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Hearing and Cognition: Use It or Lose It

by Granville Y. Brady Jr., Au.D.

Many people with hearing loss mistakenly believe that waiting to get hearing aids has little or no impact on their ability to adjust to amplification. "I'm not ready for hearing aids yet," the excuse, is not consistent with research showing that untreated hearing loss affects cognition, which is related to listening and understanding. If a person cannot detect certain sounds, the lack of audition leads to impaired cognition.



Granville Y. Brady Jr.

Impaired cognition is closely related to dementia and Alzheimer's. This is not to imply that everyone with a hearing loss is destined for dementia, but it does suggest that many of the same behaviors shown by Alzheimer's patients are found in people with a hearing loss. Such behaviors as withdrawal from social situations, feelings of isolation and mistrust are signs of hearing loss. As a person's hearing worsens for high frequency, the difficulty in processing words containing consonant sounds like S, SH, T, F leads to a loss of understanding. When understanding is impaired, the brain's ability to process words is likewise affected leading to a deficiency of cognition.

Until recently, hearing aids did little to improve cognition, especially in a noisy surrounding. The brain needs a clear signal in order to process speech correctly. Older hearing aids simply amplified all sounds, including noise. The result is that a person using hearing aids reported that speech was clear in a quiet place. When noise was introduced, such as in a restaurant, meeting or cocktail party, the background sounds were louder than speech. The noise masked or drowned out what the speaker was saying. In such instances, the hearing aid wearer might take the aids out since the unaided loss could reduce some of the noise.

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Director's Corner

By David Alexander, Director, Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DDHH)



When the public thinks about hearing loss they often perceive this as an issue that affects only seniors. This is a misconception; the fact is that hearing loss affects people of all ages.

One age group that has an increasing risk for hearing loss is teens, between twelve and nineteen years of age. In a recent national study, conducted by a branch of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, it was discovered that a stunning one in five teens has a mild hearing loss, and the problem has increased substantially in recent years. The reason for the increase appears to be the result of continuous exposure to noise that exceeds federal workplace exposure limits.

In another study of about two hundred New York college students, more than half listened to music at 85 decibels (dB) or louder. This report states that habitual listening at those levels can turn microscopic hair cells in the inner ear into scar tissue, permanently damaging hearing.

For DDHH, there is a growing urgency to expand awareness programs to reach young consumer audiences. Most teens are unaware of the serious risks that loud decibel levels (exceeding 85 dB) can pose to their hearing. To reach this audience, awareness programs can best be provided in the school environment. *Our* challenge: Delivering an effective warning message to the next generation to help them protect their hearing from permanent damage before it is too late.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "David Alexander".

Note new address for Monthly Communicator submissions and inquiries: monthlycommunicator@dhs.state.nj.us
All submissions and inquiries welcome.

Reminder:

The deadline for the December 2010 issue is November 1. The deadline for the November issue was October 1.

Send e-mail submissions to:
monthlycommunicator@dhs.state.nj.us.

Submissions should be "text only," in a standard word document (no pdf files). Photos, that accompany submissions are encouraged.

For a style sheet, contact the editor.

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Hearing and Cognition: Use It or Lose It continued from page 1

There are several reasons why noise does mask out speech. Not only is some noise louder than speech, the frequency of the noise masks out the very quiet consonant sounds that most people have trouble hearing. This situation applies to normal as well as hearing impaired listeners. Another reason noise becomes distracting is that the person with a hearing loss cannot easily localize where the sounds originate, is referred to as intra aural loudness. Unlike cats, dogs and owls, that have exceptional ability to localize sounds based on loudness, humans with impaired hearing often hear the conversation at another table in a restaurant better than hearing the person nearby.

Many of the newer hearing aids incorporate two features that result in better processing for speech. One of these features is frequency transposition, which allows the hearing aids to take sounds too faint for the hearing impaired person to hear and transpose them to frequency levels that are audible. A word like EAST might sound like EAT to someone with a high frequency loss; but the hearing aids would pick up the S sound and transpose it to a frequency that is audible. The resulting word would sound like EAST.

