

MCDHH E-News: April 3

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Stay informed with MCDHH's new webpage dedicated to COVID-19 (coronavirus) resources

<http://mcdhh.mo.gov/coronavirus>

As always, it is our priority at MCDHH to improve the lives and opportunities of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Missourians. One of the many ways we do this is by bringing the community together for exciting, empowering events. However, after careful consideration of information regarding the COVID-19 (coronavirus) situation, we believe it is the safest decision to cancel some of our events. The following events will be cancelled:

Six Flags Deaf & Hard of Hearing Awareness Day
ALL Deaf and Hard of Hearing Empowerment Symposiums

We will continue to monitor the facts surrounding COVID-19 and consider the health and safety of our other events accordingly. Meanwhile, we will keep working with various state agencies to ensure that the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community has access to information and resources to protect against COVID-19.



The Missouri 911 Service Board has released a document called "Working with Deaf and Hard of Hearing Missourians in Emergencies Related to COVID-19," which was developed in conjunction with MCDHH. Access it on their resource page [here](#).



COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Resources

[Vlog about COVID-19 Social Security scam](#)

[MCDHH ASL Video on Coronavirus](#)

[ASL Information from the CDC](#)

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

[Governor Parson's Facebook Page](#)

2020 MCDHH Commission Meetings

Thursday, June 18

October, Date TBD

[Community COVID-19 Resources and Announcements](#)

[Click here](#) to access FEMA's Region 7 COVID-19 Fact Sheet.

Learn more about teleconferencing accessibility with these tips for including Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals [here](#).

The **University of Colorado – Denver's Center for Inclusive Design and Engineering** has developed a visual communication card specifically for COVID-19. [Click here](#) to access the card to aid in communication between health professionals and Deaf or hard of hearing patients.

From Missouri Assistive Technology:

Effective as of March 20th, Missouri Assistive Technology will be suspending our device loan program, ETC. We will place any loan requests on a wait list. On April 5th, we will reassess the suspension and determine if it is appropriate to again begin making device loans. As a result of the COVID-19 situation, we feel this is an appropriate policy that helps protect everyone's health and safety. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. If you have any questions, please contact David Baker at Dbaker@mo-at.org or via phone at (816)655-6707. We apologize for any inconvenience this may create, but it is necessary in light of the current national emergency.

Communication Service for the Deaf and its Connect Direct have launched American Sign Language Coronavirus Hotline & Resource Center. [Click here](#) for more information.

Looking for ASL curriculum resources for parents of D/deaf children at home during the COVID-19 pandemic? **True+Way ASL** is completely online and giving free access for parents. Contact hello@trewayasl.com to register and visit them online [here](#).



Thursday, September 10th - Sunday, September 13th
Missouri School for the Deaf
505 E 5th St, Fulton, MO

This 4-day camp is designed to enhance and improve leadership, self-advocacy skills, and employability for students who are deaf and hard of hearing.

- ▶ Residential camp at the Missouri School for the Deaf
- ▶ Open to students 16-21 with school recommendation

Participants do not need to know American Sign Language

Extended to June 30th!

Register by March 2nd:
disability.mo.gov/gcd/LDPDHH.htm



For more information contact Rachel Rackers at 573-526-4564 or rachel.rackers@oa.mo.gov

Deaf & Hard of Hearing Awareness Day

SATURDAY AUGUST 29, 2020 6:15 PM

Cardinals VS PIRATES

NEW DHHAD DESIGN!

DISCOUNT TICKETS!
 Tickets are valued at \$58 each
\$30.00 per ticket
\$40.00 per ticket with t-shirt

MYSTERIOUS BOBBLEHEAD GIVEAWAY!
 Celebrate the seventh class of the Cardinals Hall of Fame with this unique item that highlights your 2020 fan vote inductee. On this day, 30,000 fans ages 16 and older will take home a Mystery Inductee Bobblehead, brought to you by Edward Jones.

