

# Illinois E.A.R.S

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E.A.R.S = Events And Resources Statewide



**GUIDE BY  
YOUR SIDE™**

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## Blackjack and Baskets

On April 6th, 2019, our IL Hands & Voices and Guide By Your Side programs held our annual fundraiser at the Chicago Marriott in Naperville Illinois. Fundraisers such as this are important as they help us continue reaching and serving families throughout Illinois through our Guide By Your Side program, fun and engaging events, scholarships and ongoing support to families with children who are deaf and hard of hearing.



This year we hosted our first casino night! Guests had a choice between popular casino games like craps, blackjack, poker, or roulette. Players would win chips as they would in a casino then the chips would convert to raffle tickets which were then put into the amazing baskets that were donated to our event. We had over eighteen raffle baskets each one with a value of \$250.00 or more! Items included White Sox tickets, Amazon Fire tablet, overnight trips, museum and theatre packages, tattoo gift cards, BOBS furniture gift card, ABT gift card and tons more!

50/50 tickets were available prior to the event online or in person and were

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## Relationship and Information Building

Illinois Hands & Voices board members and Guide By Your Side parent guides came together the first weekend in March to attend the Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) Conference held in Rosemont, IL. They had the opportunity to meet and network with other parent guides and board members, medical professionals and educators throughout the nation, while learning the most up to date information in the world of hearing loss. During the conference, participants were able to attend a variety of breakout sessions to learn more about specific topics. Some of our board members presented breakout sessions on topics including CMV (Cytomegalovirus), IDEA and Advocacy, Deaf Plus Other Disabilities and Incorporating Deaf Culture and Listening/Spoke Language Outcomes. In addition to the educational sessions, Illinois Hands & Voices/Guide By Your Side hosted a parent evening that was open to all conference attendees that are parents of children with a hearing loss. This was a fantastic way for families to meet each other and enjoy some fun and games. Next year's EHDI conference will be in Kansas City, Missouri from March 8-10, 2020.



**Illinois Hands & Voices  
(H&V)**

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# JOIN US!

**June 8th**

9 am — 10:30 am.

**FREE!**

Join us at this amazing park filled with natural materials like logs, sand, and water for a morning of fun! There are water areas so you may want to bring a change of clothes for your kiddos as well as any water-proof hearing devices.

Contact or text Christen to RSVP with the number of adults and children attending 330-715-7685. Don't delay...RSVP with Christen today!

## **Bison's Bluff Nature Playground**

1111 E Schaumburg Rd, Schaumburg, Illinois 60194



H&V/GBYS Family Event

### **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. You do not have to be an IL Hands & Voices or Guide by Your Side participant in order to join in the fun!**





VS



Saturday August 24

Game Time 6:04 pm

Pre-Game Activities 4:15 pm

50th Anniversary of Woodstock Night and Fireworks Night:  
Pre-game entertainment by The Mustangs  
Fireworks at conclusion of game



Fundraiser with the



### Ticket Sales:

Tickets **MUST BE** purchased through Hands & Voices  
and **MUST BE** purchased in advance

Get your tickets today:  
**\$10 per person**

[CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE TICKETS NOW](#)

Or

[www.ilhandsandvoices.org](http://www.ilhandsandvoices.org)

A portion of each ticket sold goes to:  
IL Hands & Voices Guide By Your Side

**OZINGA** 14011 S. Kenton Av  
**FIELD** Crestwood, Illinois

Questions? [ilhandsandvoices.org](http://ilhandsandvoices.org)  
630-697-3544 (V, txt)

## Deaf Awareness Day



Friday July 12th

Cubs Vs. Pirates

1:20 pm Game time

Contact the Chicago Cubs to purchase tickets.

Call 800-THE-CUBS or email [fanservices@cubs.com](mailto:fanservices@cubs.com)

All guests who purchase tickets for Deaf Awareness Day will sit together in one area. This is a great way to meet others with hearing loss while enjoying a great afternoon at the park!



