



ODHH Net

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SIGNING SANTA

Below is a link that allows kids to call Santa from their VP. After school hours, so they would have to do it at home.

<http://deafcactusnews.blogspot.com/2011/11/signing-santa-coming-to-your-videophone.html>

LET'S GET TO WORK GRANT SEEKS HIGH SCHOOLS FOR EMPLOYMENT GRANT OPPORTUNITY

The WI Board for People with Developmental Disabilities is pleased to announce a Request for Proposals through the Let's Get to Work grant. Let's Get to Work is seeking four Wisconsin high schools interested in improving the employment outcomes of their students with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) ages 15 to 17. Successful applicants will receive a grant of up to \$20,000 in the first year (with an option of continuing on a step-down payment basis for up to three years) and will work closely with a Coaching Team that provides training and technical assistance in a variety of employment-related areas. Schools will be asked to adhere to a set of intervention strategies that will be provided to each team. Application deadline is January 17, 2012. A question and answer call will be held on December 13, 2011 at 3:30 p.m. For more details see Request for Proposals flyer at <http://www.dawninfo.org/news4/post.cfm/let-s-get-to-work-rfp>.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR WESP-DHH FAMILY CONFERENCE IN MARCH, 2012

Consider volunteering for the Family Conference to be held in Appleton, WI in March of 2012. Now is the time to register. Adult and student volunteers are welcomed. For more information and forms, go to: http://www.wesp-dhh.wi.gov/wesp/out_famcon_volunteer.cfm.

WI LICENSE FOR INTERPRETERS CLARIFIED FOR SCHOOL-SPONSORED EVENTS

As most of you should be aware, the State of Wisconsin enacted a license for interpreters in all settings that became effective December 1, 2010. This law and licensing requirement is overseen by the Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS). DSPS is the new name for the Department of Regulation and Licensing (DRL). Within the statute for sign language interpreters are 5 exemptions. The second exemption is for: "A person interpreting at any school or school-sponsored event if the person is licensed by the Department of Public Instruction as an educational interpreter." The DSPS Sign Language Interpreter Council, along with DSPS staff, has reviewed several questions regarding specific school situations. A Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document was created by DSPS and is available at <http://www.drl.wi.gov/docview.asp?docid=1016&locid=0>. Current information about the DSPS license and the link to the FAQ was sent to Special Education Directors the week of October 24. The general perspective of DSPS is that the DPI (Department of Public Instruction)-issued license for educational interpreters is appropriate with students but not with Deaf adults. **All** questions and concerns regarding DSPS licensure need to be directed to DSPS at DRLBoards@wisconsin.gov. The link to the DSPS Sign Language Interpreter license is <http://drl.wi.gov/profession.asp>.

WISCONSIN PEER SPECIALIST EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVE

Are you interested in becoming a Certified Peer Specialist? The Certified Peer Specialist goals are to: Focus on recovery; Promote wellness; Facilitate self-direction; Foster independent living; Enhance the ability of service recipients to achieve their chosen goals. Peer specialists are examples of recovery with experience and training. Contact Alice F. Pauser, CPS, WI Peer Specialist Program Coordinator, 608-242-8484, Ext 224; alicep@accesstoind.org. For more information on Wisconsin Certified Peer Specialists go to www.wicps.org.

SUMMER 2012 WHITE HOUSE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Applications are being accepted until January 22, 2012 for the Summer 2012 White House Internship Program. The summer program runs from May 29, 2012 through August 10, 2012. Be part of a program where there is no typical day, and where young people from across the country dedicate their time, talents, and energy to better the White House, the community, and the nation. Details available at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/about/internships/apply>.

ACCESS - ADVOCACY NEWS/UPDATES

**Court delays findings on Netflix access to captioning:

<http://www.courthousenews.com/2011/11/22/41666.htm>

LEGISLATIVE NEWS – STATE AND FEDERAL

No new announcements this installment.

