



Colorado Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Bulletin August 2012

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.

Timothy Chevalier, Education & Training Specialist (deaf related)

The Colorado Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing is pleased to announce that Timothy Chevalier is now a permanent Education and Training Specialist after serving as a Temporary Aide in this capacity. A number of significant and needed projects such as training "curricula", video logs with universal access, collaboration with agencies, and many more bits of work were accomplished in his short term as a Temporary Aide. The Commission looks forward to continue working with him as it strives to support the Deaf community and hard of hearing individuals on many fronts. He has been and will continue to handle multiple aspects of the Education and Training Program such as consultation (referrals and workshops), community advocacy and communication access assessment.

He can be reached at timothy.chevalier@state.co.us, 720-457-3679 (VP/voice), or 303-866-4258 (voice).

Gallaudet University Regional Center in town!

Gallaudet University Regional Center – Southwest (GRUC-SW) based in Austin, Texas is coming to the CCDHH quarterly meeting on **Thursday, September 6, 2012**. Below is GURC-SW's summary of the forum:

The director of GURC-SW, Arlene Gunderson, will outline the history of the Regional Centers and how the Southwest Regional Center has been established. There will be different information and resources shared that serve deaf and hard of hearing individuals as well as people who work with them.

The director will share helpful information and resources for deaf, hard of hearing and hearing individuals who, in general, either have too many interests or are uncertain what their interests are. Having a destination ready for transition, college and career moves requires an early start

in exploration and exposure to career fields and the various opportunities that are being offered. Information about Gallaudet University will also be shared. This is also an opportunity for deaf, hard of hearing and hearing individuals, parents, families and professionals to learn more about what the regional center has to offer. It has, a wide variety of personal and professional development, leadership and outreach programs that address the needs and interests of deaf and hard of hearing individuals, their families, communities, and professionals working with them across the globe. This is also an opportunity for the audience to learn about ways to maximize resources available to become effective individuals and leaders in the community.

The Attendees will discuss the following questions in breakout discussions:

- 1) What particular information are you interested in?
 - a) Online & Onsite Learning Opportunities
 - b) ASL Classes & Interpreter Education
 - c) Professional Studies Courses & Certificate Programs
 - d) Adult Degree Programs
 - e) Programs & Sports Camp for Youth
 - f) Academic Bowl for Deaf/Hard-of-Hearing High School Students
 - g) ASL/English Bilingual Education & Language Planning
 - h) English as Second Language Institute
 - i) Laurent Clerc National Deaf Education Center
 - j) Information Related to Deaf/Hard-of-Hearing Children from Birth – Age 21
 - k) Cochlear Implant Education Center
 - l) Conference & Special-Event Planning
 - m) Regional Education Centers

- 2) Rank the following services/programs, in order of highest priority to least priority, in your area:
 - a) Workshops for Parents & Families
 - b) ASL Classes for Community
 - c) Professional Development & Extension Courses for Professionals
 - d) Transition Programs & Camps for High School Students
 - e) Leadership & Advocacy Training
 - f) Interpreter Education
 - g) English as a Second Language Program
 - h) Technology/Internet Classes

- 3) Provide other examples of specific needs you believe your area needs

- 4) Discuss different ways on how our regional center can collaborate and/or partner to provide services and resources?

The intended audience is for deaf and hard of hearing individuals, parents, instructors, and program administrators.

The **forum**, which will include a presentation, breakout discussions and question and answer session, will be held from **5:15 p.m. to 7 p.m.** The Commission **business meeting** will be held from **4 to 5:15 p.m.** See the Commission meeting section below for more information.

Commission Meeting

The next Commission meeting and community forum will be held at the Distance Opportunities for Interpreter Training (DO-IT) Center at the University of Northern Colorado on Lowry campus (Denver). It will be held from **4 p.m. to 7 p.m.** on **Thursday, September 6, 2012.** The address is:

**1059 Alton Way, Room #235
Denver, CO 80230**

Our meeting notice and agenda are also 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 as well as interactive sessions.

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