

# MCDHH E-News: April 30, 2021

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## **MCDHH Closed for Truman Day**

The MCDHH Office will be closed on Friday, May 7, 2021 to observe Truman Day. There will be no e-news on that day.

## **Welcome To Our Newest Commissioner!**



MCDHH is excited to announce the newest member of our Commission: Christopher Daily!  
Christopher Daily has served as the Assistant Superintendent of the Missouri School for the Deaf for the past 6 years. He holds his Education Specialist's degree in Curriculum and Instruction from St. Louis University and is currently working on his Doctorate of Education at William Woods University. Chris is married to Andrea, and has two children, Lucas and Lucia.

## **TEP Sessions Available May 24 & May 26**

MCDHH will be offering group sessions of the TEP on May 24 and 26. There will be two sessions available each day with 10 slots each. These sessions are open to residents of any state. Read MCDHH's COVID-19 guidelines [here](#) and use [this form](#) to apply to take the test during one of these sessions.

## **BEI Performance Testing is Back!**

MCDHH has resumed performance testing for the BEI! Scheduling is available on a tiered basis beginning with those whose applications were received prior to April 19, 2021. If you did not submit payment with your application, your testing slot will be held for up to one week; if your payment is not received by this time, your testing appointment will be offered to someone else. All BEI performance testing will take place at the MCDHH Office and will follow [MCDHH's COVID-19 Performance Testing Guidelines](#). [Click here](#) to see the available testing appointment times and use [this form](#) to apply to take the performance test.

	Sign up starts...	You can start testing...
Applicants received before 4/19/21	Now!	Now!
MO Residents (new applicants)	May 3	May 10
Non-MO Residents (new applicants)	May 3	2-3 weeks after your application is submitted



## **Upcoming Public Meeting:**

Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

May 20, 2021

Tentatively 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Location TBD

## Community Announcements

**The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art and The Whole Person** are hosting an ASL social on May 8<sup>th</sup> at The Nelson-Atkins Museum's Art Course. This event is free to attend, but registration is required. Learn more online [here](#).

Join **The Whole Person** for **Sipping and Signing** at Homer's Coffee House on Saturday, June 19, 2021 for some caffeinated conversation. Deaf, Hard-of-Hearing, Late Deafened Adults, and ASL Students, let's get together to drink and sign. Join us from 1:00-3:00 pm at Homer's Coffee House at 7126 W. 80<sup>th</sup> St, Overland Park, KS. We will have a deaf person performing two or three ASL poetry pieces at 2:00 pm. Facemask and social distancing guidelines will be followed. You can visit The Strawberry Swing: An Indie Craft Market at former OP Farmer Market two blocks from the coffee house before or after Sipping and Signing. For more information, contact Micki Keck [Mkeck@thewholeperson.org](mailto:Mkeck@thewholeperson.org) 913-227-4298 (VP)

**DEAF, Inc.** has an open position for a Community Support Specialist. [Click here](#) for more information.

**Kansas City (Missouri) Public Schools** has an open position for a teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Click [here](#) to learn more.

**MT & Associates** is currently seeking a scheduling coordinator. To learn more about this position, visit <https://www.mtapractice.com/category-careers/>

**DEAF, Inc.** is piloting a new service, Legislative Communication Support. Do you want to write a letter to your local and state representatives, but feel stuck or need help with the language? We can help you with this! Watch the [video](#) for more information.

The **Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA)** will be hosting an externally-led Patient-Focused Drug Development Meeting on May 25. The goal is for patient engagement to shape future hearing loss treatments and create a deeper understanding of the impact of hearing loss on individuals, their quality of life, and associated comorbidities. Learn more about this meeting online at <https://pfdd-hlaa-meeting-registration.gr8.com/>.

The **TDI Communication Access Scholarship Program** is accepting applications. This program is available to all deaf and hard of hearing students graduating from high school this year. The scholarship application encourages deaf and hard of hearing students to innovate and bring forth ideas for addressing the communication challenges that the deaf and hard of hearing community faces. All deaf and hard of hearing graduating high school seniors can apply online at [TDIforAccess.org/Scholarship](http://TDIforAccess.org/Scholarship) before May 14, 2021. Applications can also be mailed, and must be postmarked by the deadline. Applicants will be notified before September of the award. For full scholarship details on eligibility, requirements, and application, visit [TDIforAccess.org/Scholarship](http://TDIforAccess.org/Scholarship)



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## POSITIONS AVAILABLE:

- ON-SITE INTERPRETERS
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- VIDEO RELAY INTERPRETERS



The Sorenson Center located in Overland Park, Kansas is currently hiring for Full-Time and Part-Time Interpreters in a Video Relay Services environment. If you are interested, please go to [www.sorensonvrs.com](http://www.sorensonvrs.com) and apply today to Requisition #2890.

**Summer Sign Day Camp**  
for Deaf and Hard of Hearing students, ages 7 to 12  
July 19-23, 2021

## Upcoming Workshops

### **Introduction to Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence Interpreting**

Presented by the CATIE Center

Online via Canvas April 26-May 28

There is a huge need for more trained interpreters available to interpret in settings impacted by domestic violence and sexual violence. Having training can mean the difference between making a survivor feel empowered or retraumatized. This module provides tools and resources for understanding the specialty knowledge and skills needed to be successful in these settings. Presenters include Tara Holcomb, Sarah Hogue, and Arlyn Anderson. Learn more [here](#).

### **Deaf in Healthcare Summit Assertive or Aggressive Language: Do You Know the Difference?**

Presented Virtually by Amy Miller and MT & Associates, LLC

May 12, 2021, 5-7 p.m. Central (0.2 RID CEUs)

This workshop will be an interactive discussion on the difference between assertive and aggressive language as it relates to the interpreting profession. Participants will engage in group discussions and role play different scenarios involving assertive and aggressive language. This workshop is geared towards ITP students, interns, and recent graduates. However, Interpreters of all levels are welcome! Please register by May 7, 2021; general registration is \$20, student registration is free but not eligible to earn CEUs. Register on our website at [www.mtapractice.com/workshops/](http://www.mtapractice.com/workshops/). Proceeds from the workshop will be used to support interpreter certification testing through MCDHH for local ITP students; must attend this workshop to be eligible. Have you worked for MT&A recently? Check your email for a discount! For questions or accommodations, email [admin@mtapractice.com](mailto:admin@mtapractice.com).

### **Reframing Interpreting Summer Series from 2axend**

6-8 p.m. Central time - 0.2 RID CEUs each (PPO eligible)

Visit [www.2axend.com/events](http://www.2axend.com/events) for more information

June 17: Rethinking the Binary Paradigm in Interpreting

July 15: The Accessibility Sphere: Cultivating Symbiotic Relationships

August 12: Mitigating Ableism Within the Interpreting Community

September 9: Reframing the Language of Allyship