

MCDHH E-News: October 9

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Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples' Day Observation

The MCDHH Office will be closed on Monday, October 12, 2020 in observance of Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples' Day. The office will reopen on Tuesday morning at 8:00 a.m.

Job Opening: Hard of Hearing Program Manager

Are you looking for an opportunity to work in a highly visible and respected state agency? Do you have what it takes to blend with a creative, talented, and innovative team? This may be the job for you! MCDHH is currently looking for applicants to fill the position of **Hard of Hearing Program Manager**. Learn more and apply [here](#).

All You Need to Know About Voting in Missouri

[Click here](#) to view MCDHH's latest ASL vlog about the different available voting options ahead of the November election.

MCDHH Commission and Board for Certification of Interpreter Meetings

Both of MCDHH's boards will be meeting on Thursday, October 15 at the Secretary of State Office Building in Jefferson City. Meeting details and agendas are in the column on the right. If you are planning to attend this meeting as a visitor, please RSVP to MCDHH by 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 13 so that we can ensure socially distant seating is available.



Upcoming Public Meetings

10/15: Board for Certification of Interpreters

10/15: Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

See the agendas for our public meetings online [here](#)

COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Resources

[MCDHH COVID-19 Resource Page](#)

[MCDHH ASL Video on Coronavirus](#)

[ASL Information from the CDC](#)

[Mo. Dept. of Health and Senior Services – Coronavirus Webpage](#)

[Governor Parson's Facebook Page](#)

Community Announcements



How to Get Captions During a Zoom Call

In light of social distancing, many families and businesses are using Zoom or other video-conferencing tools to hold “virtual” phone calls. The benefit of a Zoom-type of meeting is that multiple people can participate and you are able to see everyone on the call.

You can use your CapTel phone to call into a Zoom meeting, as you would with any other phone, and get the benefit of reading captions during the call.

Instructions:

- On your computer, click on the link provided in the Zoom invitation to connect to the video part of the call.
- On your computer, when asked about “audio”, select “phone audio”.
- On your CapTel phone, dial the phone number provided in the Zoom invitation.
- Watch the CapTel signal meter and display to know when your call has connected.
- Once connected, use the CapTel dial pad to enter the Zoom Meeting ID number and press #. If needed, enter the Participant ID number and press #.
- You will be able to see the participants on your computer screen, while listening to the call and reading captions on your CapTel phone.

Tips:

- To avoid echoing, make sure your computer audio is on “mute”.
- The time-out allowed for entering your Meeting ID and Participant ID can be brief. Be ready with the numbers you need at hand before you place the call.
- If there are multiple people on a call, you may ask participants to state their name before speaking so that the captions can indicate who is talking.

These same instructions apply to using CapTel with other video-conferencing options, such as Skype, GoToMeeting, Google Meet, etc.



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Message from **Beyond Interpreting**: Beyond Interpreting would love to introduce this year's Program Educators for the MO SSP Program; Amanda Bitner, Stephanie Birkhead, Kendra Hart, and Jeffrey Wilson have joined forces to discuss Program updates, test transportation, collect feedback, answer questions, and provide general support to you throughout the fiscal year. The Educators are traveling the state to educate the public about what the program has to offer as well as training new SSPs and meeting with Program participants, making calls and sending emails to connect with you, and working together as a team to improve the Program this year and for the years to come. Please do not hesitate to contact one of them with your questions or concerns. For general Program contact, please email

In the Community

Now-October 14

[Virtual Deaf Cultural Festival from the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art](#)

November 7

MoAD Meeting, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. in Springfield

Hiring Events Near You

[Click here](#) to learn about hiring events in your area from the Missouri Division of Workforce Development.

beyondssps@gmail.com or call 660-491-0146 (V/T/FT). To reach the Program Educators, you can email them individually: Amanda Bitner abitner90@gmail.com; Stephanie Birkhead sdb1961@charter.net; Kendra Hart kendramhart24@gmail.com; Jeffrey Wilson jjwssp75@gmail.com