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# Family Picnic

*Early Intervention Event for families with children who are deaf/hard of hearing*

**When:** Saturday, July 27, 2019      10:00 AM to 1:30 PM

**Where:** Fort Frankfort Playground

Located at Commissioners Park (west of Harlem Ave., north of Laraway Road)

22108 S 80th Ave

Frankfort, IL 60423

## **What do you need to bring?**

- Lunch for your family, or \$ for the concession stand
- Sunscreen
- Lawn chairs or blanket to spread out
- Shade tents/canopies just in case

## **Odds and Ends...**

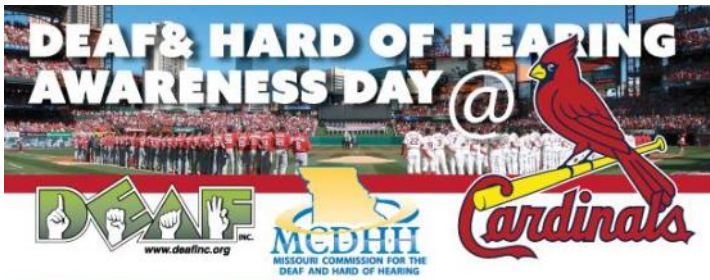
The Park has a "splash pad" that is \$2 per child older than 2 years old (no charge for parents/guardians older than 21) if you wish to join in, that is open from 10:00–12:00 (there is a second session from 12:30–2:30). Swim diapers are required for those not potty trained. Admission is first come first serve; the limit is 60 patrons.

There is a concession stand as well as washroom facilities at Fort Frankfort.

No pets, alcohol, or grilling is permitted at Fort Frankfort.

**Questions?** call **Dan** ([708] 829-9188); **Jane** ([708] 732-0143)





**SATURDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 14, 2019**

vs 

**EACH TICKET: \$20.00**

"God Bless America" and the "National Anthem" will be performed with American Sign language.

**FREE GIVEAWAY\***  
**STAN MUSIAL/  
RED SCHOENDIENST  
DOUBLE BOBBLEHEAD**



\*On September 14th, join us in honoring two of the greatest Cardinals of all time. 2019 marks the 30th anniversary of Red Schoendienst's induction into the National Baseball Hall of Fame and the 50th anniversary of Stan Musial's induction. The first 30,000 fans, ages 16 and older will receive this commemorative double bobblehead of these 2 greats, celebrating their lifelong friendship on and off the field.

**TO PURCHASE TICKET**

**ONLINE:**

Please visit our website:  
<https://deafday.deafinc.org>  
American Express, Discover, Mastercard and Visa are accepted.

**IN PERSON:**

Please visit our office at  
25 E. Frisco Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63119  
We do accept credit card, money order, cashier's check or cash.

**We do not accept any orders/purchases via postage mail.**



Sign Up!  
Horner Park  
2741 W. Montrose Ave  
Tim Owens  
timothy.owens@chicagoparkdistrict.com



Deaf & Hard of Hearing and hearing children with special needs...

Sign Up!  
Mt Greenwood Park  
3721 W. 111th Street  
Sarah B. Faber  
sarah.faber@chicagoparkdistrict.com

August  
5 to 9  
2019  
AGES 3 - 8  
FREE

**DEAF AWARENESS NIGHT**  
**Sunday, September 1**

Join Your Cougars on Sunday, September 1 as the team recognizes our deaf and hard of hearing friends during Deaf Awareness Night at Northwestern Medicine Field.

The always popular Harry Canary and the Zooperstars are back for more laughs and a good time.

It's also Sunday Funday! Beginning May 26, Sunday games will feature entertainment and discounts in the KidZone area including a pre-game autograph session with Cougars players. Kids Eat Free on Sunday Funday! Children between the ages of 3 and 10 will receive a voucher at the gate for a complimentary hot dog and small soda. Post game firework and fans can run the bases after the fireworks.



[KCCOUGARS.com](http://KCCOUGARS.com)

**Deaf Awareness Days**

Six Flags St. Louis, MO on June 15, 2019. The Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and Six Flags St. Louis work together to provide a



fun and educational experience for the supporters of the Deaf

and Hard of Hearing Community. Sign Language interpreters will be stationed in several areas of the park throughout the day including all shows, the train, Guest Relations, First Aid and our Main Gate. Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and other organizations who are involved in the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community will be stationed in our DC Circle Area with information.

Coupons and information on how to purchase online tickets are available through the Missouri Commission for

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What works for your child is what makes the choice right™©

# GUIDE BY YOUR SIDE

*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/Text: 224-343-1873  
Fax: 866-695-3880  
E-mail: [ilhvgbys@gmail.com](mailto:ilhvgbys@gmail.com)  
WEB: [www.ilhandsandvoices.org/gbys](http://www.ilhandsandvoices.org/gbys)



**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!

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 IL Hands & Voices, Guide By Your Side and resources

To be matched with a Parent Guide, please fax to 866-695-3880 or email to [ilhvgbys@gmail.com](mailto:ilhvgbys@gmail.com)





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## Why join IL Hands & Voices?