A second feature that some hearing aids incorporate is to separate speech from noise by making speech linear and compressing the noise. For normal hearing listeners, speech is linear. Speech sounds are received just the way they are spoken by the talker. However, when noise is presented in a linear fashion, the noise masks out speech. By compressing the noise while making speech linear at the same time, the hearing aids enable better clarity.

Both frequency transposition and speech in noise processing are advanced technology aimed to improve auditory cognition. The old adage "use it or lose it" has never been more relevant for this generation of hearing impaired Americans.

Dr. Brady may be contacted at drgranbrady@optonline.net.

DDHH Advisory Council Meeting Friday, October 29 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM

East Brunswick Public Library, 2 Jean Walling Civic Center,
East Brunswick, NJ 08816-3529
The public is invited to attend.

Division on Civil Rights Director Chinh Q. Le Invited

Call DDHH to confirm your attendance: 609-984-7281 V/TTY

All DDHH advisory council meetings are fully
accessible with sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices
(ALDs) and CART (open captioning).

DDHH Field Representative Reports for October

Protect Your Hearing

DDHH Field Representative Traci Burton



The Center for Hearing and Communication states that there is an estimated 28 million people with hearing loss in the United States. Hearing loss is occurring at younger and younger ages, and the leading cause of this is noise. There are measures you can take to protect your hearing.

MP3 players and loud music tend to be the first examples that come to mind when talking about protecting your hearing. There are also professions that are at high risk: fire fighters, heavy industry workers, military personnel, farmers, and construction workers, as well as musicians and entertainment industry professionals. The repeated exposure to loud sound can cause permanent hearing loss.

Noise-induced hearing loss is cumulative, hence you may not realize you are losing your hearing until it is too late. However, there are warning signs. Should you experience ringing in the ears, slight muffling of sound after exposure to the source and difficulty understanding speech, you may wish to have your hearing tested by a doctor or audiologist.

There are some measures to follow in an effort to avoid or reduce the chance of noise-induced hearing loss:

- Pay attention to the noises around you and turn down the volume.
- Limit your time spent in excessively noisy environments, such as sporting events, night clubs, concerts and even mowing the lawn.
- Wear ear plugs or ear muffs to help block sound.

Earplugs come in various styles, such as foam or wax, and can even be custom-made by a hearing health professional. Musicians can have custom-made earplugs that reduce the level of sound without distorting the music.

The Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing has compiled fact sheets about hearing protection, common environmental noise levels and personal stereo systems and headphones. If you are interested in receiving copies of these fact sheets, please e-mail me at traci.burton@dhs.state.nj.us, or contact our office at 609-984-7281. For electronic copies You can also visit the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association at www.asha.org; and the Center for Hearing and Communication at www.chchearing.org for more information.

The Hearing Society

announces

Classes in Speech (lip) reading

Every Thursday morning

10:30 AM – Noon

September 16 - May 26

at

First Baptist Church of Westfield,
170 Elm Street, Westfield, NJ 07090

These classes are open to individuals in the greater Union County area who are interested in improving their lip reading skills.

The Society is currently seeking the services of a speech reading teacher for these sessions. Anyone interested in applying for this position should contact Kay Schmitt, 908-232-6546 Voice
or
Alice Knecht, 908-688-8241 Voice.

Call either number for more information about the Society and the classes.

Did You Know October is National Depression Screening Month?

Submitted by Michelle Cline, LCSW, ACCESS, St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center

Every October, there is a national awareness campaign to help individuals understand more about depression and its effects on the individual and those around them. It also enables families/significant others to better understand what their loved one is experiencing when they have been diagnosed with depression.

Here are several facts about depression:

- Mental disorders are the leading cause of disability in North America, Europe, and increasingly, in the world. By 2020, major depressive illness will be the leading cause of disability in the world for women and children.
- Depression affects more than 6.5 million of the 35 million Americans who are 65 years or older.
- If left untreated, depression can lead to suicide. Suicide is the third leading cause of death for those aged fifteen to twenty-four and the second leading cause of death of college students.
- Women eighteen to forty-five years of age account for the largest proportion of people suffering from depression
- It remains unclear whether depression is actually less common among men or if men are less likely to recognize and acknowledge the symptoms of depression than women.

