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## 20th Anniversary Symposium Held to Celebrate the Signing of the American's with Disabilities Act

(Press Release from The Family Resource Network)

On July 26, 2010, families and activists gathered at the New Jersey State House Annex in Trenton to celebrate the anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), exactly 20 years from the day President George H. W. Bush signed the original Act in 1990. The ADA is a wide-ranging civil rights act that prohibits the discrimination of persons with any type of disability, including visual and hearing impairments, and developmental or physical disabilities.

A panel of guest speakers detailed the long journey to have the Act passed, discussed the progress that has been made, and how far we still have to go to make our communities as accessible as possible for people with different abilities.

### Guest Speakers:

James Weisman Esq., United Spinal Association  
Joe Young, Esq., Disability Rights New Jersey  
Evelina Pedilla Esq., Hinkle, Fingle and Prior  
Arlene Romoff, Hearing Loss Association of New Jersey



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# Director's Corner

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



In August, many events were held around the nation celebrating the 20th anniversary of the passage of the American with Disabilities Act (ADA). Signed into law by President George H. Bush, the ADA protects the civil rights of people with disabilities. Over the years, the ADA has expanded opportunities for individuals in the community by reducing barriers, changing perceptions, and increasing participation in community life.

The Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DDHH) is pleased to be a part of the anniversary celebration of the ADA. Since 1977, DDHH has advocated for people with hearing loss in New Jersey. Our mission is assisting consumers to gain access to programs, services and information routinely available to others.

While we have certainly come a long way, there is still much work to be done. The implementation of the ADA continues to experience obstacles. For example, one of the principle considerations of Title III is that places of public accommodation shall provide appropriate auxiliary aids and services. Through the years, there has been dramatic technological progress in the development of, and availability of, assistive technology and services. The challenge remains for places of public accommodations to keep up with this progress.

Since the ADA is a complaint driven law, its effectiveness depends upon people with hearing loss being aware of their rights. If communication access is not provided, a civil law suit may be filed against the facility for non-compliance of the law. By requesting assistive listening devices, captioning and sign language services, and/or filing complaints as needed, places of public accommodations are made aware of the communication access needs of people with hearing loss. As this awareness spreads, a network of ADA compliance will emerge.

Here at DDHH, we look forward to working together with other local and state organizations serving Deaf and hard of hearing people to continue advancing the goals of the ADA.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David C. Alexander".

## Reminder:

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

Send e-mail submissions to the editor:  
[Alan.Champion@dhs.state.nj.us](mailto:Alan.Champion@dhs.state.nj.us).

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For a style sheet, contact the editor.

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## **Symposium Anniversary** continued from page 1

The event was hosted by the Family Support Center of New Jersey, a statewide clearinghouse of information and resources for families affected by disabilities. The Family Support Center of New Jersey drew attention to this anniversary; as a time of appreciation for how far we have come as a country and for reflection about what else we can do to assist those with disabilities in order to live fully inclusive lives.

After the speakers presented, refreshments were served. The guests were able to network with other families, businesses and nonprofit agencies in attendance.

### **Background on the ADA:**

The Act mandates that local government and private enterprises provide people with disabilities fair opportunities for employment, accessibility to public and private buildings, and the ability to participate in programs and activities within the community. The Act also sets minimum standards for adaptive telecommunication devices for the hearing and speech impaired. The last and only amendment to the ADA was in 2008, which now more broadly encompasses impairments that may be episodic or in remission, such as epilepsy or post traumatic stress disorder.

**President George Herbert Walker Bush signs the Americans with Disabilities Act July 26, 1990**



Rev. Harold Wilkie, California and Sandra Parrino of the National Council on Disability.  
Seated from left to right are Evan Kemp, Chairman of the Equal Opportunity Commission, President George Bush, and Justin Dart of the Presidential Commission on Employment of People with Disabilities

## **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.

**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 September

### Familiar Situations

by Jason Weiland

It was a gorgeous hot morning on May 19 in Toms River. The heat was already closing in on 85 degrees, as I tugged my suitcase carrying the exhibit materials for my booth. It was another day on the road to the Senior Center in Toms River for the Senior Health Fair. Despite the heat, the senior citizens were already taking over the parking lot and lining up at the door. As I was setting up my booth and getting ready for the day, I wondered just what kind of day it would be and whether anything interesting would happen today.