- \*Free or discounted entry to our Family Fun events
- \*Quarterly "Communicator" newspaper
- \*NEW Closed Facebook group exclusively for IL H&V Members

<https://ilhandsandvoices.wordpress.com/membership/>

CONNECT

SHARE

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual KidFest



**CHOICES for Parents**



Plant the Seeds for Summer So Your Children Can Grow!

Fun day for children who are Deaf, DeafBlind, or Hard of Hearing and their families to learn about local resources, meet other families, build a social network, and engage in fun activities!

All are welcome...bring the whole family!

Food and Fun for all!

ASL, English, and Spanish accessible!

**June 1, 2019**

**Noon-4pm (English & Spanish)**

Gage Park  
2411 W. 55th St.  
Chicago, IL 60609

*Free parking!*

[www.CHOICESforParents.org](http://www.CHOICESforParents.org)

RSVP to Karla Giese at [karlag@CHOICESforParents.org](mailto:karlag@CHOICESforParents.org) or

Sarah Faber at [sarah.faber@chicagoparkdistrict.com](mailto:sarah.faber@chicagoparkdistrict.com)





**Where: DoubleTree by Hilton**

**3003 Corporate West Drive, Lisle, IL  
60532 - Phone: 630-245-7600**

**When: Saturday October 12th, 2019  
- Sunday October 13th, 2019**

**Event Begins:** 9:00 am Saturday  
(Check in between 8:30-9:00 am)

**Event Concludes:** 12:00 pm Sunday

**Event Registration: \$95.00 per person**  
(adults and children 12 years of age and older;  
DOUBLE OCCUPANCY)

Children under 12 with paid adult is \$55.00  
(SHARED ROOM ACCOMODATIONS)

Cost for a single occupancy guest is \$135.00  
(PRIVATE OVERNIGHT ACCOMODATIONS)

## C.A.R.T.E.R's Silent Weekend 2019

Our event is designed for parents & families with deaf or hard of hearing children. We welcome children of ALL AGES based on parents' discretion, however most of our program is recommended for those 12 years & older. We will have separate child activities during some portions of our event, please let us know if you do not wish for your child to participate in the youth activities.

We also welcome teachers, early intervention specialists, & medical professionals whom serve the deaf and hard of hearing and want to improve their sign language skills.

This is a fun weekend event focused on sign language immersion through games, activities & entertainment to create a natural learning experience for the entire family!

Great opportunity to build relationships with other families.

Gather community resources utilizing sign language or information about events & other organizations that offer support for parents & families with deaf and hard of hearing children.

Registration includes hotel accommodations, lunch, dinner, dessert, breakfast, entry to Exhibit Hall, ASL educational materials & prizes!

Register online or by mail, more information on our website;  
[www.carterssilentweekend.org](http://www.carterssilentweekend.org)

Checks payable to CARTER. Thank you!

Questions? Contact Kristine Ringelsten at 815-355-4502  
or by email at [carterssilentweekend@gmail.com](mailto:carterssilentweekend@gmail.com)



CARTER's Silent Weekend 2018



**The Foundation for Hearing and Speech Rehabilitation (FHSR) is focused on funding programs that allow children with deafness/ hearing loss to fully participate in all aspects of life. From education to equipment support to social interactions our goal is for these children to be on par with their hearing peers.**

**FHSR** strives to assure that individuals with hearing disorders have the opportunity to develop to their full potential, enjoy the same social and educational opportunities as their peers, and lead healthy and fulfilling lives. FHSR identifies and then raises the funds to support the most innovative clinical services, research, and educational training programs in the Midwest, through:

- Literacy programs
- Educational programs
- Community speaker series
  - Clinical services
  - Social services
- Free family events

**To donate visit [fhsr.org](http://fhsr.org)**

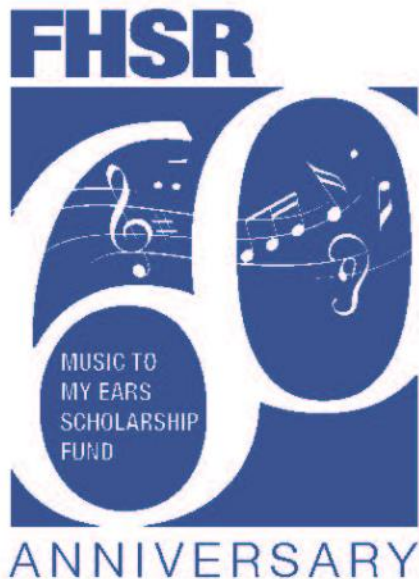
**FHSR** is commemorating its 60th Anniversary with the creation of the **Music to my Ears Scholarship**. Each scholarship provides a year of tuition for free early childhood music classes for children up to age 4 who are deaf/hard of hearing.

