



MISSOURI SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

# Deaf Education News

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## OUTREACH SERVICES



### AUDIOLOGY

#### Hearing Evaluations For Missouri Children

Dr. Alison Burco administers free hearing evaluations to Missouri children, from birth through age 21. She is available Monday-Friday for testing and consultations concerning hearing aids, FM systems, cochlear implants and other issues related to deafness.

The audiology department also provides a hearing aid loaner program and a leasing program to public schools for FM systems.

### ❖ Free Resources ❖

The Missouri School for the Deaf in Fulton offers a variety of free outreach services to families of Deaf or Hard of Hearing children in Missouri and to the public schools which serve them. These services include:

- Information and resources for parents, teachers, principals, and special education directors who work with deaf and hard-of-hearing children.
- Hearing exams and APD testing for Missouri children birth through twenty-one.
- Deaf educators for consultation and school visits.
- Families First: An early intervention program for families with Deaf or Hard of Hearing children birth through five. (See below)

**Phone:** 573-592-2543 (Voice/TTY)

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## FAMILIES FIRST

### EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM

Parent Advisors with this program provide home visits for deaf or hard of hearing children from birth through 5 years of age. Parent Advisors offer the family information, support, and encouragement, as well as provide ideas for strategies parents may use to help a child develop in the areas of language acquisition, communication, and social and emotional skills. All services are provided free. Families must live in Missouri to qualify.



For more information:

**Phone:** (573) 592-2543

**Website** [ff@msd.dese.mo.gov](mailto:ff@msd.dese.mo.gov)

### Helpful Websites

[ClercCenter](#)

Laurent Clerc: National Deaf Education Center

[Hands and Voices](#)

A National parent organization

[Deaf Education](#)

Resources for Deaf Education Teachers, plus job search and job posting

[Captioned Media](#)

Free-loan ASL and educational media

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## 2011 Missouri Interpreters Conference SOARING TO NEW HEIGHTS: EMBRACE YOUR INNER SUPER HERO



**October 14-16, 2011**

Tan Tar A Resort  
Osage Beach, Missouri

### **Keynote Speaker: Amy Sieberlich**

Amy is the founder of the Leadership Institute—a company dedicated to supporting interpreters in activating their full potential through a variety of online WebShops, one on one and group consultation and retreat facilitation.

**For reservations: 1-800-826-8272**

**[www.tan-tar-a.com](http://www.tan-tar-a.com)**

**Use code *MCDH* for online reservations**

**For additional conference information, please contact Angela Graves:**

**[angela.graves@mcdhh.mo.gov](mailto:angela.graves@mcdhh.mo.gov)**

You will find further information about the conference on the Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing website: [www.mcdhh.mo.gov/interpretersconference.shtml](http://www.mcdhh.mo.gov/interpretersconference.shtml).

## **Free Conference for Parents with Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children**



**St. Louis, Missouri**

**November 12, 2011**



### **Tentative Agenda**

- Meet other Missouri parents with d/hh children
- Meet representatives from two national parent organizations and learn what they have to offer Missouri families: Karen Putz from Hands & Voices & Cheri Dowling from American Society for Deaf Children.
- Meet deaf teens and adults that use various methods of communication.

More information will be available soon

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# Frequently Asked Questions

## Question:

Are American Sign Language (ASL) classes available to help families learn to communicate with their deaf or hard-of-hearing children or other family members?

**Answer:** Classes in sign language are sometimes available in local areas through schools, churches, or community centers. ***The Missouri School for the Deaf does not endorse or promote these classes and has no knowledge about the quality of the programs.***

Classes in ASL are available during the school year on the campus of the Missouri School for the Deaf (MSD). Enrollment is limited. For a schedule or further information contact Sharon Egbert: [sharon.egbert@msd.dese.mo.gov](mailto:sharon.egbert@msd.dese.mo.gov).

Families who would like a short but intensive course in American Sign Language may be interested in an ASL camp being offered next summer on MSD's campus.

## ***MSD ASL CAMP For FAMILIES 2012***

Learn to communicate in American Sign Language (ASL) with your deaf or hard of hearing family member in a fun and non-threatening environment.

**For Whom:** Families with deaf or hard of hearing children in grades K-12

**Where:** On MSD's campus in Fulton, Missouri: 505 E. 5th Street, Fulton, MO

**When:** June 22—24, 2012

**Cost:** Free for Families that sign up before October 15, 2011

**What:** ASL CAMP—3 days and 2 nights for families and their deaf or hard of hearing children in grades K-12. Improve your ability to communicate in ASL as a family in a fun, relaxing, and supportive atmosphere. **Lodging will be in MSD dorms and food will be provided.**

**For Free Registration, Contact LARRY HOARD BEFORE October 15, 2011** at: [rhd@msd.dese.mo.gov](mailto:rhd@msd.dese.mo.gov) & put "**ASL CAMP**" in the subject box.

*For security reasons, all camp staff will have background checks completed before working at the ASL camp.*





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## Financial Assistance Grants

The Charitable Trust provides small financial assistance grants to persons with disabilities who meet the eligibility criteria for disability and income. Currently, the Charitable Trust is able to provide assistance only to residents of Missouri. Two types of grants are available through the program.

- **General Charitable Grants:** These grants are available for a wide range of needs including medical or dental care, personal goods and services, rehabilitation, education and transportation. Grants are awarded quarterly.
- **Urgent Medical and Health Care Grants:** These grants are available only for medical or health care needs that require immediate intervention. Grants are awarded bi-weekly.

This program is funded by Midwest Special Needs Trust (MSNT), a non-profit organization established for the purpose of administering trust services for persons with disabilities.

More information is available at the following link:

[Charitable Trust](#)



The following workshop is provided for information purposes only. Missouri School for the Deaf does not endorse or promote the workshop and has no knowledge about the quality of the program.

### Fine Tuning Your Family

#### Family Dynamics Training for Families with Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children

Date: Sat., Sept. 24, 2011, Location: DEAF Inc., 25 E. Frisco Ave, Webster Groves, MO 63119

For more information call DEAF Inc. (314) 714-6400 or email to [info@deafinc.org](mailto:info@deafinc.org)

## Show Me Loans

### Individual Loan Limit Increased to \$15,000

Missouri Assistive Technology (MOAT) offers Missouri residents of all ages with a disability a low interest financing option to purchase Assistive Technology. Residents can now apply for up to \$15,000 to purchase home access modifications, vehicle modifications, visual and hearing aids, and many other assistive technology devices and services. For more information on assistive technology loans, contact Eileen Belton, Show Me Loan Coordinator, toll free at (800) 647-8557.

- A Show Me Loans application may be downloaded from the MOAT website at: <http://www.at.mo.gov/loans.html>.

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