

Illinois E.A.R.S



GUIDE BY YOUR SIDE™

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

In the News

Illinois Hands & Voices & Guide By Your Side were asked to interview with NCTV17 Spotlight (Naperville Community Television) to talk about what our organizations do. If you are a professional and needing a simple way to explain our organization to families, you can show them the video.

The video can be found on our website, Facebook page and also through this link here:

<https://ilhandsandvoices.wordpress.com/2018/02/08/il-hands-voices-feature-on-nctv17-spotlight/>

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Cyto-meg-a-lo- what?

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I hear that a lot. I said the same thing the first time the doctor told my family our son was born with congenital CMV.

When I learned it was preventable and could have been treated if discovered during my pregnancy, I was shocked.

I couldn't believe it, I had read every pregnancy magazine out there, I took prenats, I didn't eat

deli meat, I cut out the caffeine, I attended every prenatal checkup and even took notes.

How could no one tell me that my child could be severely disabled by a virus? I had never even heard of CMV. Until it was to late.



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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

We've Got Rhythm

On a snowy day in February, several families with children who have a hearing loss met up at the Integrity School of Dance in Elgin for some fun! The class was led by Courtney Garcia, one of our GBYS parents,



who graciously donated her time and expertise. After a quick warm-up, the kids learned a simple choreographed dance and used props including shakers, ribbons,

poms, and hula hoops to incorporate into their creative movements. A mat for tumbling



was also brought out so the kids could try out their forward roll and other skills. Once the kiddos were tired out from the music and dancing, they enjoyed water and snacks. All participants also got to fill a goodie bag with some musical instruments to take home. Our FEO events are the perfect opportunity to meet and chat with other families who have a child with a hearing loss. Make sure you follow us on Facebook so you can watch for upcoming events!



www.CHOICESforParents.org

CHOICES for Parents is a statewide parent support organization for families of deaf and hard of hearing children. We provide unbiased resources, advocacy, information, services and support. Contact us with any questions and we'll do our best to point you in the right direction! In addition, we offer several FREE resources:

- [Children & Hearing Loss Resource Notebook for Illinois Families](#) is filled with information about hearing loss, early intervention, technology, education, pediatricians, and more. An order form is on our website.
- [READ Kits](#) program targets children ages 0-3 and includes books, toys, an activity sheet, and DVDs with suggested reading strategies. The reading strategy videos are also available on our website along with informational webinars. To request a free READ Kit, fill out the request form on our website.
- [READ Day](#) program targets school aged children and we will visit deaf education programs, bringing deaf adult role models for storytelling, and giving away books and bookbags. Contact us if you would like us to visit your child's school.
- [#ProudDeaf](#), a new facebook page for Deaf, deaf, hard of hearing, and deafblind people to post short videos sharing why they are proud of who they are. Consider allowing your child to post a video!
- [Sign Language classes in spoken Spanish](#) for families seeking to learn sign language taught by an instructor fluent in both sign and spoken Spanish. Currently classes are offered in Chicago. Check the website for more information!

Please check out our website for additional information on any of these or to contact us for support. www.CHOICESforParents.org.

Moms Creating Connections and Memories

Mom's Night Inn Central was held at the Wyndham City Center in Springfield on the weekend of April 3rd. The moms/female caregivers in attendance all have a built in connection from raising their children that are deaf or hard of hearing. This is always and was a great time for us all to connect, laugh, cry and bond. Mom's share their families and their own struggles, successes and provide each other with great support and resources. Saturday was filled with games, candy, information and bonding followed by a nice sit down dinner. Saturday afternoon's keynote speaker was Karla Giese. Karla is a very successful deaf adult who was willing to share her journey with us from early childhood to adulthood. Karla is very knowledgeable in many communication methods and is an inspiration. Saturday evening the Moms were pampered with massages and mani-pedis. During this time the participant's also decorated and filled jars in line with our theme of "Sweetest Devotion". Sunday everyone met for breakfast then got together and spent some time socializing and trading resources and information followed by the Hands & Voices closing circle. Everyone enjoyed catching up with old friends and making new ones at these events and of course a little special Mom time.