ARTICLES & PUBLICATIONS OF INTEREST

<http://www.chron.com/sports/highschool/article/Deaf-Lufkin-DE-meshes-silent-world-with-contact-2263472.php> Student who cannot hear excels on Texas high-school football field

<http://www.al.com/newsflash/index.ssf/story/lawsuit-seeks-to-stop-transfer-from-fund/e9a8d309196a40638b2bd8703bcda5ff> Lawsuit seeks to stop transfer of telephone funds for deaf

<http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/st-joseph-institute-for-the-deaf-launches-first-hipaa-compliant-internet-based-spoken-language-therapy-for-deaf-children-133610308.html> St. Joseph Institute for the Deaf launches first HIPAA-compliant, Internet-based spoken language therapy for deaf children

http://journals.lww.com/thehearingjournal/Fulltext/2011/11001/Telemedicine_making_its_way_to_cochlear_implants.3.aspx Telemedicine making its way to cochlear implants

http://journals.lww.com/thehearingjournal/Fulltext/2011/11000/Cochlear_implantation_at_risk_as_Medicai_d_cuts.2.aspx Cochlear implantation at risk as Medicaid cuts threatened

<http://www.montgomeryadvertiser.com/article/20111122/NEWS02/111220321/Judge-allows-30M-transfer-from-fund-deaf-blind?odyssey=mod> Alabama judge allows \$30 million transfer from relay fund for deaf and blind to state's education budget

<http://www.tennessean.com/article/20111127/NEWS01/311270056/Agency-bridges-gaps-between-deaf-others?odyssey=mod|newswell|text|FRONTPAGE|p> Tennessee nonprofit provides social outlet for students who cannot hear

<http://www.commercialappeal.com/news/2011/dec/05/deaf-mentors-aiding-families/> Families learn sign language from Deaf tutors in Memphis, TN

<http://www.coataccess.org/node/10032> Students who cannot hear are part of music-video project

<http://www.mysanantonio.com/news/education/article/She-s-fast-overcoming-hearing-impairment-2343904.php> Swimmer who cannot hear gains confidence on world stage

<http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/2011/December/11-crm-1564.html> Maryland-based Viable Communications, owner, former executive sentenced in fraud scheme

<http://www.newsleader.com/article/20111204/OPINION02/112040313> Merging Department for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and Department of Rehabilitative Services in Virginia will not help clients of either

<http://www.tri-cityherald.com/2011/12/02/1738596/judge-tosses-dui-conviction-for.html> Judge tosses DUI conviction for Deaf man due to lack of qualified interpreter for court

<http://blog.simplejustice.us/2011/11/29/what-are-you-deaf-or-something.aspx?ref=rss%20>; Deaf man in jail for 25 days because Sheriff in Colorado did not get interpreter

http://www.alligator.org/news/campus/article_f770bb14-2097-11e1-8c5a-001871e3ce6c.html Deaf students benefit from University of Florida programs, accommodations

http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/college-inc/post/gallaudet-unveils-bilingual-logo/2011/12/07/gIQA5L4fcO_blog.html Gallaudet unveils bilingual logo

http://articles.baltimoresun.com/2011-12-03/health/bs-hs-hearing-loss-20111203_1_hearing-loss-hearing-aids-loss-in-both-ears Study shows one in five Americans has significant hearing loss

<http://www.kmtr.com/news/local/story/Deaf-doctor-gives-back-to-community-volunteering/ZPAB5Mu-y0Ox-WRD8YHQxQ.csp> Deaf doctor gives back to community volunteering during ‘Silent Coffee’

New book released: “A Survival Guide for New Deafies!” written by Amy Sargent (Deaf Girl Amy). A link to the book trailer is available at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qfk0pnt9fDQ>. More information about the author and her grass roots campaign at <http://DeafGirlAmy.com>.

Recently released DVD on Support Service Providers for Deaf-Blind Individuals, “SSPs: What Are They and Why Are They Necessary” written and narrated by Diane Lane Chambers. The DVD is available online at www.ellexpress.citymax.com.

<http://us1.campaign-archive1.com/?u=c63235405ddb20a55ad225edc&id=d4bdfbf45c&e=8c7c781494> Healthy Hearing e-newsletter, December 8, 2011

<http://www.aslrose.com/nlv5n10a.php> Advocating support for ASL in education

<http://www.streetleverage.com/?p=1164> Sign language interpreters – complicit in a devil’s bargain, article written by Dennis Cokely

SUPPORT FOR INDIVIDUALS/PARENTS/FAMILIES—NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

**How parents can help their child with hearing loss develop strong language skills: http://www.audiologyonline.com/news/pf_news_detail.asp?news_id=4953.

** Parent scholarships are still available to attend the 9th Annual Wisconsin Transition Conference on February 9-10, 2012 at the Kalahari in Wisconsin Dells. To be eligible for the scholarship you must be the parent/guardian of a youth with a current IEP between the ages of 14-21. The scholarship award is for registration fees Thursday, February 9th and Friday, February 10th, 2012. Included in the registration fees are materials and meals provided during the conference. All other expenses including transportation, lodging, and any other meals will be the responsibility of the scholarship recipient. For an online application go to <http://www.wsti.org/conf.scholarship.php>. One application must be submitted for each parent/guardian applicant.