Scholarship Opportunity from Beyond Interpreting: The Missouri DeafBlind Scholarship for Independence and Education (MO DB-SPIE) was created to allow DeafBlind individuals and the families of DeafBlind children to access resources that are beyond the scope of an SSP. DeafBlind individuals and/or families of DeafBlind children can apply for funding to attend programs and events that will allow the development of skills toward establishing or maintaining independence. Scholarship funding can be used to financially support: Power Up Conference, Helen Keller National Center, Seabeck, Usher's Conference, Midwest Transition Institute, Family and Scientific Conference, CHARGE Conference, local transportation training, language model/mentorship, study materials, and much more! For more information on this scholarship opportunity, contact Beyond Interpreting at beyondssps@gmail.com, 660-491-0146, or beyondinterpreting.com.

From the Governor's Council on Disability: Don't miss the opportunity to share your thoughts by completing the Governor's Council on Disability's Legislative Priorities Poll. You have until 5:00 p.m. on November 6 to submit. Complete the online form [here](#). Please contact GCD with any questions or if you require assistance with completing the Poll.

The **Kids Assistive Technology** Program (KAT) has funds available for Missouri children with unmet funding needs for assistive technology to use at home or in the community. Learn more online [here](#).

Research participants needed for a study investigating Deaf and Hard of Hearing college students' strategies for equal sharing problems. Participants must be 18 years or older; Deaf or Hard of Hearing; college students; use American Sign Language (ASL); be willing to volunteer; have access to Zoom or another video conference platform (no physical contacts due to COVID-19). Participants will receive a \$25 Amazon gift card for participating in a research study that seeks to investigate and document the cognitive strategies DHH college students use to solve ten equal sharing story problems. Participants will spend approximately 60-90 minutes to complete an online demographic survey, solve 10 equal sharing tasks, and explain their strategies for solving the tasks. Researcher may ask follow up questions to clarify the participant's explanations. Sulaiman Adeoye from the University of North Carolina – Greensboro is conducting this study for his Ph.D. dissertation research. Interested participants may contact Sulaiman Adeoye at soadeoye@uncg.edu or text 336-383-0872.

Jewel Trucking—a family-owned local trucking company with over 20 years of experience—is looking for Class A CDL drivers. Drivers have flexible schedules and time off. Pay ranges from \$52,000-62,000 per year. To learn more, contact JewelTruckingCo@yahoo.com or 314-369-2042.

MT & Associates has an opening for a Customer Relations Coordinator/Certified Sign Language Interpreter. To learn more, visit their careers page [here](#).

Missouri Technology Corporation is now accepting applications for funds to help launch and grow high-tech startups headquartered in Missouri through **Missouri IDEA (Innovation, Development, and Entrepreneurship Advancement) Funds**. MO IDEA Funds are a co-investment opportunity that promotes the formation and growth of businesses that engage in the transfer of science and technology into job creation. The

funds provide financing to eligible businesses through four components that correspond to the four stages of growth for investment-grade, high-growth enterprises. Applications are being accepted for the following IDEA Funds programs: [Missouri TechLaunch](#) & [Seed Capital Co-Investment Program](#) For more information about these programs, visit missouritechnology.com. The application deadline for IDEA Funds is November 14.

Upcoming Courses

Virtual Fall Professional Development Week 2020 from Missouri School for the Blind

These free courses are available through Missouri School for the Blind, and include two courses on Interpreting for the Deaf-Blind population (RID approval pending). Learn more and register by October 9 at <https://form.jotform.com/202534355315146>

Helen Keller Services' Staff is excited to bring you a free webinar in honor of National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) on October 22nd, 2020 at 2-3 pm EST, followed with a 1/2 hour Q&A session. **CLICK HERE TO REGISTER NOW!**

Interpreting Virtually

Free course available at ASLlearn.com

Learn how to respond to the need for interpreting in virtual settings due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. This course takes you step-by-step toward successful virtual interpreting. Four basic topics are covered:

- 1) Become familiar with the technologies that are used in video interpreting;
- 2) How to set up the workspace for virtual interpreting;
- 3) How to interpret in a digital environment; and
- 4) Considerations to be had in terms of privacy and ethics.

