other accommodations, please contact Sheri Kraus at skraus@stclair.k12.il.us or 618-825-3969 and we will do our best to assist you.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

County _____

Email _____

Phone (H) _____ (C) _____

Age of child with disability _____

Diagnosis _____

Special Request (allergies, adaptations, etc.) _____

Most rooms have two twin beds, two full size or two queen beds. There are very few single rooms. If you would like to request a roommate, we will do our best to put you in the same room.

Roommate Request _____

Deadline to register is March 7, 2018