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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

ILLINOIS HANDS & VOICES PRESENTS



SuperHEARo 5K RAFFLE TICKETS

1 Ticket = \$5.00

5 Tickets = \$20.00

Purchase tickets online:

<https://raceroster.com/events/2018/15490/superhearo-dash>

OR to request paper tickets contact:

mmartin.gbys@gmail.com

1. You buy your 50/50 raffle tickets. Keep your numbers.
2. A ticket is pulled on race day, if it's your ticket you win 50% of the raffle ticket sales. The other 50% goes to IL Hands & Voices.

50/50 raffle winner does not need to be present to win.



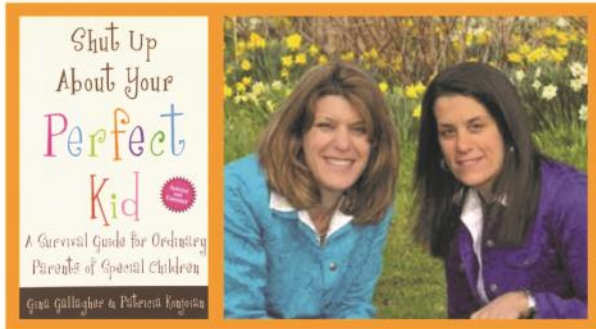
Illinois Family Leaders Collaboration

presents the...

12th Annual Family Conference

Resources and Inspiration for Adult Family Members
and Caregivers of Children with Disabilities

Featuring *The Shut Up Sisters*,
Gina Gallagher & Patricia Terrasi



Saturday, April 7th, 2018

Spalding Pastoral Center
419 NE Madison Ave, Peoria, Illinois

Registration 8:30-9:00am
Conference 9:00am-3:00pm

Illinois STARNET I & III is a grant awarded by the Illinois State Board of Education;
100% of annual funding for the project is from federal sources.

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One in two hundred babies are born with congenital CMV each year. Yet, ninety-one percent of women have never heard of CMV. What is cytomegalovirus anyways...

"CMV is a member of the herpes virus family. Coming into contact with the CMV virus is a common occurrence and is typically harmless to the general population. A CMV infection causes cold-like symptoms, such as a sore throat, fever, fatigue and swollen glands". The CMV virus is most dangerous if you have a CMV infection for the first time while pregnant. CMV can cause severe disease in babies who were infected with CMV before birth (referred to as congenital CMV infection). CMV is spread by contact. It is most common in children under five, when kids are sharing toys, putting things in their mouth, going to the bathroom and not washing their hands, etc. Once you have had CMV it stays in your body forever. Coming into contact with urine or saliva of young children makes you high risk for being exposed to CMV. Pregnant

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Registration Form

12th Annual Family Conference

April 7, 2018 ★ Peoria, Illinois

Registration fee: **\$15 per family member, \$25 per professional**

Checks should be payable to "Family Matters," but mailed with this registration form to Starnet Regions I & III (address below) by March 24th, 2018.

You will receive confirmation or a waiting list notice three weeks prior to conference.

Name(s) _____

Send confirmation to my... home business address below...

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

Fax _____ Email _____

District/Agency (prof. only) _____

I live in _____ county. I work in (prof. only) _____ county.

Program Affiliation (prof. only):

- Early Intervention
- ECSE
- Preschool for All (PFA)
- Blended ECSE/PFA
- Head Start
- K-3
- State Prevention Initiative
- Child Care
- Community Pre-School
- Preschool Dev./Expan. Grant
- State Prevention Initiative
- Other _____

Position (check one):

- Administrator
- Developmental Specialist (EI)
- Family Member [age of child(ren) _____]
- Family Educator
- Teacher
- Teacher Assistant
- OT/PT
- Psychologist
- Service Coordinator (EI)
- SLP
- Social Worker
- Other _____

Special accommodation (eg: interpreter, wheelchair accessible, special diet, etc.).
Please specify by **March 9, 2018**, the nature of special accommodation needed: _____

I give permission for the Illinois Family Leaders Collaboration to use photos/videos that may include me to promote future trainings: _____ (initial)

STARNET Regions I & III • WIU Horrabin Hall 32 • Macomb, IL 61455
800/227-7537 • 309/298-1634 • Fax 309/298-2305 • www.starnet.org/home



Tuesday, June 12, 2018

- The perfect combination - Spend the day on the green and change the life of a child with hearing loss!
- This year, Child's Voice will help over 300 children, infants and toddlers through your generosity at the golf tournament.
- Graduates move back to their mainstream, neighborhood schools ready to learn and succeed in their education and communities!
- Your support of the annual Golf Tournament allows even more children to receive these critical tools for a lifetime of learning!