Depression may occur when someone undergoes a major life change, such as marital separation or divorce, loss of a job, or death in the family. People who experience a hearing loss are often vulnerable to depression, as they are no longer able to participate in social and work settings the same way they have in the past. It is normal to have feelings of sadness when major life events occur; but when these feelings persist over a long period of time it would be wise to seek help.

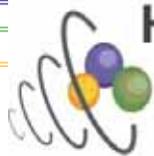
For people who are Deaf or hard of hearing, the presence of a mental health issue can cause additional frustration for several reasons:

- 1) communication barriers make it more difficult for family to understand what the person is feeling,
- 2) service providers may not be sensitive to the needs of the Deaf/hard of hearing persons and will not recognize signs of depression,
- 3) depression is often not understood by the general population.

To find out more if you and/or your family members or friends may be experiencing depression, visit www.depression-screening.org/depression_screen.cfm.

Treatment for depression is available. One should not go through it alone.
Get some professional help.

ACCESS is a statewide mental health provider for Deaf and hard of hearing people. We have therapists who are licensed mental health professionals and who are fluent in American Sign Language. We have a number of offices throughout New Jersey. If you wish to be screened for possible depression, feel free to contact us at 973-977-6690 Voice or 973-968-6567 VP. All calls are confidential.



Hearing Loss Association of New Jersey

Reminder: October 16 at 10:00 AM

Garden State-NJ Walk4Hearing at Mercer County Park West, Hughes Drive, West Windsor, NJ

News and Views

*A Monthly Column From
The Hearing Loss
Association of New Jersey*
By Peter Yerkes, Trustee,
HLA-NJ

The Garden State-NJ Walk4Hearing will be held on October 16, It is your day – a day to gather with others with hearing loss, old friends and new, all committed to facing the challenges presented by the “invisible disability.” Walk4Hearing raises funds to help those with hearing loss, educates the public about the many issues associated with hearing loss, and provides a fun day where you can mingle and share common concerns, helpful coping strategies and success stories.

There are many ways to take part:

Walk the Walk: Enjoy a 5K walk (3.1 miles) through a wooded 2,500 acre park near Princeton. Take time out whenever you want —there are plenty of places to rest and a special spot dedicated to grandparents which offers a beautiful water view. Registration is at 9:00 AM. The walk begins at 10:00 AM.

Mercer County Park West:

Don't want to walk? No problem, the park offers lots to do, and as our base location has a covered picnic area with full amenities. For kids, there's an inflatable funhouse, a sixteen foot slide and face-painting, plus a playground. Older adults can walk a short distance at their own pace, or sit on park benches and chat. There will be refreshments including hot dogs, muffins, beverages, ice cream and more.

Form a Walk Team:

You can contribute even more if you take part in a walk team and raise money to support the Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA), and its New Jersey affiliate, HLA-NJ. You can join a team, or start one.

Invite Friends and Family:

Help your friends learn about hearing loss. Inviting friends and family members to join a walk team, or to support one with a donation. This is a great way to spread awareness. In addition, every team captain and each team member can post his own “story” online, or explain online why the walk is important to them.

Make a Donation:

The Walk4Hearing is the largest fundraiser of the year for New Jersey's population with hearing loss, and for HLA-NJ. Last year's walk raised money for our college scholarship program, for assistive listening equipment for our chapters, for outreach efforts to help those with hearing loss find support and information, and for collaborative programs with other agencies and organizations. You can contribute on-line, or send a check.

For information about the Walk4Hearing or about HLA-NJ, please contact HLA-NJ President Arlene Romoff at info@hearingloss-nj.org; or visit www.hearingloss-nj.org; or come to one of our local chapter meetings. The current schedule is below:

Middlesex County Chapter;
Meets Tuesday, October 19, at
7:30 PM in South Plainfield.

Bergen County Chapter;
Meets Wednesday, Oct. 27,
at 1:30 PM in Teaneck.

Monmouth/Ocean Chapter;
Meetings will resume Oct. 3.

Check the Web site for the latest information.