** The Wisconsin legislature cut \$1.6 billion from the 2011-13 public education budget. Parents of children with disabilities have important information to share about how cuts may be impacting their children in their classrooms. **If you have one or more children with disabilities attending public school in Wisconsin,**

http://dwd.wisconsin.gov/dvr/pdf_files/self_employment_customized_toolkit.pdf

**Free database of job candidates with disabilities seeking employment now available. For information go to <http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/odep/ODEP20090290.htm>.

**Disabilities at Work Radio: every Wednesday at Noon EST on VoiceAmerica. Ray Zardetto speaks with an expert group of panelists who will be discussing a variety of topics relating to people with disabilities and employers. Visit www.DisabilitiesAtWork.org for more information.

**Navigating the Road to Work for Youth with Disabilities: <http://www.ncwd-youth.info/>. Check out the monthly e-newsletter, Intersection, for current news and resources relating to youth with disabilities and employment. #513/Update #515: NCWD/Youth is now on Facebook.

**PEPNet has transition and employment resources available on their website at www.pepnet.org. Resources include: College Guide; Financing Your Education; Transition Toolbox; PEPNet Tipsheet: Transitioning to College. These are a few among dozens of other PEPNet resources that may be helpful in providing services for students who are deaf or hard of hearing. If you are dealing with sticky issues about access services for students who are d/hh and want feedback from peers, use the PEPNet listserv. Also view past posts and listserv archives. Check this site frequently for new/updated resources. #513/Update #518: refer to information regarding changes coming to PEPNet. Resource links and contacts will be updated as they become available.

**JobTIPS: Tips for getting a job and keeping it are at the heart of a new government-funded website designed to help individuals with disabilities become gainfully employed. The site offers advice on how to act in an interview or at work and tips on when and how to talk about a diagnosis through text and video-based features. Included on the website are resources for educators, clinicians and transition specialists. For more information go to <http://www.do2learn.com/JobTIPS/index.html>. #513

**Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration has launched an online tool, "My Skills My Future," to help job seekers match their current skills to new careers and find out what training is needed to transition from one job to another. This resource includes information about occupational skills that can be transferred from one job to another, a side-by-side comparison chart of likely skill gaps from one occupation to another, and links to training programs that could help address skills needs. Job listings will also be available from the site. To access the tool, visit <http://www.myskillsmyfuture.org>. #513

**The U.S. Department of Labor has launched My Next Move, a web-based tool to provide job seekers with information on more than 900 occupations, as well as local job openings and training opportunities. Users can search for jobs in three categories: jobs with a "bright outlook" in growing industries, jobs that are part of the "green" economy, and jobs with Registered Apprenticeship programs. Each listing has a one-page profile with information about what knowledge, skills, and abilities are needed; the occupation's outlook; opportunities, and relevant job openings. For more information go to <http://www.mynextmove.org>. #513

**Michigan Works has posted a video on YouTube explaining employee rights, employer responsibility, and common workplace accommodations for Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Video is signed in ASL and captioned: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pc4_o0Qqizg.

**A new resource available for small employers: ADA in the Workplace. This website is designed specifically for managers and owners of small and mid-sized businesses. This site will keep you posted on new resources, EEOC settlement agreements, and other activities that affect employment. Please visit <http://www.adaintheworkplace.org>. #517

**The U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy released its new [Integrated Employment Toolkit](#). The Toolkit offers a collection of resources, reports, papers, policies, fact sheets, case studies, and discussion guides from a variety of sources to accommodate the full range of users and

information, please visit the CESA 6 website, at www.cesa6.org and click on the Employment link, Special Education Postings or follow the link: <http://www.cesa6.k12.wi.us/employment/audiologist.cfm>.

**Bridge Builder for Living Our Visions, Inc. (LOV) – Dane County Community Connections Project. This is a part-time (15 – 20 hours/week) position for an energetic and creative person to increase the civic engagement of individuals with disabilities by assisting them to join community groups and associations. More information about the position available on the LOV website at www.lovdane.org.