**Foundation for Hearing and Speech Rehabilitation**

P.O. Box 180018 • Chicago, IL 60618

[fhsr.chicago@gmail.com](mailto:fhsr.chicago@gmail.com)





The Foundation for Hearing & Speech Rehabilitation (FHSR) is proud to announce the Music To My Ears Scholarship Fund commemorating the Foundation's 60th Anniversary. FHSR is dedicated to helping children living with hearing loss since 1958.

FHSR scholarship will provide one year of tuition-free early childhood music classes to children (up to 4 years of age) who are deaf/hard of hearing, and living in Chicago and the surrounding suburbs.

Classes will be held at:

MERIT SCHOOL OF MUSIC  
OLD TOWN SCHOOL OF FOLK MUSIC

**For applications for  
The Music To My Ears Scholarship  
visit [fhsr.org](http://fhsr.org)**

The first scholarships will be granted January 2019.

Research has shown the benefits to children of being exposed to music in early childhood, these benefits are increased for a child with hearing loss. From language acquisition to sentence structure, inflection and tone, exposure to music will provide indelible positive lifelong benefits. The FHSR is proud to foster the love of music into these children's lives.

To read the FHSR blog, see upcoming events  
and for additional information please visit  
[fhsr.org](http://fhsr.org)

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Deaf and Hard of Hearing. All family members and supporters of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community are welcome for this event, however, all individuals attending will require an admission ticket.

Park hours for Deaf Awareness Day are 10:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. Hurricane Harbor is included with your paid admission ticket.

Six Flags Great America (Gurnee, IL) and the Lake County Center For Independent Living present the 24th Annual




Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness Days! The days for this event will be July 20, 21, 27 & 28. Discounted tickets are available for pre-purchase on the Great America website under events/special group events tabs.

On Saturday, July 20 sign language interpreters will be available in the park at specific shows at designated times and also all day in Guest Services. Interpreters will be available on July 20 only. A schedule of the interpreted events will be available at Guest Services.

## 11 Summer Break Survival Tips

- Develop a list of contact information for friends from school. Set up some play date exchanges before the school year ends.
- Review the Recreation and Leisure page in the Illinois Service Resource Center (ISRC) Resource Directory (available online or by request) for a list of camps and summer activities.
- Visit the Illinois Service Resource Center (ISRC) Library catalogue on the website ([www.isrc.us](http://www.isrc.us)) for books, videos, and games that can be checked out. Items are mailed to families with postage paid envelopes included.
- Incorporate language enrichment activities in your summer plans. There are many resources online and in libraries, such as <http://www.megaskills.org/summerLearningMain.html> Also, the ISRC Librarian can assist you with locating fun activities for your child.
- Continue to prompt and reinforce appropriate behavior.
- Establish a visual calendar of events to assist with predictability.
- If you do not have a videophone, you may wish

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**CHOICES for Parents**

**What is CHOICES for Parents?**

CHOICES for Parents is a statewide coalition of parents and professionals connecting children who are Deaf, DeafBlind, or Hard of Hearing and their families with resources, advocacy, information, services, and support.

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We also offer FREE resources: ASL classes in spoken Spanish and English, READ Kits, Children & Hearing Loss Resource Notebook and more! Contact us today!

**What can we do for families?**

CHOICES for Parents can refer families to resources and services such as:

- Developmental therapy
- Deaf mentors
- Audiological services
- Sign language classes in English and Spanish
- Assistive technology
- Home-based support
- Psychological/counseling services
- Educational options
- Events in the Deaf Community
- Events in the Latino Deaf Community
- Cued Speech classes
- Religious services
- Individual and group parent support
- Child and Family Connections offices
- Medical services
- Speech therapy
- Auditory Verbal/Oral therapy
- Listening and Spoken Language support
- Insurance/public aid
- Division of Specialized Care for Children
- Hearing aids
- Cochlear implants/implantable devices

**Contact Us!**

P.O. Box 646, Highland Park, IL 60035  
312.523.6400 (call/text) or 866.733.8729  
Fax: 312.277.0997  
info@choicesforparents.org  
www.choicesforparents.org

Connecting families of children who are Deaf, DeafBlind, or Hard of Hearing to resources, advocacy, information, services, and support statewide.