Fifth Annual New Jersey Deaf Exposition

Saturday, October 16

10:00 AM - 6:45 PM

Ritacco Center, 1245 Old Freehold Road, Toms River, New Jersey 08753

Free admission and free parking.
Exhibits open from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM.
Indoor facility. No smoking or pets allowed.
Refreshment on sale.

Ed Chevy from Honolulu, Hawaii, professional Deaf performer
with D.J. Supa musical entertainment
5:30 PM with limited seating (500 chairs set-up)

Vendors - \$95 per table rental www.njdeafexposition.com

For more information, contact Al Lepre of American Deaf Exposition
P.O. Box 251, Carle Place, NY 11514 or ALLEPRE@AOL.COM 866-907-0711 VP
For directions and information www.ritaccocenter.com/, www.americandeafexposition.com,
www.nydeafexposition.com.

The Medicare Savings Program “Extra Help”!

Submitted by Anna Larotonda, MIPPA Coordinator, RSVP of Burlington County
Burlington County College

The Retired Senior Volunteer Program of Burlington County (RSVP) is proud to announce our services for the Medicare Savings Program. Do you need help with the confusing Medicare System, Part D prescription plans or choosing a supplemental health insurance company?

Let our staff of trained State Health Insurance Program (S.H.I.P.) volunteers provide you with confidential and free assistance on all forms. The Medicare Savings Program covers prescription drug coverage premiums, co-payments and deductibles. Low income Medicare beneficiaries may be eligible to pay no more than \$2.50 for generic drugs and \$6.30 for each brand name drug on the Low-Income Subsidy program (also known as LIS or “Extra Help”).

To qualify, Medicare beneficiaries' incomes must be less than \$16,245 a year (or \$21,855 for married couples) and have resources limited to \$12,510 (or \$25,010 for married couples). Resources include bank accounts, stocks and bonds, but do not include houses, cars, life insurance policies or financial help received from family and friends to help pay for household expenses like food, mortgage, rent and utilities.

To apply for the Medicare Savings Program, or for any other State Health Insurance Program concerns, Medicare beneficiaries should contact the RSVP program of Burlington County at 609-894-9311, extension 1494 or 856-222-9311, extension 1494.

In the Sin City Amid A Sea of International Hands...

By Jason Weiland, DDHH Field Representative

When one thinks of the City of Las Vegas, the bright lights, gigantic buffets, 24-hour wedding chapels, non-stop gambling in the dozens of casinos spread throughout the Vegas Strip, and the old town area of the city immediately come to mind. People of all walks of life descend on the town made famous by the "Rat Pack". During the week of July 18 – 23, the Sin City as it is called was the site of more than 23,400 Deaf people from around the world. That's right – the WORLD.

DeafNation which hosts the ever popular nationwide "Deaf Expo" events in several different states each year went above and beyond their vision in hosting the first ever "DeafNation World Conference and Expo (DNWE – www.deaf.nation.com)" in Nevada. The result was an international sea of hands. Visitors flew in from seventy-three different countries. Deaf, hard of hearing, and hearing attendees experienced the unique opportunity to see just how universal sign language itself really is. Often people ask whether American Sign Language (ASL) is the universal language of the Deaf around the world. The expo proves that each country's Deaf community has their sign language, identity, and community.

The experience was unique. I attended the conference for several days. While there, I was able to meet old friends as well as make new ones. I met people from Europe (the most memorable was a gentleman from France), Sri Lanka, South America, South Asia, the Philippines, et,al. The conference had many exhibit and vendor tables. Video Relay Services providers were there with ZVRS exhibiting their new partnership with Apple and their Iphone 4 to provide VRS through Apple's newest cell phone. Sprint was not to be outdone with their own display of VRS services through the new HTC EVO. Tables weren't just limited to VRS technology, as technology for everyone was available on display. In addition, there were major government agencies present and recruiting possible employees for their respective programs. DeafNation truly outdid itself this time around.

The result was thousands and thousands of people learning about new available services, technology, buying products from Deaf and hard of hearing vendors, and spending millions of dollars which contributed to the Las Vegas economy. One of my favorite stops was visiting the booth of Chuck Baird (Chuck's Brushes - <http://chuckbaird.com/>) who is absolutely an amazing artist. His works of art that incorporate ASL and hands is distinctive. I admired the Deaf and hard of hearing artists who presented their work. What better place to put such talent on display than on an international level of recognition?