**Children's Services Specialist position through The Management Group and QTI, acting as co-employers, for placement at the Division of Long Term Care, Bureau of Long-Term Support's Children's Services Section. The Children's Service Specialist is responsible for the development, coordination and assurance of quality focus of programs for children with long-term support needs and their families through the State of Wisconsin, including children with complex and persistent physical, developmental and mental health care needs. A full job description and application instructions are available at http://www.tmg-wis.com/about_employment.asp#Childrens_Services_Specialist.

CALENDAR: EVENTS/SAVE THE DATES/WORKSHOPS

**Overture Center for the Arts, Madison, WI. Sign Language interpreted performances at <http://www.overturecenter.com/tickets/accessibility>. See also Children's Theater information at www.ctmtheater.org.

**Milwaukee Repertory Theatre Interpreted Performances: <http://www.milwaukeeerep.com/tickets/calendar.asp>.

**Fox Cities Performing Arts Center Interpreted Shows: www.foxcitiespac.com.

**University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire Forum & Artists Series: <http://www.uwec.edu/activities/forum/index.htm>; <http://www.uwec.edu/activities/artists/index.htm>. For information about accommodations for special needs, please call 715-836-3727 or 800-949-8932 or visit the Service Center in the Davies Center east lobby.

**Commonweal Theatre, Lanesboro, MN: www.CommonwealTheatre.org. Please inquire at the box office, 800-657-7025, about assistive listening devices, special seating for those with mobility impairments, and ASL interpreted performances.

**Listing of Minnesota performances presented in ASL or Captioning available at <http://www.vsamn.org/>, and www.TCDeaf.com. #493/updated #520

**University of Minnesota – Duluth Theater. Interpreted performances available for most shows. Visit <http://www.d.umn.edu/theatre/Welcome.html> for show information and contacts.

**Open Chat Night for people with hearing loss every Wednesday 8:00 – 10:00 p.m. (EST): www.OpenChatNight.com.

**Do you live in the Menomonie, WI area or know someone who does? Jan Pesek-Herriges, who has participated in Eau Claire ASL gatherings, has a group meeting at the Menomonie Public Library at 7:00 p.m. on the first and third Monday's. This group plans to continue meeting through the summer. Contact person is Jan Pesek-Herriges, sunka@charter.net. #512

**ASL Gathering at The Goat Coffee House, Eau Claire, WI on Tuesday evenings. All welcome to come. Group meets from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

**DHH Family Playgroup meets the last Friday of every month (usually) from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. at the Parenting Place, 1500 Green Bay Ave., La Crosse, WI. Contact hallbethmarie@hotmail.com.

and/or 1.5 RID CEUs; Cost is \$132.55; Register online at www.ntc.edu/ce/register or by phone at 715-803-1861. Course details available on flyer at http://campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/render?llr=en9uvzcab&v=001aqkzoXHU1G23dvcCCvX--KUM-gZTGpKWaB_hhfF0DSieBkAx_sFoFSeCNwwAOYQX0_al2dYg2oaSzJvC2m_rQn4M5jq4HoTnAqE5lM7Ly5jNAJpmqLsbog%3D%3D. #520

**May 5, 2012: PACER's 30th Annual Benefit at Minneapolis Convention Center, Minneapolis, MN. Past performers have included Earth, Wind & Fire, Sheryl Crow, Bonnie Raitt, and Jennifer Hudson. Watch for upcoming announcement of this year's featured performance. #520

**June 9, 2012: SAVE THE DATE for HLAA-WI Walk4Hearing, Veterans Park, Milwaukee, WI. Support the Hearing Loss Association of America by walking and/or donating. Sara Liebrecht and Caroline Ludka are chairs of the 2012 Walk. Updates will be posted as they become available at the Wisconsin website, <http://www.hlaa-wi.org/home> and/or the national website, http://hlaa.convio.net/site/PageServer?pagename=walk_home_page. #518

**June 11 – 15, 2012: ASL Immersion at St. Catherine University, St. Paul, MN. This is a five-day communication event using ASL only—no voice! Applications are now available. For details go to http://www.unco.edu/marie/asl_immersion.html. #519

**June 17 – 22, 2012: 11th Annual Wisconsin Youth Leadership Forum (YLF) at Edgewood College, Madison, WI. This is a week-long leadership training and career awareness program for high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors with disabilities. There is no charge to attend YLF. General program expenses are paid for by YLF sponsors. Learn more and get an application at www.wsti.org. Click on "Topics A-Z" and scroll to "Youth Leadership Forum." Applications are due April 16, 2012. #520