"Tee Times" for the Day

10:30 a.m. Registration & Check-In
Driving Range & Putting Green Open
Buffet Lunch

Noon Shotgun Start (Scramble Format)

4:30 p.m. Reception

5:30 p.m. Dinner & Program

On course contests including hole-in-one, closest to the pin, longest drive and "Challenge the Child's Voice Graduate"!

Sponsorship Opportunities Available.
No Rain Date.

www.childsvoice.org/golf-tournament



You'll be hearing from us!

For more information:

call 630-595-8200 • email events@childsvoice.org • visit www.childsvoice.org

Golf Tournament Committee

Renee Jones
Katie Schroeder
Michael Schroeder
Chairs

Angela Chaudhari, M.D.
Darrin Edgecombe
Paul Fahey
Adam Gurtz
Dan McMahon, '99
Dan Stratis
Kim Tasharski

Registration Fees

Early Bird (ends May 1st)
Individual Golf \$275
Foursome \$1,000
After May 1st - prices increase 20%
Includes course fees, cart, lunch, reception & dinner




Resources for Spanish speaking families and their children

At Illinois Hands & Voices, we strive to support parents and families of children who are deaf and hard of hearing. One of the many ways we support these families is by educating them on different topics related to hearing loss. After the initial diagnosis and through-out the years, parents will need to make informed decisions when it comes to their child’s hearing options, hearing devices, communication modes, schooling, etc. Parents are initially overwhelmed with the diagnosis, and this is when we need to support them the most. In the next days, weeks, months, and years, they will make the most important choices that will help their child reach his/her maximum potential in his/her future. To make these important decisions parents need to be well informed, and this is our main goal. We want to help them become experts in the on their child’s disability. This way, when they attend clinical appointments they will understand: the terminology, what the test results mean, and what the recommendations are. They can ask questions to clear their doubts and help them feel confident with the decisions they are about to make. We want to empower parents with unbiased information and knowledge, so they can decide what is best for their child and their family.

But how can we provide this support to Spanish speaking families that might experience language barriers? Here at IL Hands & Voices there are no barriers. We support Spanish speaking families the same way we support our English-speaking families. We provide them with educational materials, answer questions, and connect them with other parents, professionals and centers around the state. We do all of this in written and spoken Spanish. We have a Spanish committee dedicated to support these families. We have Spanish speaking trained Parent Guides through our Guide By Your Side Program (a free support for families) and professionals on the board who are native Spanish speakers.

In recent years, we have done more than ever before for our Spanish families. We have connected with different Spanish speaking professionals across the country, who have graciously shared their knowledge with our families. In turn, we have created a video library of short lectures and mini seminars in Spanish. We are very

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**Seventh Annual
Deaf Can Do It – Community Service Day
May 1, 2018**

All students in Illinois who are deaf and hard of hearing are invited to participate in the seventh annual Deaf Can Do It – Community Service Day on May 1, 2018. This year, the focus of community service will be your choice - People Helping People OR Local Animal Shelters.

A motivational videotaped message from Illinois Association of the Deaf President Corey Axelrod will be available on the ISRC website for students to view in the morning. All students who participate will receive a sticker to wear that day. If your class plans to participate, please send your request for stickers to isrc@isrc.us. After the event, please send any video clips/ pictures from that day to ISRC to be posted on the ISRC website www.isrc.us.

Ideas for People Helping People	Ideas for Local Animal Shelters
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homeless Shelters – collect clothes and blankets • Food Pantries/ Food banks • Shelters for abused women • People with an illness, such as cancer • Make a Wish Foundation • Senior citizens 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have a drive to collect supplies • Bake dog biscuits to sell • Collect change in the cafeteria • Invite a representative from the local shelter to speak at school • Sell donated dog biscuits at lunch • Make Chex cereal puppy chow to sell at lunch • Clean up a local dog park • Decorate dog collars to sell • Sign up for dog walking or to clean the cages at the local shelter • Read to elementary students a book about animals • Build doghouses



Come Groove with **FHSR** as we Celebrate 7 years of Music and Interactive Fun!

Foundation for Hearing and Speech Rehabilitation PRESENTS

KIDSTOCK!