Every day was a new opportunity to meet other deaf people from around the world. The last time I remember having even close to that many people in one city was during Deaf Way II held in 2002 in which 9,000 people worldwide visited Washington, DC for one week of conferences, entertainment, and social interaction. The one large different between the two events? DeafNation hosted their event at no cost to attendees. Everywhere hands were conversing, rejoicing, and enjoying the event of a lifetime. I also visited Treasure Island (TI) where Deaf entertainment was sponsored by a different company each night. Attendance was limited to 1,000 people which didn't prevent the community from literally taking TI by storm!

If there is one thing that DeafNation has strived to do and truly succeeded, it has been to show just how proud the Deaf community is of whom they are and what they have become – a family that shares an international language of hands and expression that can only be seen. I have always said my life began the first day I set foot on the campus of Gallaudet University. Today, I can truly say the World Expo experience has opened eyes beyond and made the impossible a reality.

New Jersey State Library Talking Book & Braille Center
Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness Program
presents

Children's American Sign Language Story Hour

at the New Jersey State Library Talking Book & Braille Center
2300 Stuyvesant Avenue Trenton, NJ 08618

2010 Story Hour Dates

October 26, November 16, and December 7

TIME: 10:00 AM

Stories are presented either in American Sign Language or spoken English with interpreters who voice or sign the story. The story hour includes a power point presentation of the book. assistive listening devices are available at the Library.

Space is limited. RSVP one week prior to the story hour you wish to attend. Contact Christine Lam, DHHAP Coordinator, at clam@njstatelib.org or call 866-326-6035VP or 888-671-6983 Voice.

The New Jersey State Library Talking Book & Braille Center is supported by the New Jersey State Library and funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services through its Grants to States program.



Union County College's professional theatre company presents

Crowns

September 23 through October 17
Interpreted performances on Sundays

Oct. 3, 10, and 17
3:00 PM

1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford, NJ 07016



This musical is about the experience of churchgoing black women in the south where hats are a symbol of pride, beauty and endurance of black women everywhere.

Visit The Theater Project at www.thetheaterproject.org for more information.



NJRID

Biennial Conference



NOVEMBER 5, 6, and 7

Hilton Woodbridge, 120 Wood Avenue South Iselin, NJ 08830, 732-494-6200 Voice
Co-sponsored by: The New Jersey Division of The Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DDHH)

Regular registration: September 16 to October 15 \$300

Late registration: October 16 to October 22 \$325

Non-members add \$30 to the above rate schedule.

Includes all conference workshops, meals, ice breaker, entertainment, banquet.

Also includes,

“Toward Effective Practice: Competencies of the Deaf Interpreter”

presented by Eileen Forestal

Sunday November 7

\$35 for Deaf or hard of hearing individuals who are not registered for the conference and interested or studying to be a Certified Deaf Interpreter (CDI.)

To register for the conference or any part of it, visit www.njrid.org.

Are you willing to share your thoughts on what our theme “Navigating Change Moving Forward Together” means to you? If so: please e-mail them to audie0217@gmail.com (put NJRID in the subject column). We look forward to your input and seeing you at the conference.



CODA Celebrates Twenty-five Years

by Alan Champion

This past summer, CODA, (Children of Deaf Adults, Inc.) an international organization which focuses on hearing children who were born to Deaf adults held its twenty-fifth annual conference in Fremont California. Fremont is the same city where the very first conference was held in 1985.

This year's conference was well attended with most states in the U.S. represented as well as several countries. Included was a healthy contingent from New Jersey, an often well represented state at CODA conferences.

The keynote at this year's conference was Myron Uhlberg, himself a Coda and a writer of children's books, all of which are autobiographical as a child of two Deaf parents. Myron's talk was a mix of humor and reflections on his relatively new found career as a writer, later in life.

CODA conferences typically are programmed with a variety of interesting breakout sessions and professional development sessions targeted to participants of a wide variety of communication and professional backgrounds. This year was no exception, and topics included understanding family dynamics, working in Deaf and non-Deaf related fields, advocacy, and recognizing some of the intricacies which come with being a hearing person identifying as a member of the Deaf community, just to mention a few.