**June 21 – 24, 2012: HLAA National Convention in Providence, RI. Registration is open with early-bird discount available until December 31, 2011. Convention details available at <http://www.hearingloss.org/content/convention>. #520

**June 30, 2012: Deadline to take the NIC test before the Bachelor's Degree requirement goes into effect!

**July 9 – 14, 2012: AHEAD and PEPNet combined national conference at the Sheraton Hotel Canal Street in New Orleans, LA. Registration and other information about these events are available at www.ahead.org and www.pepnet.org. #520

**July 18 – 21, 2012: National Sign Language & Interpreting Conference at the Anaheim Convention Center, across from Disneyland. For more information visit <http://www.ohsoez.com> or www.nslc.com. If you are interested in being a presenter visit www.nslc.com and click on Call for Presenters. Extreme early bird registration until December 31, 2011. #520

**May 29 – June 1, 2013 (yes, that is correct—2013): SAVE THE DATE for the ADARA (Professionals Networking For Excellence in Service Delivery with Individuals Who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing) Conference coming to Minneapolis. This conference has typically taken place on the west coast and along the south coast. It is finally coming to the Midwest. This is a great opportunity for individuals working in D/HH related fields to get great workshop opportunities and CEUs. Workshop tracks: Mental Health, Chemical Dependency, Rehabilitation, Transition/Independent Living. The 2013 ADARA Minnesota Conference Flyer is available at <http://www.adara.org/>. Watch this site for conference updates as they become available. #518

**August 22 – 27, 2013: Deaf Seniors of America Conference, Baltimore, MD. Details available at <http://www.dsa2013baltimore.org/>. Register by December 31, 2011 for lowest rate!

CHECK OUT THESE SITES FOR MEETINGS, EVENTS, SOCIAL ACTIVITIES, CLASSES, ISSUES AND INFORMATION, ADVOCACY, AND MUCH MORE:

- **American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA):** www.asha.org/default.htm; ASHA is the professional, scientific, and credentialing association for more than 127,000 members and affiliates who are audiologists, speech-language pathologists, and speech, language, and hearing scientists. Click on “The Public” for resources.
- **Association of Late Deafened-Adults Inc. (ALDA):** <http://www.alda.org/index.php>; ALDA’s mission is to support the empowerment of late-deafened people. ALDA-Southern Wisconsin meets in Janesville. Chapter contact is Jessica Congdon, mjcongdon@sbcglobal.net; Blackberry email jcongdon@sprint.blackberrv.net; 1-866-207-4503 Home VP.
- **Audiology Online:** www.audiologyonline.com; Source of news, information, training and education offerings (live E-seminars, recorded courses, text-based courses) from many manufacturers of hearing aids, cochlear implants, batteries, etc. Many courses are free.
- **Better Hearing Institute (BHI):** www.betterhearing.org; The Better Hearing Institute is a not-for-profit corporation that educates the public about the neglected problem of hearing loss and what can be done about it. New to their site (7/09) is a seven topic mega-blog that offers the latest hearing health news and provides a forum for people to discuss hearing concerns and personal stories and challenges.
- **Center for Communication, Hearing & Deafness (CCHD):** www.cchdwi.org; Provides comprehensive programs and services that enhance communication and promote independence. Located in West Allis, WI. Also home of UniversalLink. (Formerly Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing – CDHH).
- **DAWN (Disability Advocates Wisconsin Network):** www.dawninfo.org; Provides current information on state disability issues, state budget, legislative activity, national disability issue links. Hearing aid legislation is currently included in their “Take Action” box.
- **Deaf and Hard of Hearing Alliance (DHHA):** www.dhha-wi.org; Provides opportunities for leadership and personal growth within the Signing (Deaf) community while respecting culture, language, and a visual environment.
- **Deaf Bilingual Coalition (DBC):** www.deafbilingualcoalition.com; Promotes the basic human right of all deaf infants and young children to have access to language and cognitive development through American Sign Language (ASL). National organization website at www.dbcusa.org.
- **Deaf Unity:** www.deafunitywi.org; Deaf Unity is available to help and empower Deaf victims of abuse (women, children, and men) to understand their rights not to be abused, to receive help, and to make their own choices and self-determination.
- **Disability Law Lowdown** website: www.ASL.DisabilityLawLowdown.com. ASL podcasts that allows subscribers to see native Deaf speakers signing the show’s content. For the fastest viewing the ASL podcasts are available on YouTube at www.youtube.com/disabilitylawlowdown. Disability Law Lowdown is provided by the Disability Business Technical Assistance Center (DBTAC).
- **Hand-n-Hand: a playgroup for children who are deaf or hard of hearing ages birth to five:** www.hnhnew.org. All events held at 411 St. John Street, Green Bay, WI 54301 unless otherwise specified. Activities include playdate and play group, sign language classes, social activities, informational sessions, more.
- **Hearing Healthcare:** www.healthyhearing.com for helpful information on hearing aids, hearing loss, cochlear implants, tinnitus, and more.
- **Hearing Health Foundation (formerly Deafness Research Foundation):** www.drhf.org. Hearing Health Foundation is the leading national source of private funding for research in hearing and balance science. Hearing Health Foundation publishes the award-winning Hearing Health magazine.
- **Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA):** www.hlaa-wi.org is the site for information on state chapter meetings and events; www.hearingloss.org is the national site. HLAA-WI