FEATURING SIGNED PERFORMANCES!
 "God Bless America"
 "National Anthem"
 "Take Me Out to the Ballgame"

Raffle
Win Pre-Game On-Field Passes for Two!
FREE DRAWING WITH PURCHASE.
 For each purchased ticket, your name will be entered in a random drawing for two passes to the field. If less than 300 tickets are sold, the drawing will be for a free DHHAD t-shirt.

The event is made possible by between

Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Buy your tickets today!
<https://deafday.deafinc.org>

MCDHH Deaf & Hard of Hearing Awareness Day!

SILVER DOLLAR CITY

July 11, 2020

Find the event on Facebook for more information

Interested in interpreting?

Email Christopher.Johnson@mcdhh.mo.gov to volunteer

Community Announcements

DREAM BIG Career Camp serves transition-age students with disabilities who plan to attend 2- or 4-year college or trade/technical school. The goal is to help students explore the range of career options that are available.

DREAM BIG hosts three one-week long camps during the summer where students visit top employers in the St. Louis region to engage with disability welcoming workplaces. To learn more about dates, eligibility, and pricing, please contact Danielle Giuffrida at dgiuffrida@starkloff.org or (314) 588-7090.

Calling all Missouri **educational interpreters!** You are invited to participate in the following survey:

My name is Peggy Belt and I am a graduate student in the Master of Arts in Interpreting Studies and Communication Equity (MAISCE) program at St. Catherine University. I am conducting a study on the experiences of educational interpreters in the state of Missouri. As part of my study, I will be conducting an online survey to obtain information on the experiences of educational interpreters working in Missouri, as well as on the type of work performed, and the professional development opportunities offered to them. The purpose of this study is to contribute to the knowledge base of the educational interpreting field in Missouri. This study is important because the results can guide policy and educational programs that will benefit the educational interpreters of this state. From the survey, I will solicit volunteers to interview to gain insight into their experiences of working in the K-12 setting. The online survey should take approximately 15 minutes to complete. The interview is expected to be approximately 1 hour with the researcher and will be audio and video recorded through the program Zoom.

If you are an educational interpreter working in a Missouri school district and are willing to participate in the survey, you may follow [this link](#).

This study has been approved by the St. Catherine University Institutional Review Board (#1386). You may contact the IRB office with any questions at 651-690-6204 or irb@stkate.edu. My research advisor is Dr. Erica Alley who you may also contact by phone at (651) 690-6018, by videophone at (612) 255-3386, or by email at elalley@stkate.edu. You may contact me directly at (573) 999-1625 or plbelt@stkate.edu.

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to hearing from you.

Looking for resources for legal interpreting? Check out **Project CLIMB's** mentoring toolkit [here](#).

National Black Deaf Advocates (NBDA) has a scholarship opportunity available for Black Deaf/hard of hearing/DeafBlind students attending college or university. Learn more at <https://nbda.org/content/scholarships>. Deadline for applications is Friday, April 10, 2020.

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)**

In the Community

May 17

MoAD Meeting, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
at DeafLEAD in Columbia

June 19-21

NBDA Midwestern Regional
Conference

[Click here](#) to watch the announcement vlog.

August 1

MoAD Meeting, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
in Kansas City

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.

Advancement) Funds. Missouri 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, please click on the links above, or visit missouritechnology.com. The application deadline for IDEA Funds is November 14.

[Upcoming Courses](#)

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.

Intro to Deaf/Hearing Teams in Behavioral Health Interpreting

Webshop available all of April | Online via Canvas | Presented by the CATIE Center | [Click here for more](#)

Introduction to Addiction and Recovery Interpreting

Are you interested in doing ASL interpreting work in addiction and recovery settings, but want a more solid foundation before you start? Have you interpreted in this setting but are ready to deepen your knowledge to be more effective in the work? Presenters of this module are: Keven Poore, Dr. Deb Guthmann, and Arlyn Anderson

Where? Online, via Canvas

When? April 6—May 13, 2020

How much? \$40

[Learn more here](#)

Freelancing 101

May 2, 2020 | Presented by Debra Lakebrink and Beyond Interpreting via Zoom | [Click here for more information](#)

Northeastern University's Center for Atypical Language Interpreting has two modules available now, with two more on the way! Each is worth 0.1 RID CEUs. Access them [here](#).