Every day is a new day when you're on the road. The people you meet, the things you learn. Today was no different. Imagine my surprise when I discovered several Deaf senior citizens browsing through my materials at my booth. I was even more stunned to learn that there was a large group of Deaf seniors actually sitting outside the building mingling among themselves. I had to see it for myself as I set out into the humid air and found eighteen to twenty-five Deaf seniors huddled around a picnic table.

The actual event had several hundred senior citizens in attendance with various health screenings (vision, hearing, blood pressure, H1N1 shots, and other services) being provided at no charge to the attendees. One thing I noticed about the day was no provision of ASL Interpreters for the Deaf senior group. After a conversation with the group, I learned that no one had actually formally requested an interpreter for the day. One would wonder why such a large group of Deaf senior citizens would attend an event without asking for an interpreter. Imagine the health screenings, the questions and information that would be lost. A good point would be the H1N1 shots that were available at

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### Tinnitus

DDHH Field Representative Traci Burton



Tinnitus is a common condition, and the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) estimates that everybody has experienced a degree of ringing in the ear. A third of adults say they have experienced tinnitus at some point

during their lives and approximately ten to fifteen percent have prolonged tinnitus requiring medical attention. According to the American Tinnitus Association (ATA), two million people in America are so affected by the condition that they cannot function in their daily activities.

Commonly referred to as “ringing in the ears,” tinnitus is defined as the perception of sound in one or both ears, or in the head, when no external sound is present. The ATA explains that the sound can be intermittent or constant with single or multiple tones, and the volume can range from subtle to shattering.

Noise is the leading cause of tinnitus, not only in recreational situations such as bars, concerts and sporting events, but also on the job. The exposure to extreme noise can result in damage to the hair cells, called cilia, in the inner ear. The cells do not re-grow if they are damaged. Other possible causes of tinnitus are head and neck trauma, certain types of tumors, wax buildup, stress, allergies, and medications that are toxic to the ear. Though the exact cause of tinnitus is not known, these are several sources known to trigger or worsen the condition.

There is no cure for tinnitus; however, in some cases it can be managed. Success to treatment varies depending on the specific cause of

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## Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Quarterly Advisory Meeting Report

Submitted by Grace Sylvester-Samis

The DDHH Advisory Meeting was held on July 30, in the Burlington County College Business & Career Development Center Building in Mt. Holly. The meeting opened with introductions and two presenters, Kathryn Earp, Student Advisor Specialist, Camden County College (CCC) Program for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students and Vicky Joy Sullivan, Program Coordinator & Support Services Specialist at Career Success Solutions for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Individuals.

Ms. Earp started with an update on the CCC Program for Deaf and Hard of Hearing students. The MidAtlantic Postsecondary Center for the Deaf, established in 1988, and a regional center for many years is no longer running. However, CCC continues to provide support services through the Program for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students to approximately thirty-five students each semester. Prior to 2009, Developmental English classes, (subsidized by a grant) were taught in ASL by teacher of the Deaf, Dianne Falvo. Currently, students whose first language is ASL are placed into ESL reading, writing, and grammar classes with interpreting and notetaking services. Dianne Falvo teaches several of these ESL classes. Students with stronger English skills enter basic skills reading and writing sections. The program continues to provide academic advisement, interpreting, assistive listening device loans, note-taking, and C-Print captioning services for those who require these accommodations. Although the program has downsized, CCC is still a viable resource for students. You can learn more at [www.camdencc.edu](http://www.camdencc.edu) or specifically about the program at [www.camdencc.edu/dhoh/index.htm](http://www.camdencc.edu/dhoh/index.htm).