- publishes a quarterly newsletter that is sent out electronically. You do not have to be a member of HLAA to receive the newsletter. However, we need your name and e-mail address. If you wish to receive our publication, please contact Julie at julieo@athenet.net.
- **Let Them Hear Foundation (LTHF):** www.letthemhear.org provides hearing services for underprivileged American youth; education, insurance advocacy for cochlear implants, and research.
 - **National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD):** www.nidcd.nih.gov/index.asp; Provides research information, health information & topics, news & events including information on communication methods and devices for people with hearing loss.
 - **PACER Center:** www.pacer.org; The mission of PACER Center is to expand opportunities and enhance the quality of life of children and young adults with disabilities and their families, based on the concept of parents helping parents. PACER Center also administers REFERENCE POINTS, a technical assistance activity of the TATRA Project.
 - **Postsecondary Education Programs Network (PEPNet):** www.pepnet.org is a national network of regional centers providing resources, information, in-service training, and expertise to enhance educational opportunities for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing and their families. Click on “Resources” to use the online search tool.
 - **Stout Vocational Rehabilitation Institute (SVRI):** www.svri.uwstout.edu/; Provides solutions to positively impact the future of persons with disabilities and others in the community through education, research, and services. Archived newsletters and publications from SVRI may be available on their website.
 - **U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA):** www.fda.gov/default.htm; Provides consumer health information. Enter topic in “Search” engine.
 - **Video Relay Services Consumer Association (VRSCA):** www.vrsca.org; A communication forum for Deaf, Hard of Hearing and hearing persons who use Video Relay Services (VRS).
 - **Wisconsin American Sign Language Teachers Association (Wisconsin ASLTA):** www.wisaslta.org is the site for information for the Wisconsin Chapter of the American Sign Language Teachers Association. ASLTA is the only national organization dedicated to the improvement and expansion of the teaching of ASL and Deaf Studies at all levels of instruction.
 - **Wisconsin Association of the Deaf (WAD):** www.wisdeaf.org is the site for information on state chapter meetings and events; www.nad.org is the national site. Click on “Read the WADNet Post” for information, community events, interpreted worship schedules, captioned movies, job openings, and more.
 - **Wisconsin Educational Services Program Deaf and Hard of Hearing Outreach (WESPDHH Outreach):** www.wesp-dhh.wi.gov/ provides a variety of programs and services to students who are deaf, hard of hearing, and deafblind, their families and the educational teams and school districts that serve them, regardless of the student's educational placement or communication modality. A WESPDHH Outreach newsletter is available on their website.
 - **Wisconsin Kids of Deaf Adults (WIKODA):** www.wikoda.blogspot.com Support and activities for children who have Deaf parents.
 - **Wisconsin Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (WisRID):** www.wisrid.org is the site for state information and events; www.rid.org is the national site.
 - **Wisconsin Statewide Transition Initiative (WSTI):** www.wsti.org is a grant funded project through the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to improve results for youth with disabilities. The **WSTI Transition Coordinators** in each of the 12 Cooperative Educational Service Agencies (CESA) provide assistance at the local level to promote understanding and implementation of IDEA transition requirements and best practice. Check their website frequently for announcements, workshops, and events. Transition e-newsletters are available at <http://www.wsti.org/enews.php>.

For more information on ODHH:

<http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/sensory/>

To request inservice training, contact an ODHH Regional Coordinator:
<http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/sensory/Staff/stafflisting.htm>

To apply for TAP:
<http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/sensory/TAP/TAP.htm>

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