

**Colorado Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Bulletin
April 2013**

VISION

Colorado Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, in concurrence with the Colorado Department of Human Service vision, seeks to become the nation's leader in empowering Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals, families, and communities to become safe and independent.

MISSION

To promote the interests of our constituents and to work to ensure the quality of communication access for individuals who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing living in the state of Colorado.

CCDHH Commissioners Confirmed

Heartfelt congratulations to the following commissioners who were confirmed as commissioners of the Colorado Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing by the Senate Human Services Committee on March 7, 2013!



From left to right: Amy Beckett (public; term ending 6/30/2016), Liz Kondell (professional; term ending 6/30/2016), Mary Pat Graham-Kelly (deaf; term ending 6/30/2014), Lisa Weiss (parent; term ending 6/30/2016), and Leslie Ralphe (late-deafened; term ending 6/30/2016)

Hands & Voice Seminar – Inspiring Change: Conflict and Collaboration in Deaf Education

Inspiring Change: Conflict and Collaboration in Deaf Education- April 24

By Sara Kennedy, Director of Colorado Hands & Hands

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We look forward to hearing from Iowa and their Expanded Core Curriculum and other practical strategies and tracking efforts, regional programs and more on April 24 at a new location, **the Denver Public Library - Central Library location from 9-4 pm**. The rest of the day will focus on a panel discussion of challenges and possible solutions, small group work, and collaboration. These two seminars will lay the foundation for future systems change so that all our children have better access to the individualized, communication driven instruction that they need to succeed.

Thank you to the Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing for the mini-grant in support of this project, to AT&T Colorado Relay, the Colorado Department of Education, and the estate of Carol Timm for helping us put these two events together.

What can parents do? Ask if your school district will be sending representatives to the April 24 session. Share with your closest parent guide about struggles or victories in your child's schooling. Watch for details in the next Enews and our CO Hands & Voices Facebook page. For more information, email Sara at sara@cohandsandvoice.org.

Invitation for Bid (TEDP equipment)

The Department of Human Services, on behalf of the Colorado Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CCDHH), seeks responses from qualified vendors for telecommunication equipment to serve the deaf and hard of hearing community as per the Invitation for Bids. (link: <http://tinyurl.com/cbkxle9>)

CCDHH seeks proposals from qualified companies to supply telecommunications equipment and provide activity reporting covering telecommunications equipment for deaf and hard-of-hearing people who qualify for the State's Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program.

Announcements from the community

Colorado Daylight Project --

The Colorado Daylight Project has a Facebook! Please friend with them at www.facebook.com/codaylight.

Movie captioning --

Hello everyone,

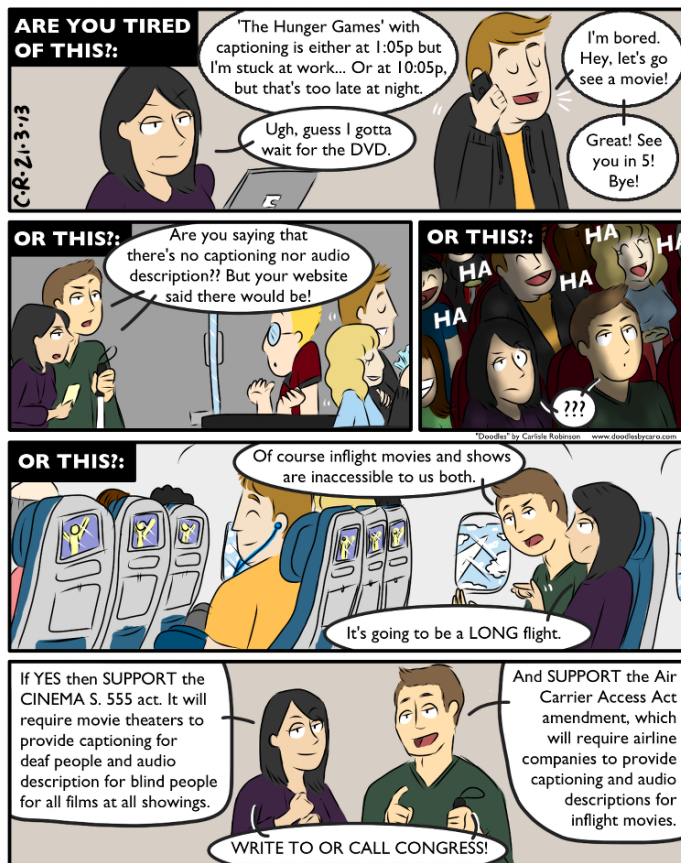
Please take some time to view the two videos below regarding the nationwide movie theater captioning survey.