Ms. Sullivan introduced Career Success Solutions for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Individuals which serves New Jersey Division of Vocational Rehabilitation clients in seven counties in southern New Jersey. This center is housed in an old stone-built bank where the advisory council meeting was held. DDHH also uses this location

as one of five Assistive Technology Devices Demonstration sites. The office offers a variety of employment related support services to clients such as vocational assessments, career explorations and counseling, assistive communication access exploration and training, job development and placement assistance and employment readiness skills. Each client receives an individualized service plan to meet his/her needs in order to gain and/or maintain employment. A brief tour of the Career Success Solution office as well as DDHH's demonstration unit in the Resources Room was also given.

The meeting proceeded with reports from Traci Burton and Jason Weiland. May was Better Speech and Hearing Month and Traci reported that the 'Information Fair' held in Trenton was a success. She also noted that there has been a slight change in the equipment distribution program through DDHH due to different amplified phone systems. Jason Weiland reported that during a vacation to California, he had the opportunity to meet with other people who serve Deaf and hard of hearing communities. He reported attending the Deaf Nation Expo in Las Vegas and returned with some great cross-learning and many new ideas.

This was the last meeting and opportunity to announce the Walk 4 Hearing to be held October 16 in Mercer County Park West in West Windsor. The 'kick-off' event will be September 12 at Montclair State University in Bloomfield. Arleen Romoff suggested other organizations consider signing up as teams and participate in the walk also. Additional information can be found at [www.walk4hearing.org](http://www.walk4hearing.org).

The general public is invited and encouraged to attend all DDHH Advisory Council meetings. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 29 at the East Brunswick Library. Look in Monthly Communicator for more information.

# Bridges to Employment Hosts First Expo

On Saturday, June 26, 2010, Bridges to Employment, a division of Alternatives, Inc. hosted their first annual "Hearing & Communication Expo" at Raritan Valley Community College in Branchburg, New Jersey. The purpose of the expo was to bring people with all types of hearing loss together, and to provide them with resources that can benefit their lives both personally and professionally.

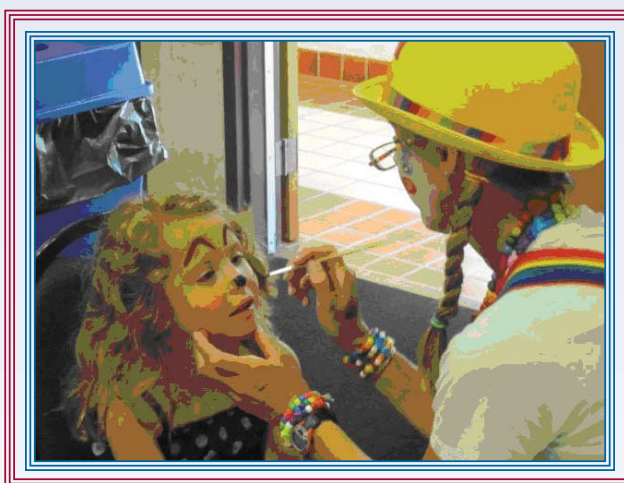
More than two hundred people attended the event. Everyone walked away with information on employment services, assistive technology, organizations about hearing loss, the different types of hearing aids and much more.

Fourteen vendors registered to participate in the expo including Alternatives, Inc., Bridges to Employment, Sorenson Communications, SNAP VRS, Sprint NJ Relay/CapTel, ZVRS, The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services (DVRS), Hearing Loss Association of NJ (HLA-NJ), Coast 2 Coast Captioning, Plan NJ, Sound Choice, ACCESS Program at St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center, The Seymour Joseph Institute of American Sign Language and Raritan Valley Audiology.

Even the children who attended enjoyed the day with arts and crafts. They recieved balloon animals and had their faces painted.

Bridges to Employment provides comprehensive career services to people with barriers to employment. Recently, they expanded their vocational services program to work with people with hearing loss in six counties throughout New Jersey including Middlesex, Mercer, Somerset, Hunterdon, Monmouth and Ocean Counties.