You're invited to attend a **FREE FAMILY KID CONCERT** that celebrates the Power of Hearing and the Joy of Music

With award winning children's musical group:
Macaroni Soup featuring Miss Carole

**Sunday, April 22, 2018
11:00 am – 1:00 pm**

**Columbia College—Stage 2
618 S. Michigan Ave, Chicago, IL**

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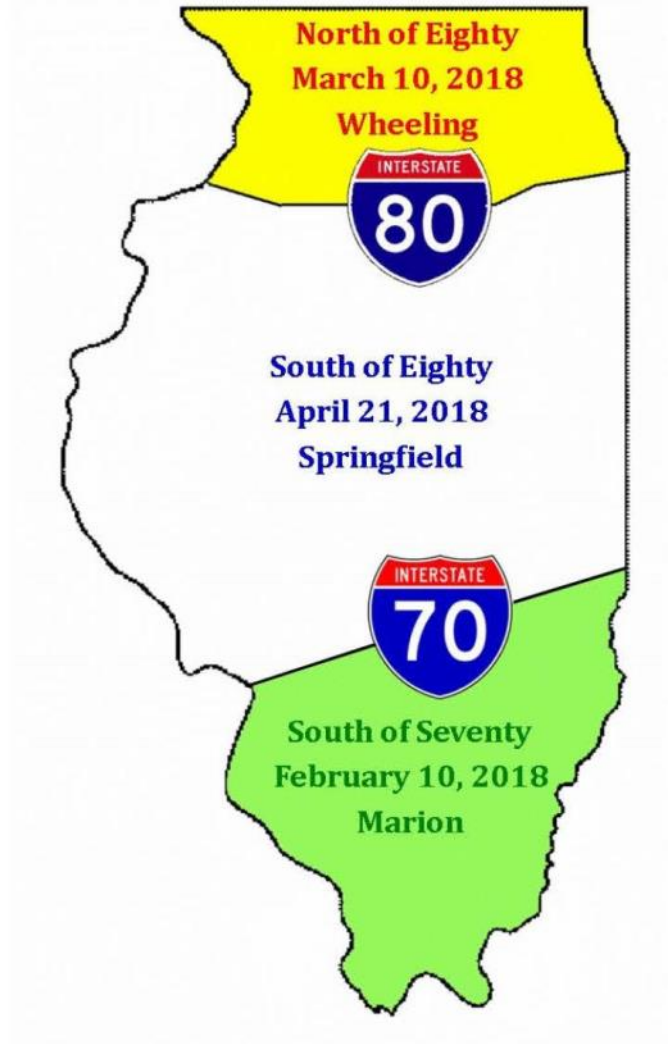
To register for the free event please go to www.fhsr.org

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



Conference Topics:

- Technology
- IEP's
- Behavior
- Deaf Panel



Parents:

Financial assistance may be available to help with travel, lodging and/or childcare costs. See page 2 for more information.

Professionals:

PD and EI credits are available.

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excited to share with our Spanish speaking families a list of topics they can learn more about such as:

- Diagnosis of a hearing loss
- Pediatric hearing tests
- Hearing devices
- Cochlear implants
- Psychological effects
- Auditory verbal therapy
- Auditory brain development

PO Box 9366, Naperville IL 60567

IL Hands & Voices is a 501c3 nonprofit organization
Tax ID# 06-1724201 Ilhandsandvoices.org 630-697-3544 (v/txt) mail-to:ilhandsandvoices@gmail.com

We have recorded each of these lectures and thanks to Illinois Sounds Beginnings the videos and presentations are uploaded to a YouTube channel. Parents can then watch these courses on YouTube while they commute to their jobs, take a break at work, or after everyone in the family has gone to bed. Most importantly, the courses are provided by Spanish speaking professionals in fluent Spanish so we overcome the language barrier thus creating a deeper connection and response from families.

We hope that parents can rely on our lectures to learn about hearing loss, audiology, speech and language development, communication modes, etc. Parents have their child's future in their hands, adding this knowledge is a powerful tool to help

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mothers, daycare workers, nurses ect who are pregnant or planning to become pregnant should practice standard hygiene precautions. You should always wash your hands after changing diapers, coming into contact with children's toys, feeding, or wiping mouth or noses.

