

MCDHH E-News: January 12

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The MCDHH Office will be closed on Monday, January 15, 2018 in observation of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.



Join Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing for a discussion of the legislative issues we plan to work on this year. Learn which topics we'll be focused on, how the legislative process works, and how you can get involved!

<p>Saturday, January 6 11 am-1 pm</p>  <p>25 E. Frisco Ave. Webster Groves, MO</p>	<p>Tuesday, January 9 1-3 pm</p>  <p>3710 Main St. Kansas City, MO</p>	<p>Saturday, January 27 10 am-12 pm</p>  <p>Burton Building #006 1 University Ave. Fulton, MO</p>	<p>These workshops will also include a 30 minute presentation from the Missouri Commission on Human Rights about fair housing.</p>
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RSVP to Christopher.Ludvigsen@mcdhh.mo.gov by January 1, 2018 as space is limited.
Requests for special accommodations must be made by December 22, 2017.
These events will be rescheduled if canceled due to weather.

MCDHH Events

January 27

Legislative Priorities @ William Woods University (Fulton, MO)

February 1

Commission meeting at MCDHH Office in Jefferson City, 10 am-4 pm. Open to the public.

February 21

Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard of Hearing Legislative Day

Do you want to see change in laws on Deaf, DeafBlind and Hard of Hearing issues? Funding for hearing aids, language assessment, and law enforcement relations are all affecting our community. Have others to add to the list? Want to be part of the discussion? Join us for Deaf, DeafBlind and Hard of Hearing Legislative Day at the Missouri State Capitol. Come meet your legislators, learn about current bills, and get involved in the process! Learn more [here](#).

Important Videos

[Deaf Empowerment Logo Contest](#)

[Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard of Hearing Legislative Day](#)

MCDHH is excited to announce that the funding for the **MO SSP Program** has been granted out for every region in the state! To learn more, apply for services, or apply to become an SSP, contact the agency that will be serving your area.

Northwestern Region

Counties included: Andrew, Atchison, Bates, Benton, Buchanan, Caldwell, Cass, Clay, Clinton, Daviess, DeKalb, Gentry, Harrison, Henry, Holt, Jackson, Johnson, Lafayette, Nodaway, Pettis, Platte, Ray, Worth

SSP Agency: Beyond Interpreting, contact April at aprilmbbi@gmail.com

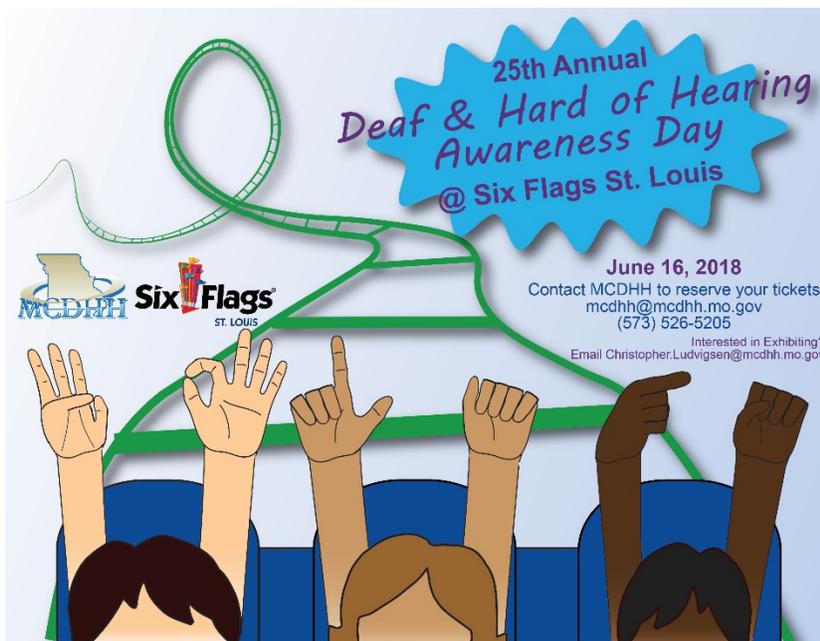
All Other Regions

SSP Agency: DEAF, Inc., learn more online at <http://www.deafinc.org/dbssp.html>



MCDHH is excited to announce the dates and location of the 25th Annual Missouri Interpreters Conference! Our Silver Jubilee will be held at The Lodge of the Four Seasons in Lake Ozark on October 19-21, 2018. Stay tuned for more details! More information about the schedule will be available after our workshop selection process in a few months.

NOTE: The date for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness Day at Six Flags has been changed to June 16, 2018.