For more information about Bridges to Employment, contact Alyse Betso at 908-685-1444 ext. 284 Voice, 866-971-9542 VP or [Abetso@alternativesinc.org](mailto:Abetso@alternativesinc.org).



## You're Invited

Fall is coming, and calendars are getting booked with new and interesting activities. Make sure you save two dates. On Saturday, Oct. 16, people young and old will gather in a beautiful park in West Windsor, NJ for Walk4Hearing, New Jersey's largest, most important and most exciting event for people with hearing loss and those who care about them. On Sunday, September 12, at the Kick-Off Event in Bloomfield, NJ, you can learn more about the Walk4Hearing and how you can participate.

The Walk4Hearing is valuable for many reasons. It raises thousands of dollars to help people with hearing loss. It educates the public about the "invisible disability." It's also a wonderful opportunity to be with other people who live with hearing loss and to swap stories, strategies and information – a day outdoors in a twenty-five hundred acre park with tall shade trees, a lake, a hiking path, playgrounds and lots of activities for everyone from toddlers to grandparents. The event starts at 10:00 AM. The main feature is the 5K

Walk but there's lots more. For kids, an inflatable fun-house, a sixteen foot slide and face painting. For people who pass on the walk, there are plenty of park benches with lake views, and chances to meet new people – plus refreshments. (Our hot dogs are becoming legendary.)

Ken Keuhlen, an HLA-NJ Trustee from West Caldwell, speaks for many who take part in the walk: "I feel a need to give back to the hearing loss community by sharing my coping strategies and learning from others about their strategies. But the simple reason I walk is because it's fun. I truly enjoy the company of like minded people and the planning of a successful walk."

Prior to the walk is the September 12 Walk4Hearing Kick-Off at Montclair State University's Audiology Department, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM. This is especially convenient for North Jersey residents who can't make the drive to West Windsor. You can get first hand infor-

mation about the Walk and the different ways to participate. You can for example, form a walk team, a group of two or more walkers who take part in the walkathon to raise money – or join a team. Additional information is available at [www.walk4hearing.org](http://www.walk4hearing.org), the official Web site for the Hearing Loss Association of America's Walk4Hearing program, or at the HLA-NJ Web site, [www.hearingloss-nj.org](http://www.hearingloss-nj.org), which will take you directly to the NJ Walk4Hearing Web site page.

So mark your calendar now for the kick-off and the walk. You'll meet Lois, Ken, HLA-NJ President Arlene Romoff, and a lot of other people who share your concerns, and you will be helping those affected by hearing loss.

For information about the Walk4Hearing or about HLA-NJ, please contact HLA-NJ President Arlene Romoff at [info@hearingloss-nj.org](mailto:info@hearingloss-nj.org). Or visit us at [www.hearingloss-nj.org](http://www.hearingloss-nj.org), and come to one of our local chapter meetings.

## News and Views

*A Monthly Column From The Hearing Loss Association of New Jersey*

By Peter Yerkes, Trustee, HLA-NJ

# ACCESS Program at St. Joseph Hospital

Submitted by Michelle Cline

ACCESS Program is a statewide provider for mental health services for outpatient services and psychiatric emergencies along with having specialized programs in the northern region, which includes day program, residential, and integrated case management services (ICMS.)

When change happens to you and/or your family and you struggle to resolve it, and there is no improvement within a short time, this is an opportunity to seek professional help. Struggling to deal with change can take place in many different forms; ongoing sad moods, depression, increased anxiety, increased stress, crying, irritability, lack of sleep or appetite, extreme anger, increased arguments/fighting, and problems on the job. Mental health counseling does not just treat a condition. Counselors examine everything that causes mental conditions in people. They look at people's environments, emotions and physical and behavioral health. These different influences give counselors a complete picture of why people deal with occurrences in their lives in a certain way. Mental health counseling is a broad term that describes various specialties.

