

MCDHH E-Newsletter

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MCDHH

MCDHH thanks
Veterans
for their service

MCDHH
MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION FOR THE
DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING

Just because you can't see a **problem** doesn't mean there isn't one

Some effects of war are **invisible**

Hearing Loss is the **#1** war-related injury affecting veterans who served in **Iraq & Afghanistan** according to Heroes with Hearing Loss

1.5 million The VA treated servicemembers in 2011 for hearing loss-related reasons

Hearing loss is often **intertwined** with other **physical & emotional** problems, making it take longer to detect & adjust

Hearing-related injuries can cause **tinnitus & vertigo**

According to a 2014 Wounded Warrior Project Report of Post-9/11 servicemembers

54.5% experience tinnitus

48.3% had a hearing loss

The MCDHH office will be closed November 11 in honor of Veterans Day.

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This week, MCDHH presented Representative Lyle Rowland with the Access to Excellence Award for his hard work on the SSP Bill and support of Missouri's Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community. Thanks for all you do, Rep. Rowland!

Empowerment Through Technology: 25 Years of Relay Missouri Services

Missouri Disability Symposium
December 17, 2016
Holiday Inn Executive Center - Columbia, MO

*Registration & meals
are FREE*

Relay Missouri 25th Anniversary Banquet at 6 pm
Workshops start at 8:30 am | Photobooth | Exhibits

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For a full schedule, visit mcdhh.mo.gov/deafempowerment
RSVP to Christopher.Ludvigsen@mcdhh.mo.gov by December 7
Request special accommodations by November 21

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Have you wanted to take the MO-BEI Written Test (TEP), but don't want to drive to Jefferson City? You're in luck! We're offering a limited number of testing seats at DEAF, Inc. in St. Louis on Thursday, December 1st

To register, print and follow instructions on [this checklist](#), and send it with a **copy of your driver's license** and these **2 forms, notarized**:

<http://mcdhh.mo.gov/files/Interpreter-Registry2.pdf>

<http://mcdhh.mo.gov/files/TEP-Application7.20.16.pdf>

Seats are limited. We'll email confirmations to the first 30 who successfully submit everything.

All **requests for certification renewal** must be postmarked no later than December 2, 2016, but you can submit them **TODAY!** We are already mailing out new cards to interpreters who submit early paperwork. [Click here](#) for the form.

Here's what you need to Renew for 2016*:

- Completed and notarized form
- \$15 Application, Renewal and CEU Processing fee Cashier's Check or Money Order
- Copies of certificates verifying you've met the 2.0 total CEUs (including .30 in Ethics)- taken between 11/3/2015 and 11/2/2016

**MO certified for the first time this year? Your CEUs are pro-rated. Contact Jessica.brown@mcdhh.mo.gov to find out how many you need to renew.*

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NEWS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

The Whole Person has two upcoming events:

TWP will host a workshop on cued speech with KAI-RID and Interprettek on November 19. [Click here](#) for the flyer with more information.

The Deaf Peer Support Group will meet December 13. [Click here](#) for more details.



NTID has full-time staff positions open in its Student Life Team Office. Information about each job's responsibilities and qualifications can be found on RIT's website by [clicking here](#).



The Optimist International Foundation's annual Communication Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing topic is "What the World Gains from Optimism." To compete for the \$2,500 scholarship or learn more, [click here](#).



MERIL has several job positions open, including an RN Care Manager for Angels Home Health. Learn more [here](#).



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DEAF, Inc. is growing and looking for dynamic new team members. They currently have three employment positions open for hire including: 1) Community Engagement Coordinator, 2) Marketing & Communications Coordinator, and 3) Social Media Specialist. [Click here for more information.](#)



Deaf Way Interpreting Services is seeking a staff interpreter. [Click here](#) for the full posting with more information.



Save the date for "**Hand in Hand: Understanding Deafblindness for Education Teams of Students with Combined Vision and Hearing Loss**"

MO Deafblind Technical Assistance Project and **MO School for the Blind** will be hosting this course for parents, teachers, paraprofessionals, therapists, and administrators of students with combined vision and hearing loss.

Upcoming **Hand In Hand** courses will be Jan. 24-25 and Apr. 4-5, 2017 in Chesterfield. The course combines self-studies, homework, and action planning with mentoring and three face-to-face sessions with instructors. Participants will apply acquired knowledge regarding visual impairment, auditory impairment, communication, and movement to the programming of the students they serve with combined vision and hearing loss. College credit is available.

