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MCDHH Announces New Executive Director: Becky Davis



Becky Davis comes to the Commission from a life-long career in education. Ms. Davis grew up in a small mid-Missouri town. Although her parents are Deaf, Becky did not begin losing her hearing until her teenage years. Becky began interpreting while going through college, and it was during this time her hearing loss began to progress. After graduating from the University of Missouri-Columbia, Becky attended McDaniel College in Westminster, MD which led her to Indianapolis, IN. There, she taught at the Indiana School for the Deaf in the English department. Wanting to return to her home-state, Ms. Davis accepted a position

with William Woods University in their ASL Studies program. Before coming to the Commission, Becky was teaching at the Missouri School for the Deaf. Throughout her professional career, Becky has supported the endeavors of the commission and Deaf and Hard of Hearing community and is looking forward to this new challenge!

Deaf, Inc. is sponsoring the 30th Anniversary Deaf Awareness Day at Busch Stadium. Come and see the St. Louis Cardinals vs the Reds on Saturday, September 17, 2022 starting at 6:15 p.m. Discounted tickets will be available at the left field Loge.

A pre-game social will be held from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. at Together Credit Union Plaza at the Ballpark Village, directly across from Gate 4 on Clark Street. There will be signed performances during the game.

Joe Sapienza's



Mini "Better-than-nothing" ASL Immersion Weekend

"ASL Fingerwording"

Presented by Molly O'Hara

- What:** Zoom Virtual Workshop
- Date:** Saturday, September 17th, 2022
- Time:** 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Central Time Zone
(lunch break from 12:00 to 12:30 pm)
- CEUs:** 4.0 RID and Missouri CEUs
- Cost:** \$40.00
- Who:** Open to Interpreters, ITP students & interested individuals. Workshop will be presented in ASL at the presenter's natural speed and pace.



ASL-language learners often struggle to understand native fingerspelling. Words typically are not articulated one letter at a time. Also, not every fingerspelled word is a lexicalized sign. For example, the English word 'clique' is borrowed as 'CL-I-QUE' and is not lexicalized. Although the English letters are accounted for, the manual rhythm doesn't correspond to the vocal rhythm. It is a fact that a majority of fingerspelled words are manually articulated differently from their spoken English equivalents; they are neither spelled out letter by letter nor are they lexicalized.

English speakers tend to rely on how a word sounds in English in order to understand fingerspelling. However, the way English words are pronounced are often not the way ASL fingerspells them. English speakers lipread according to how they hear while ASL signers wordspell according to how they see. Learning how to lipread fingerwording from a visual perspective helps to see the manual word successfully.

This session explores four main manual motions that control the syllabic cadence of fingerspelled words. Additionally, there are three top rules in the manual phonics of fingerspelling. Finally, a discussion of how the mouth is shaped to fit manual "sounds" rounds out the training.

All are welcome! For questions, concerns or requests call/email

Joe Sapienza at 636-227-2277/joe@aslweekend.com

To register and for payment information for the this Zoom workshop use this link:

<https://forms.gle/QXVrHUz7rPKwspAv6>



The Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing is an approved RID CMP Sponsor for Continuing Education Activities.

This Professional Studies program is offered for 4.0 CEUs at the "some" Content Knowledge Level

Missouri Council for the Blind is hosting a “Special Event” on September 25, 2022 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Missouri Council of the Blind located at 5453 Chippewa St. St. Louis, MO 63109. “Come meet PT trainers: John Lee Clark, Hayley Broadway, Roberto Cabrera and Jason Herbers”. Learn more about PT and socialize with your community. Vancro Program Specialists will be there too! *Please be respectful of the PT space. Very limited interpretation will be provided.

Parent Leadership Training Institute KC @pltikc is committed to investing in #ParentsWhoLead, so they are fully equipped to create transformational change in their homes, schools, neighborhoods, and public policy. Past cohorts testified before elected bodies, lead PTAs, served on boards, wrote Op-Ed pieces, and started new initiatives to improve outcomes for children across the city. Join a community of changemakers and apply for PLTI: <https://www.pltikc.org/how-to-join>

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