## ASL Interpreted Theatre Shows

The Paramount Theatre in Aurora announces that there will be two certified sign interpreters translating all dialogue and lyrics into American Sign Language at the following performances:

**August Rush** – Thursday, May 23, 2019 at 7 p.m.

**Newsies** – Friday, October 18, 2019 at 8 p.m.

**Beauty and the Beast** – Friday, December 27, 2019 at 8 p.m.

**The Secret of my Success** – Friday, March 27, 2020 at 8 p.m.

**Kinky Boots** – Friday, June 12, 2020 at 8 p.m.

Group discounts are available for just 10 or more. Student groups of 10 or more pay just \$20/ ticket for these performances. Contact Joel for more information.

Email: JoelF@paramountarts.com or call 630.723.2470.





## CIAF Gives the Gift of Hearing to Romania



Cochlear implant technology has dramatically changed the lives of hearing impaired individuals not only in the United States, but throughout the world. Established in 2005, the Cochlear Implant Awareness Foundation (CIAF) has been providing cochlear implant (CI) equipment to qualified applicants in need through its Hear Again™ program. CIAF is the only organization in the world doing what we do.

This Fall, the news of our work reached an incredible organization in Romania called the Romanian Hearing Project of International Teams lead by Dr. Tricia Towle. Dr. Towle left her home and medical practice in Pennsylvania in 2003 to go to Cluj, Romania to help hearing impaired individuals. In 2010, Dr. Towle became an advocate for deaf children to receive cochlear implants provided for by the Romanian Health Ministry. Her first patient is now 15 years old and has exceeded all expectations with speech and language. The cochlear implants are helping children thrive in Romania!

Dr. Towle's advocacy for children in the Eastern bloc extended into Albania this past summer where she met a girl named Armela. Armela and her brother Arjeni are both deaf and their family is very poor. While Arjeni received a cochlear implant at age 2, Armela was denied at age 5 because the Armenian government said she was "too old" but more likely because she was a female. Armela's mother was not dissuaded in finding help for her daughter and was put into contact with Dr. Towle through a mutual missionary friend. Dr. Towle contacted the Albanian government regarding the Albanian Health Ministry's decision but after tireless months of inquiry, there was no move forward. Undeterred, Dr. Towle told Armela's story to countless people in the United States as well as Romania. In September, Dr. Towle received an email from an American doctor who has a medical foundation in Albania and wanted to contribute a large sum to Armela's implant. Other donors from Romania stepped forward to pay the remaining sum and by the end of October, Armela would have her surgery in Romania. Such a miracle for this 8-year-old girl and her family!

Romania is a very poor country, but by comparison, has more resources than Albania. A government program does exist within Romania for children to receive cochlear implants however support for updating equipment is very poor. In most countries, the processors are replaced every five years, but some children in Romania have used theirs for more than 12 years! There is a dire need for cochlear implant equipment in Romania.

CIAF corresponded with Dr. Towle and the Vice President of Asculita Viata (Hear Life) Cosmin Brasov in Romania to better understand what cochlear implant equipment was needed to make the biggest impact within the hearing impaired community. CIAF puts forth countless hours every year to ensure all our CI equipment is efficiently cataloged and documented. It is for this reason in October we were able to send a comprehensive donation of \$564,00 worth of CI equipment to Romania! We are confident Dr. Towle and her staff will deliver this equipment to those most in need and help more children with similar stories to that of sweet Armela. We are also thrilled CIAF can make this global impact. If you would like to help CIAF continue our efforts to help more people hear, please visit us at [www.ciafonline.org](http://www.ciafonline.org)

## Illinois Deaf Campers

Anita Cervantes-Bowen, the Director of Illinois Deaf Campers, proudly announces to have Illinois Deaf Campers to celebrate the 15th year of anniversary on the weekend of June 20-23, 2019. Come and get together with the family and friends camping to meet many Deaf and Hearing parents whose children are Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Hearing children plus meeting new friends for a great social skills along with ASL fun learning during the campfire group stories, and daytime games activities.

Grandparents are also welcome to join to spend time with their daughters and/or sons as well as grandchildren. It will be a learning experience for all.

Call and reserve the camping sites, RV, tents, cabins, or hotels near-by Evening Star Family Campground Resort. See the flyer.