My son, Axel, was born with congenital CMV. During my pregnancy I had become sick. I called my doctor who then called me in a prescription for a cough syrup and told me that he would see

me at my next appointment. By that time, I had felt better, and no one ever followed up on my "cold". Shortly after, I was told that Axel had a heart condition that would require open heart surgery at birth. He then stopped growing and was significantly less active. At 37 weeks, I was

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Research Opportunity for Children with Hearing Loss

WHO: Children between **9 months** and **12 years** of age 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.

WHAT: During the study, children will play games that test their language and listening skills. Parents will receive monetary compensation for travel and participation (\$10/hour). Children will receive a book and a small prize.

For more information, please contact the Hearing and Language Lab at:
EMAIL: hll@northwestern.edu
PHONE: 847-467-4156

PI: Tina Grieco-Calub, Communication Sciences and Disorders, Northwestern University
 IRB# STU00070688




*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
 ilhvbgys@gmail.com*



induced. Axel was whisked away to start the necessary steps to prepare for heart surgery. A few hours had passed and the doctor came to my room to tell me that Axel's blood work came back indicating he had some type of infection but they weren't sure exactly what. The team did not want to open up his heart and expose his heart to the infection. Heart surgery was then on hold. The next day they discovered Axel was born with congenital CMV infection. As they began to treat the CMV, Axel's heart returned to normal size, it was no longer swollen. His heart was working so hard to fight off the infection in utero making it look like he had coarctation of the aorta. Although I was relieved my baby no longer needed heart surgery, my heart was heavy when I was told that congenital CMV was not going to be the only diagnosis we had to deal with. The diagnosis' that would come consequently due to the CMV were significant. I was told that my son would be severely developmentally delayed and received other diagnosis; including, bilateral profound sensorineural hearing loss, optic nerve hypoplasia, spastic quadriplegic cerebral palsy, hyperekplexia, polymicrogyria, calcifications on the brain, and malformation of the brain, among a few other diagnosis'. There is no amount of preparation you can do during your pregnancy to prepare yourself for the moment the doctors confirm a disability your newborn has. I was devastated, but I was also angry too. I was angered when I learned all of

these things were preventable but no one told me. I was even more angered when I learned



there was treatment available for CMV if you find out you have CMV during your pregnancy. From that moment forward, our family dedicated ourselves to raising awareness and being apart of the movement to stop CMV. Last year, we held a CMV Awareness fundraiser in our hometown. We were able to donate \$5,300 to the National CMV Foundation. I have also started a blog on Facebook called, "Axel's Journey With CMV" I later became a board member for IL Hands & Voices, CMV is the leading cause of non genetic hearing loss. Hands & Voices has given me an opportunity to share education on CMV throughout the deaf and hard of hearing community. The story doesn't end here, we will never stop fighting for CMV education, awareness, and prevention. You can also be apart of the movement to stop CMV. For more information, resources, or opportunities to help you can visit www.nationalCMV.org.

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 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!

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



"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 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.

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



Reading Day

Reading to your children will prepare them for academic success in the future!

- Come and learn how to do it effectively
- Receive a reading KIT (Choices for Parents)
- Learn about our library

Saturday April 7, 11 AM - 1 PM
1846 W. Belmont Ave. (Child's Voice)
RSVP: 773-728-9523
Maximum 10 families
We will provide pizza and soft drinks

This event will be in Spanish!



Sound Experience

A Social Experience for Families of Children with Hearing Loss

Join us on Saturday, April 21st for Kids with Hearing Loss: All Grown Up Panel

- **Location:** Lurie Children's Outpatient Center in Westchester (2301 Enterprise Drive in Westchester, Illinois)
- **Time:** 1:00-3:00 pm
- **Please R.S.V.P.** to Cara Donahue at cdonahue@luriechildrens.org or call 312-227-3061 and let us know how many children and how many adults will be attending.

Sound Experience provides an opportunity to network with other parents of children with hearing loss. Children are encouraged to come so that they can meet other children with hearing loss and their siblings. Crafts and snacks will be provided.

ILLINOIS DEAF CAMPERS

Hosts the

CABIN FEVER RELIEVER

Time for Family and Friends Gathering to spend the quality time together!