This year's conference featured the film "Ingelore" by Frank Stiefel. The film, named after his mother, tells her story, a woman born in Germany in 1924, who struggled to learn her first words at age six with three years of education; emigrated to the U.S. in 1940 at the beginning of the Third Reich; and after Kristallnacht, to a land where only English was spoken. The movie has

been shown around the United States in Deaf and hearing venues including acclaimed Jewish film festivals.

A CODA conference would not be complete without the nightly gathering of attendees on an almost impromptu basis at the hospitality room, where stories are shared, a most endearing way to end each robustly scheduled day. It is important to note that not all Codas are sign language interpreters and, in fact, not all Codas sign. This creates an interesting predicament for communication, particularly when Codas from other countries are added to the mix. Somehow, any communication difficulties are always overcome. Tight bonds, many which will be life long, are made during these few days together.

There was a particularly strong representation of Codas from Germany this year, and for good reason. The 2011 conference will be hosted in Berlin, and many attending rallied interest and support for their upcoming conference. 2011 will be the third time, in its twenty-five year history, that CODA will be held outside of the U.S. Germany is one of several countries outside of the United States with a growing constituency of Codas. Judging from the enthusiasm of the German contingency, it promises to be a wonderful conference.

CODA (Children of Deaf Adults, Inc.) is an international organization that focuses on hearing children of Deaf adults. Membership is primarily, but not exclusively, composed of hearing children of Deaf parents. CODA addresses bicultural identity through conferences, support groups and resource development. For more information about the organization, visit www.coda-international.org.





Pamper Me Day



October 5, 2010

6:00 PM

At 3500 Sunset Ave, Suite D-12, Ocean, NJ 07712

Admission \$10 per adult

Chocolate, fruit desserts, hot and cold drinks included.
Everyone receives a giftbag. Raffles and baked goods for sale.

All stressed out? Exhausted from being over worked? Want to make new friends and meet old ones? Need an escape and a break from home and work? Everyone deserves to be pampered. We will have a massage therapist, facial cleansing with hot towel, and a few more relaxing activities of your choice. Bring your favorite bathrobe, small towels, and flip flops.

Once a month at Deaf Mosaics Center.

For more information, call 732-918-0358 V 732-719-6747 VP

Also visit www.deafmosaicscenter.org.

Also, **Deaf Mosaics** presents

Workshop: Domestic Violence Awareness

October 14, 2010

7:00 PM

Free Admission

3500 Sunset Ave, Suite #D-12, Ocean, NJ 07712

Refreshments will be sold.



For more information, call 732-918-0383 Voice, 732-719-6747 VP

Also visit www.deafmosaicscenter.org.

New Jersey Relay Service

Hosts two Taste of Technology events,
Fall 2010 and Spring 2011:

Fall Taste of Technology Mini-Conference

Telecommunications Access: Assistive Technologies that Empower People with Hearing Loss

Friday November 5
10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

At Montclair State University, Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders
1515 Broad St., Bldg. B Bloomfield, NJ 07003

Featured workshops will focus on telecommunication accessibility which are beneficial to customers who are oral deaf, hard of hearing or have some hearing loss. Updates will be provided on the new Captioned Telephone models which are available, with the choice of an Internet connection or telephone line, hearing accessibility with Smart phones, wireless communications, and more.

CART (Captioning) and Assistive Listening Devices will be provided.

Send registration inquiries to New Jersey Relay Service:
Kelly.lange@sprint.com
913-523-1137 Fax.

Deadline to register October 27.
Registration and special requests after October 27 may not be honored.

And coming . . .