<http://ideafnews.com/2013/03/16/are-you-happy-with-movie-theater-caption-devices/>

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FQ1JHyP_iYE

As of today we have more than 19,200 responses to the survey and it's growing daily. The more replies we get, the stronger our case to the movie industry and the Department of Justice will be!

Attached is the survey form you can fill out or you can complete it online here: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/vs789DT>



If you feel as strongly about this as I do, please forward these videos to your friends and family and encourage them to spread the word and fill the survey out as well.

Feel free to contact me with any questions you may have. Due to the high volume of correspondence I am receiving about this, I may not be able to reply to you immediately but will as soon as I am able.

Thank you,

Roger Claussen
Chairperson of the Nationwide Movie Theater Captioning Survey

Rocky Mountain Deaf Theatre --

Hello,

You are receiving this because you have, at some point, expressed interest in our theatre company.

We are asking for help by spreading the news about our new project this fall of 2013! We only have 23 days left to meet the goal!

This performance is going to be huge excitement to watch RMDT grow!

We ask that you take a moment to watch our blog, which has subtitles, and read the information. Please share with all of your contacts as well as on Facebook.

And, if you can, please consider making a donation to RMDT
<http://www.kickstarter.com/projects/rmdeaftheatre/one-flew-over-the-cuckoos-nestwith-a-twist?ref=activity>

Thank you so much for your time,

Nicki Runge, Artist Director/CEO

Internet Closed Captioning Rules --

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: NEWS MEDIA CONTACT:

March 27, 2013 Janice Wise: (202) 418-8165

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INTERNET CLOSED CAPTIONING RULES GO INTO EFFECT
MARCH 30, 2013 FOR LIVE AND NEAR-LIVE PROGRAMMING

Washington, D.C. -- Rules requiring closed captions on live and near-live programming delivered via Internet protocol (IP) go into effect on March 30, 2013. Captions make video programming accessible to viewers who are deaf or hard of hearing by visually displaying the audio portion of the video programming.

IP closed captioning is a requirement of the Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010 (CVAA).

The rules that become effective on March 30 apply to IP-delivered video programming that meets the following criteria:

The live or near-live programming is shown on television with closed captions on or after March 30, 2013; and the programming is not in the IP programming distributor's or provider's inventory before it is shown on television with captions.

Closed captioning requirements for prerecorded programming that is not edited for Internet distribution went into effect on September 30, 2012. Closed captioning requirements for other kinds of video programming, including prerecorded programming that is edited for Internet distribution and programming that is already in the IP distributor's or provider's inventory before it is shown on television with captions (archival content) will be implemented at later dates.

http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2013/db0327/DOC-319817A1.pdf

Gallaudet University Needs Assessments --

We are conducting a needs assessment and we need your help. Please send the link to everyone and complete the needs assessment yourself as well. Here is the link for the needs assessment. https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Needs_Assessments. This is the message we send along with the needs assessment:

(This needs assessment is completely voluntary and anonymous. You will have the option to request inclusion in our listserv at the end of the needs assessment. By using SurveyMonkey, we are guaranteeing anonymity.)

Please complete this survey by May 1, 2013.

This survey has been sent through our mailing list but if you have not completed this survey, please feel free to do so and forward this needs assessment to anyone you think might benefit from the services of the Gallaudet University Regional Centers such as parents of deaf and hard of hearing children and professionals working with deaf and hard of hearing children.)

Arlene Garcia-Gunderson
Director, Gallaudet University Regional Center - Southwest

Access at Airports --

To file a complaint regarding access at airports, go to:

Hearing Loss America of America: <http://hearingloss.org/content/air-carriers-access-act-aca>

Aviation Consumer Protection and Enforcement through the U.S. Department of Transportation: <http://airconsumer.dot.gov/publications/disabled.htm>

To register for a comment or complaint: <http://airconsumer.ost.dot.gov/escomplaint/es.cfm>

Denver International Airport (DIA): For questions and concerns regarding DIA, please contact the disability coordinator at disability.coordinator@flydenver.com.

All of the airlines are also required to provide access to their “complaints resolution officials” (or CRO), and should have a link on their website to submit written complaints. At the airport, the airline personnel should put someone in touch with the CRO or provide information on how to do so, should they be asked for the information.

Commission Meeting

The next quarterly Commission meeting and community forum will be held from **4 p.m. to 7 p.m.** on **Thursday, June 6, 2013**. Location of the meeting will be announced. Our meeting notice and agenda are posted at <http://www.coloradodeafcommission.com/commission/agenda.aspx>.

The CCDHH meetings and forums are always open to the public. You are more than welcome to come and be part of the informative and interactive sessions.

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