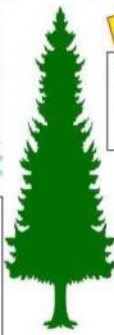
APRIL 20 - 22, 2018

5 Stars!



LENA KOA

10982 US Highway 20 West
Lena, IL 61048



GROUP TOUR AT GALENA, ILLINOIS

When: Saturday 10 am to 3 pm



ADMISSION:

(FOR DOORPRIZES)

Member: \$5.00

Non-Member: \$8.00

(To become a member,

\$5.00 a year.)

AMENITIES:

Basketball

Jumbo Jumper

Large Playground

Sand Volleyball

Kamping Kottage

Fun Cycle

Horseshoes

Snack Bar

Bike Rentals

Kamping Kitchen

Dog Park



IDC ACTIVITIES: Bingo, S' mores, Raffles, Doorprizes, Kick the Neighbor, Self-Kitchen at Pavilion

IDC sells the hotdogs & hamburgers for your self-cooking at the kitchen pavilion.

Saturday from 5 PM to 7 PM

For Cabin Group Rates & Further Details, call Anita (Group Coordinator): 309-319-7700

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them shape their child's potential to be the best they can be.

Please help us spread the word, and by sharing our contact details with Spanish speaking families. We would be delighted to connect with them through our Parent Guides, invite them to our family events, and share with them new information on different topics as well as our latest videos/lectures.

The links to our videos can be found on our website: <https://ilhandsandvoices.wordpress.com/espanol/>.



"You are the Future" College and STEM Career Day for Students

who are Deaf/Hard of Hearing and their Families

- Information Tech
- Mathematics
- Architecture Careers
- Technology Careers
- Postsecondary Teaching

Saturday, April 7

12:00-3:00 pm

Harper College,
D Building

(closest parking is Lot 6
or parking garage
—yellow striped spaces)

- Science Careers
- Health Careers
- Engineering
- Manufacturing

To RSVP and for more information,
contact:

Marcie Sacks Botto at

msacksbo@harpercollege.edu

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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 Centre Student in 2011

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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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

State of Illinois
Bruce Rauner, Governor
Illinois Department of Human Services
James T. Dimas, Secretary

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. DHS/DRS (217) 508-2350 and DHS/ISD (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

To be matched with a Parent Guide, please fax to 866-695-3880 or email to ilhvgbys@gmail.com

Do you have a child who is deaf or hard of hearing age 36 months or younger?

You are eligible to get a **free** online class to learn American Sign Language!

SIGN IT!
LEARN AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE ONLINE

Go beyond single signs! Learn conversational ASL with Rachel Coleman from Signing Time.

To apply, visit www.infanthearing.org/signit

NCHAM
National Center for Hearing Assessment and Management
Utah State University™

Jumping into Fun!

Kids jumping through the air, chasing each other and running around in between bites of pizza. That’s what you missed if your family didn’t make it out to the Family Fun Event at FunFlatables in the Yorktown Mall on January 27, 2018. The indoor bouncy house opened its doors to 20 hearing-impaired kiddos and their parents for a fun-filled afternoon while the parents chatted. new people, renew old were playing.

We were so glad to see new faces to join the Illi-FunFlatables afternoon well-received as a benefit whose memberships help




of jumping, running and eating It was a great opportunity to meet friendships and talk while the kids

some old faces and welcome some nois Hands & Voices family. The was a members-only event and was and thank you to our members keep these events feasible. If you

missed this event, please check back as we organize events throughout the year. Events are typically shared through our email database, Facebook and posted on our website. Thanks to all the families who attended and we can’t wait to see you next time.





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Family Picnic

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

Interpreters will be provided for these languages: Arabic, Chinese, Spanish

When: Saturday, July 14, 2018 10:00 AM to 2:00 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)

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).

Options Fair 2018

A Transition Resource Fair for Professionals, Individuals with Special Needs and their Families

WHAT IS OPTIONS?

Options is a transition fair aimed at high school and transition students and their families. The goal of Options is to connect with resources that are essential for the future. Agencies and resources present will be focused in the areas of:

- Educational Opportunities
- Employment Services
- Vocational Day Programs
- Government Programs
- Health/Mental Health Services
- Recreational Opportunities
- Referral Sources, Advocacy & information
- Residential Programs
- Transportation Resources



WHERE:

*College of Lake County
Grayslake Campus
Physical Education Building
#7*

***April 17, 2018
6:00 – 8:00pm***

The Options Website

<http://www.consideroptions.org>