In the Community

January 20

SASI-STL, Special Guests
Join Sight and Sound Impaired of St. Louis for their monthly meeting with special guests to discuss new opportunities available through the MO SSP Program. Guests will include: Ernest Garrett III and Thomas Green from DEAF, Inc.; Beth Jordan from the Helen Keller National Center; and Emily Morrison from MCDHH. The meeting is scheduled from 9:30 am-12:30 pm at the Society for the Blind, 8770 Manchester Rd., Brentwood, MO.

January 27

Corey Axelrod at William Woods University
Read more in the "Upcoming Workshops" section.

February 15-18

Deafhood 101
Learn more about this workshop offered at Kansas School for the Deaf by viewing the flyer [here](#).

March 13

Disability Rights Legislative Day
11 am-2 pm at the MO State Capitol. The 2018 theme of this event is "Let Freedom Ring" and it will be emceed by Christopher Worth from Paraquad. For more information, call 800-500-7878.

March 15-16

DeafBlind Interpreting Seminar
Learn more [here](#).

April 25-27

Employment: Real Outcomes for People who are DeafBlind
Learn more [here](#).

Community Announcements



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HOUSING DISCRIMINATION IS ILLEGAL

If you're looking for an apartment and you can't get in – because of barriers like steps, steep slopes and lack of curb cuts – or if you find the kitchen or bathroom is not accessible, please call. The Fair Housing Act requires most multi-family dwellings built since March 13, 1991, to be accessible to people with disabilities.

We will investigate to make sure the building complies with federal law.



A public service message from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in partnership with the National Fair Housing Alliance. The federal Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination because of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, family status or disability. For more information, visit www.hud.gov/fairhousing.



[Click here](#) to read HLAA-GSL's January newsletter.

Western Oregon University is accepting applications for the Director of the Regional Resource Center on Deafness and Assistant Professor of Deaf Studies. [Click here](#) for more information on these positions.

The **Optimist International Foundation** has announced its 2018 Communication Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing! Students have the opportunity to compete for a \$2,500 scholarship based on the theme "Where are My Roots of Optimism." Learn more about the contest by viewing the flyer [here](#).

St. Louis Metro Black Deaf Advocates has announced its 2018 meeting dates. [Click here](#) to view them. Contact Tiara Mason if you are interested in attending: Tiara.Mason@dmh.mo.gov

The **Governor's Council on Disability's** annual Website/IT Award program recognizes and honors a Missouri non-profit organization, business or local government that provides the most outstanding and accessible website. [Click here](#) to nominate a website by January 31, 2018.

Upcoming Workshops

Interpreters' Coffee Chat

January 22, 2018, 5:15-6:45 pm (0.15 RID PS CEUs)

DEAF Inc., Webster Groves, MO

Presented by: Chris Phelps

Participants will reflect on previous work situations they wish to discuss at the coffee chat. Participants will analyze these scenarios and identify what made them impactful. (i.e. "I matched register while voicing in a medical setting I was really nervous about," or, "My team I disagreed on sign selection for this topic and we couldn't seem to work it out.") The group will actively listen and dialogue about the scenario. Throughout the course of the coffee chat, participants will be learning new techniques for effective communication from their peers and from the facilitator. The participants will be able to apply these techniques in real life situations. Contact Libby Oxenham for more information: 314-968-8868 or loxenham@deafinc.org

The Ally in You: How to Appropriately Advocate for the Deaf Community

January 27, 2018, 9 am-12 pm (0.3 RID PS CEUs)

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Don't Be Mad If I Don't Look: Accommodating HoH Consumers

January 27, 2018, 1-4 pm (0.3 RID PS CEUs)

Dulaney Auditorium, William Woods University, Fulton, MO

Presented by: Corey Axelrod

Corey has presented at numerous local, regional, and national events and conferences for interpreters. His workshops for interpreters leverage personal experiences as a consumer and son of a Deaf man who battled cancer for more than five years. Corey's ultimate goal is to establish immersive learning and scenario-based interactions to help participants apply ideas and skills to real life situations when on the job. Participant fee for EACH workshop is \$30, or \$10 for students. Both workshops will be presented in ASL only. For any questions or to register for either or both workshops, contact Becky Davis (becky.davis@williamwoods.edu) with your name, preferred email address (if different than the one you used to contact her), and which workshop(s) you will be attending. This will ensure communication about the workshop should the need arise to notify you as well as help us prepare CEU verification. A confirmation email will be sent once your information is received. Registration will be open until January 25, 2018.

MCDHH only post workshops that are coming within in the next 2-3 weeks. If you want to search for more future workshops, please check out the MCDHH Calendar on our website for classes coming up later in the year.