Spring (2011) Taste of Technology
Telecommunications Relay Access: Traditional, Internet, and Wireless/Mobile

Date to be announced

Featured workshops will focus on telecommunications accessibility for customers who are Deaf and use sign language. Updates will be provided on relay service, the 4G network, and wireless communications. Watch for more information in early 2011. Voice interpretation will be available at this conference for those who do not use American Sign Language.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES



Deaf Services Center

614 N. Easton Road, Glenside, PA 19038
215-884-9770 TTY/V 215-884-9774 FAX



Deaf Services Center (DSC) is a dynamic team of behavioral health professionals serving Deaf and hard of hearing children and adults. We take great pride that our program is heavily Deaf and hard of hearing centered with about eighty-five percent of our staff being Deaf or hard of hearing. Our staff environment is one of incredible teamwork and mutual support. As a result, we are rapidly growing with new programs and expansions of our existing programs. Whether you are a high school graduate, recent college graduate or have many years experience in the field of human services we have a career building position waiting for you. E.O.E.

DSC is looking for dedicated, motivated, energetic individuals who are fluent in American Sign Language and knowledgeable about Deaf culture and the Deaf community to fill the following positions:

Staff interpreter (full time)
behavior specialist
intensive case managers (full time position)
residential counselors, (various positions available)
administrative assistant (full time position)

We are anticipating the opening of a residential treatment facility for Deaf adolescents early spring 2010. We are interviewing now for the following positions:

Mental health therapist (part time)
residential treatment facility staff (full time positions available).

Be a part of our exciting growing professional team.
Send your letter of intent and resumes to
Linda Claypool, Office Manager/HR
Deaf Services Center, 614 N. Easton Road, Glenside, PA 19038 or
Contact Linda at lclaypool@salisb.com. 215-884-6301 Fax.



The 100th Anniversary of Bruce Street School for the Deaf

100th Anniversary Dinner

Date: Saturday, October 23, 2010

Time: 6:00 – 11:00 PM

Place: Terrace Ballroom at Symphony Hall,
1020 Broad Street, Newark, NJ 07102

Planned events: A reunion celebration
with a buffet dinner, dancing, and cash bar.

Cost: \$40 per individual or \$75 per couple.

Date: Friday, October 22, 2010

Time: 9:00 AM

Place: Bruce Street School for the Deaf,
333 Clinton Place, Newark, NJ 07112

Planned events: tour the school, watch
student performers, visit vendors and exhibits,
and see a special slide show.

RSVP to BruceStreet19@gmail.com

Additional info: www.bssd.info

Religious Access

Interpreted Morning Services Emmanuel Church

Egg Harbor City, NJ

Service begins at 10:45AM

All welcome.

For more information, visit www.emmanuel-nj.org.

Grace Bible Chapel of the Deaf

100 Oakdale Road, Chester, NJ 07930

Revival : The Spiritual Weekend

October 23, 2010

9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Guest Speaker: Rev. Brad Schaaf from Kentucky
\$10 per person includes registration, breakfast, lunch
Only advanced reservations. No registration at the door.

Deadline October 13

Make check payable to Grace Bible Chapel and mail to
Roy Siskind 288 Janine Way, Bridgewater, NJ

For more information, contact

Roy Siskind Rojogolfer@hotmail.com or Mike Sarsfield ms1262@aol.com

Communicator Signboard



On stage in Burlington, New Jersey, 856-303-7620, www.BridgePlayersTheatre.com



Fri. and Sat. Oct. 1, 2, 8, 9*, 15, and 16 at 8:00 PM.
Sun. Oct. 3 and 10 at 3:00 PM

Saturday October 9, 8:00 PM

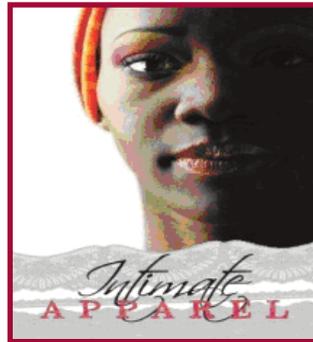
Sign language interpreted performance

Broad St. United Methodist Church, 36 E.
Broad Street, Burlington, NJ.

Visit www.bridgeplayerstheatre.com for directions
and more information.



Open Captioned Performance



By Lynn Nottage

Saturday October 9
3:00 PM

A powerful and moving tale of romance, independence, acceptance,
and what lies just under our outer appearances.