We are ordering T-shirts to show support of this special event.

Email to [executor\\_idcnfp2014@outlook.com](mailto:executor_idcnfp2014@outlook.com) with your order for size along with your name and each person's name and size. We will contact you when the orders are ready for delivery and have your payment on time to receive the T-shirts.

A colorful flyer for the Illinois Deaf Campers 15th Anniversary. The top text reads 'ILLINOIS DEAF CAMPERS' in a bold, black font, followed by 'Come and join us to celebrate the 15th YEARS ANNIVERSARY' in a blue banner. Below this is a vibrant image of many colorful balloons (red, yellow, blue, green, purple) and streamers. The text 'SAVE THE DATE!!!' is written in a blue, bubbly font. The dates 'JUNE 20, 21, 22, & 23, 2019' are prominently displayed in a blue banner. The location 'Evening Stars Camping Resort' is listed, along with the address '23049 US Hwy 136 Topeka, IL 61567'. Contact information includes 'To reserve call at (309) 562-7590' and the website 'http://www.eveningstarcamp.com'. A blue oval at the bottom contains the text 'For Further Information: TBA (To Be Announced)'. At the very bottom, it says 'Any questions or concerns, please, call VP, 309-319-7700 or email at [executor\\_idcnfp2014@outlook.com](mailto:executor_idcnfp2014@outlook.com)'.

## Summer Internship at Eli Lilly in Indianapolis

I recently finished my 3rd year at Butler University in Indianapolis. I'll be graduating next spring with a Degree in Health Care and Business. My last 2 summers and this past semester I had an internship at Eskenazi Hospital in Indianapolis. During my time at Eskenazi I was able to network within the tight work community. Through my connections I was introduced to an individual in senior management, who then became a mentor and colleague. She understood that I was a young college student looking to explore healthcare and develop my skills. Through her connections, I sent my resume to Eli Lilly and Company and was invited to an intern interview and networking event at their Corporate Campus in Indianapolis. During the interview I had the opportunity to expand upon my resume, answer some action questions and above all, sell myself. A few weeks later I received the exciting news that I have been offered an Intern Position for the Summer of 2019. In the months leading up to my start date I was in contact with the internship program leaders to match me with an appropriate project that would reflect my skills and interests.

Because of my intensive knowledge of healthcare, health systems and health sciences I was placed within the Diabetes Business Unit where I am creating a health system strategy for a brand-new product to be released soon. My official role at Eli Lilly and Company is a Price, Reimbursement and Access (PRA) Intern. The goals of the PRA division are to create access for all of Eli Lilly's pharmaceutical portfolios. Furthermore, we split up Access into three areas -- Payer, Healthcare Professionals and Patient Access. I work in the Payer Access team and my primary focus is to create access within health systems where patients will be able to obtain our new life saving drug. At the end of my 10 weeks I will have the opportunity to present my project and solutions to senior management. The Lilly Internship Program is a real job experience where we do meaningful work that will go on to be used in company operations.



One of the goals of Lilly's Internship Program is to streamline talent into the position as full-time employees after college graduation. I will be evaluated at the end of my internship and as long as I meet my deliverables and perform well, I will be offered a full time position. I am excited about this opportunity and look forward to the coming months. The author, Ethan, has a bilateral hearing loss and uses cochlear implants to hear. He was diagnosed with hearing loss at 10 months old.

Written by: Ethan Urbanski



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also available the day of. The 50/50 pot grew to \$4,550.00 and the winner walked away with an amazing win of \$2,275.00!

Aside from casino games guests of the event could purchase raffle tickets, chocolate molded in the shape of ears for our chocolate ears game, bottles of wine for our wine pull game, play gift card roulette, join in the fun of our heads or tails game for a RING doorbell system and each guest was automatically entered into a drawing for a door prize. If that wasn't enough every guest was treated to a buffet style dinner, open

bar, and delicious desserts. Over 120 people attended the event this year.

Our community helped us raise over \$6,000 for our organization with attendees coming from all over the state. We are so grateful for the amazing team that helped us put this event together. We would like to send a huge thank you to our sponsors: MedEI, General Energy Corporation, Cochlear Americas, Alternative Communication Services, Illinois Academy of Audiology, Northwestern, Choices for Parents, Naperville Lions Club, and Child's Voice. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Don't miss out on all the fun at our next annual fundraiser! Keep a lookout for the details so we can see you there!





# CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT



DEAF & HARD-OF-HEARING  
CAMP SIGN  
TEEN LEADERSHIP



June 25th - August 3rd  
High School Students  
Free  
12pm - 6pm, Monday - Friday

### 2 Locations:

#### Horner Park

2741 W Montrose

#### Gage Park

2411 W 55th St

Leadership skills, creative thinking and game play will be covered among other topics. Develop leadership, leisure and outdoors skills through variety of art & crafts, swimming, nature and games and visit different places of the city with the Camp Sign campers. Teambuilding games, creative thinking, will be part of the program.

For more information about Deaf & Hard-of-Hearing Camp Sign Teen Leadership, please contact:  
Timothy Owens, Special Recreation Coordinator for Deaf & Hard-of-Hearing  
773.273.6617 Direct Video Phone & Voice, timothy.owens@chicagoparkdistrict.com  
Sarah B. Faber, Program Specialist for Deaf & Hard-of-Hearing  
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## Looking for a great way to help IL Hands & Voices?

No time to run to the store for cards?

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Illinois Hands & Voices has a solution: SendOutCards! Not only do we use this service for our non-profit organization, we are offering it to our members and families. 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!

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Do you have a child who is  
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**Check it out!**

Illinois Hands & Voices and Guide By Your Side participate in various fundraisers to support and enhance these organizations. If you are interested in making a tax deductible donation contact Andrea Marwah at (877) 350-4556 or email her at [ilhandsandvoices@gmail.com](mailto:ilhandsandvoices@gmail.com).

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to request one at [www.sorenson.com](http://www.sorenson.com) or find a location where your child may use one.

- Practice your sign language skills.
- Sign up for the monthly ISRC Digital Update e-mail, which includes a list of upcoming events for students who are D/HH and their families.
- Join and volunteer for deaf events in your area.
- Pay attention to your own stress levels. Identify respite services in your area. To network with other parents visit the Illinois Hands and Voices website: [www.ilhandsandvoices.org](http://www.ilhandsandvoices.org)

This list was created by the Illinois Service Resource Center (ISRC). In the event of a behavioral concern or crisis situation, contact the Illinois Service Resource Center at 800-550-4772.

# 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.

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# CONNECTIONS

## Mentors & Families Working Together

The **Connections Program (CP)** at Chicago Hearing Society (CHS) is an on-going, family-centered support program that links adults who are Deaf, DeafBlind or Hard of Hearing (D/DB/HH), called Mentors, with families who have children who are D/DB/HH, providing an array of support services. The CP is part of statewide initiative to reach out to families who are hearing and have a child who is D/DB/HH between birth to 22 years old. Research shows a child's natural ability to develop language is strongest within the first years of life and family members are their primary source of language. Through this connection, Mentors provide the entire family with the support, perspective, advocacy, community resources and options necessary for parents to help their D/DB/HH children achieve their full potential in both the hearing and deaf worlds.



*"...Considering our daughter was born to hearing parents, there is an area of her life that we can't adequately expose her to and teach her about - we'll never be able to..."* -Parent interviewed for An Illinois Deaf Mentor Services Survey conducted and reported on by a Gallaudet University Regional Center Student in 2014.

## How It Works

Parents submit an application to be a part of the CP. The CP coordinator works directly with the family to arrange mentor services. Mentors then visit families, typically two hours per week, in their homes where their child is most comfortable and eager to learn. They are selected to represent the CP for the ease of their communication style with family members and for their comfortable approach with children.

## Contact :

**Michelle Mendiola**  
CHS Youth Program Manager

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## AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE CLASS

### 8 – Week Session

\*Level I (Beginners): May 7 – June 25, 2019  
Tuesdays from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

\*Level II (Intermediate): May 7 – June 25, 2019  
Tuesdays from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Chicago Hearing Society  
1444 W. Willow St, Chicago, IL 60642

Cost: \$90.00/person

### Next sessions:

August 6/7 – September 24/25, 2019  
(ASL Intermediate: Tuesdays/ASL Beginners: Wednesdays)

October 29/30 – December 17/18, 2019

(ASL Intermediate: Tuesdays/ASL Beginners: Wednesdays)

For more information or questions, contact Michelle Mendiola at [mmendiola@anixter.org](mailto:mmendiola@anixter.org) or 773.904.0155.



HELP MAKE  
HEALTH CARE  
BETTER FOR  
WOMEN WHO ARE  
DEAF OR HARD OF  
HEARING (DHH)

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If you are a Deaf or Hard of Hearing (DHH) woman who has given birth in the last 5 years, we want to talk to you!