Two River Theater, 21 Bridge Avenue, Red Bank, NJ 07701

Tickets are \$15 per person for those using this service.
For more information, contact Michele Klinsky at mklinsky@trtc.org or
732-345-1400 Ext. 1808 V

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Atlantic County Society of the Deaf

Schedule of 2010 Events

At VFW 601 N. Dorset Avenue, Ventnor, NJ

October 16

Halloween Party and Dingo - Door opens at 7:00 PM

November 20

General Meeting and Dingo - Door opens at 6:00 PM

December 18

Christmas Dinner – 6:00 PM

(Look for more information in the November issue of Monthly Communicator)

Members - \$8 includes bank nite, non-members - \$10.

50/50 Chances, door prizes, refreshments on sale
Bring dessert and get free ticket for door prize.

Friends welcome. For more information, please contact ACSD66@aol.com

ASLBA

(ASL Bowling Association www.aslba.org)

proudly hosts their

2nd Annual Halloween Party

October 30

6:00 PM

\$10 per person before October 23

\$15 at door

at Heidi's spooky house

Food and drinks will be served.

Visit www.aslba.org for more information.



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North Jersey Community Center of the Deaf, Inc.
presents

Thanksgiving Social Affair

Saturday November 20, 1:00 to 5:00 PM
at Knights of Columbus, 39 Washington Street, Lodi, NJ

Donation in advance: Members - \$15, non-members - \$20,
students with identification - \$15.

Donate at door on November 20: Members and students with ID - \$20, non-member - \$25.

50 Turkeys given away, many nice appliances, 50/50 Chances, NJCCD affair banknote, dark horses. Refreshments on sale.

For ticket ordering before November 14 or directions, visit www.njccdsite.org/thanks10.pdf or
www.njccdsite.org

For more information, contact Jeff at CokeJeff98@yahoo.com or John at
ACEPOKER12@aol.com. Chairman Jeff Ferrance and co-chairman John Rivera.



ASL Shadow Interpreted Production of



November 14, 7:00 PM
and

Student Matinee performances on
November 9 and 10, 10:00 AM

All tickets are \$25. Student matinee and group rates available.
All seats reserved. Contact Susan Dewey 856-858-5230 ext 207 or
visit www.ritztheatreco.org

Box office hours Tues.- Fri. 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM and two hours before showtime.

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North Jersey Community Center of the Deaf, Inc.
presents

Christmas and Hanukkah Holiday Dinner Party

Buttonwood Manor on 845 Route 34 in Matawan, NJ

Saturday, December 11
Noon to 5:00 PM

\$ 50 per person Ticket(s) picked up at the door. No ticket purchase at door.

Door prizes and \$1,000 in Christmas gifts will be given away

Sit Down Luncheon Menu Plan including:

Fresh fruit cup, soup du jour or pasta (pick one); fresh garden or caesar salad
Choice of three entrees - London broil with sherry mushroom sauce, breast of chicken
marsala or tilapa bruschetta; chef's choice of potato and vegetables; ice cream cake roll;
assorted rolls and butter, coffee, decaf, tea, unlimited soda

Cash bar

Foods available for people who have diabetes.
Please indicate on the back of the flyer.

For tickets and directions to the Buttonwood Manor,
please visit www.njccdsite.org.

Deadline date for ordering tickets is November 30.

Make your reservation early.

Limited to 175 people (first come, first served basis).

Chairman Wayne Borngesser,
Co Chairman - Kevin Fennessey and Committees

For more information, contact Wayne Borngesser at
wborngesser@yahoo.com or at 732-662-2237 VP



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Calendar of Events 2010

DDHH Advisory Council Meeting

**Division on Civil Rights Director
Chinh Q. Le Invited**

**Friday, October 29 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM
East Brunswick Public Library
2 Civic Blvd., East Brunswick NJ
08816-3529**

**Call DDHH to confirm your attendance:
609-984-7281 V/TTY**

Garden State Walk4Hearing

Saturday, October 16
www.hearingloss-nj.org

ASL Storytelling Contest and Coda Brothers DVD Show

Saturday, October 23
nwjad@nwjad.org

NJRID Biennial Conference

Friday through Sunday
November 5, 6, 7
www.njrid.org

**Regular Office Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
DDHH Office – Days Closed**

Monday, October 11 – Columbus Day; Tuesday, November 2 – Election Day