Sometimes people who are DHH aren't treated the same as other people at the doctor, especially if they are pregnant. We want to make health care better for these women. We need help from mothers who are DHH.

## Who Is Eligible?

- You must be 21 years or older
- We will ask you questions about what it was like when you were pregnant and had your baby.

It takes about 60-90 minutes to be interviewed. You would get \$50 as a thank you.

Remember, it's ALWAYS your choice to be involved in research. You don't have to do it.

Want to share your story? Want to learn more?

Contact Karen Aguilar:  
(773)248-9121x307  
VP:(773)904-0100  
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## SUMMER DAY CAMPS!

DEAF & HARD OF HEARING  
YOUTH & TEENS AGES 5.10-14  
(K-8TH GRADE)

**June 24th - August 2nd**  
Monday - Friday, 12pm-6pm

## 3 Summer Camps

\$56 for 2 weeks, per camper

- Camp Sign - June 24- July 5
  - Sports Camp - July 8- July 19
  - Camp Sign Adventure - July 22 - August 2
- 2 Locations**  
Horner Park  
2741 W. Montrose Ave  
Gage Park  
2411 W. 55th Street

For more information about the Summer Day Camps, please contact:

Timothy Owens, Special Recreation Coordinator for Deaf & Hard of Hearing  
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# Research Opportunity for Children with Hearing Loss

**WHO:** Children between **5 and 12 years** of age  
with hearing loss who use hearing aids or cochlear implants

**WHY:** The Hearing and Language Lab at Northwestern University  
is studying how children with hearing loss listen and learn  
in their everyday environments, such as a classroom.

**WHAT:** During the study, children will play games  
that test their language and cognitive skills. Parents will  
receive monetary compensation for travel and participation.  
Children will receive a book and a small prize.

For more information, please contact Kristi  
in the Hearing and Language Lab at:

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**PI:** Tina Grieco-Calub,  
Communication Sciences  
and Disorders,  
Northwestern University

**IRB#** STU00070688



Hearing and  
Language Lab



## READ Kits



**Animals Kit:**  
Brown Bear, Brown Bear,  
What Do You See?  
First 100 Animals



**Bedtime Kit:**  
Good Night Moon  
Bedtime



**Peek a Boo Kit:**  
Peek-a-Who?  
Peek-a-Zoo!



**My Body Kit:**  
From Head to Toe  
Head, Shoulders, Knees,  
and Toes



**Doctor Kit:**  
First Time Doctor  
If I Were a Doctor



**Food Kit:**  
Mealtime  
Eating the Rainbow




**Spot the Dog Kit:**  
Where's Spot?  
Spot Goes to the Park



**Transportation Kit:**  
My First Things that Go  
DK Things that Go

Interested in borrowing a READ Kit? Go to [www.CHOICESforParents.org/literacy](http://www.CHOICESforParents.org/literacy) for a check out form!



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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) Program.



## Does your young child have severe-to-profound vision or hearing loss? They might be eligible to participate in word-learning research with Duke CHILD Studies!

### Children with Visual Impairment



Baby wears an audio recorder inside a soft vest for one day to study the home language environment

#### WHAT does the study involve?

- Online surveys about your child’s language and development
  - Compensation for surveys: \$20
- *Optional*: one day-long home recording where your child wears an audio recording device designed for child language research.
  - Compensation for survey & recording: \$55

The lab would arrange for pickup and drop off of the recorder and vest and would not be present for the day of recording.

### Children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing who can hear at a conversational volume with language technology (i.e. CIs, HAs)



Eye tracking is used to study word comprehension in the lab

#### WHAT does the study involve?

- Online surveys about your child’s language and development
  - Compensation for surveys: \$20
- *Optional*: one 45-minute visit to the Bergelson Lab on Duke’s West Campus for an eye-tracking study on spoken word understanding
  - Compensation for survey and lab visit: \$40

The lab provides free parking during your visit and can provide babysitting for siblings during the brief eyetracking study.

### WHY should you participate?

This study will help researchers understand more about how infants and toddlers with sensory impairments learn language.

All children will receive a commemorative gift for their participation.

To find out more please call the Bergelson Lab at (919) 684-9429 or email [erin.e.campbell@duke.edu](mailto:erin.e.campbell@duke.edu)

This research is conducted by Dr. Erika Bergelson, in Duke’s Psychology & Neuroscience Department