ACCESS outpatient services are provided similar to that of a doctor's office where you would come in and meet with the counselor to discuss issues which concern you. We have offices throughout the state to accommodate people who are Deaf or hard of hearing. This is what you can expect to happen at an initial appointment. When you seek help, you'll meet with the counselor who listens to your issues and concerns and in turn ask a series of questions to better understand you, your background, and elements in your environment which might impact your treatment. They will also develop goals to resolve the problem(s) you have presented. They also assist with paperwork explaining our services and the importance of confidentiality at our sessions.

The length of treatment depends on the nature of the problem(s) and the length of time needed for resolution so you can return to your previous level of functioning.

ACCESS Program accepts Medicare, Medicaid, and private insurance. We will assist to make sure there are proper authorizations for counseling services. If you do not have any health insurance, there are programs for the uninsured.

ACCESS Program has a licensed psychiatrist and staff which can dispense medication. At most location, a meeting with a psychiatrist is encouraged to ensure treatment of all symptoms presented.

All the counselors at ACCESS Program are competent in American Sign Language and have an SCPI score of advanced or higher. An interpreter is provided by ACCESS for all psychiatric appointments.

Also, all the counselors are sensitized to utilize different techniques working with the people who are hard of hearing or Deaf but do not use sign language. Different devices/tools used for communication include pocket talker, computer screen, writing notes, proper seating arrangements to enhance visual field for lip-reading. ACCESS Program understands that is important for individuals to work with counselors who are familiar with issues surrounding their hearing loss. They know what the frustrations can be for one with hearing loss and do not need to explain the nuances of situations one experiences.

Contact us at ACCESS Program 973-977-6690 Voice or 973-968-6567 VP and be ready to provide information needed to set up an appointment.



## Hard of Hearing Teens: “Let’s Hang Out”

Wouldn’t it be a relief to hang out with other kids our own age who “get it”? Maybe you’ve gotten that look that’s made you realize you didn’t answer someone correctly or, perhaps, not at all. How about the times you fake it when a joke is told you either didn’t understand or hear, so you politely smile with confusion. How many times have you said “what was that?” and were answered “never mind”, only to add to your frustration? It’s hard enough being a teen and trying to fit in, but with the added difficulty of not hearing it probably makes you want to shout, “no I’m not trying to be annoying or rude and I’m certainly not stupid, I just can’t hear!”

Sometimes when all you want to do is retreat to your room, read, chill with your I-touch or maybe play some x-box, maybe you would feel better to talk to someone who is going through the same experiences. Sometimes, just being a teen and hard of hearing is enough to have in common so hanging out is easy.

Whether you’re an athlete, an artist, or music buff, it doesn’t matter. Come hang with kids your age who get it. You’d be surprised how much better you’ll feel. If you’re between the ages of thirteen and seventeen, and are hard of hearing living in or near Bergen County, send an e-mail saying you’d like to get together. We’ll all decide on a place. And bring your parents; you know they love to talk. You’ve got nothing to lose, only to gain. Contact [mariathomasjlrs@verizon.net](mailto:mariathomasjlrs@verizon.net).

### Rodriguez Selected for Brian C. Shomo Scholarship

On Wednesday, May 19, 2010 Camden County College presented the Brian C. Shomo Scholarship to student, Sarah Rodriguez. Sarah proudly accepted the \$500 academic scholarship during a ceremony attended by hundreds of students, faculty, donors, and distinguished guests. There was a reception in the college’s new Connection Center Atrium prior to the ceremony.

Brian Shomo established the scholarship in his name when he worked as Transition Counselor at Camden County College’s MidAtlantic Post-secondary Center in May of 2002. Later, Mr. Shomo left the college to take a position as Director of the New Jersey Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in Trenton. Brian passed away in June of 2006 and now each year the scholarship is awarded in his memory.

Deaf or hard of hearing students attending Camden County College who are Native American, Asian American, African American, or



Hispanic and who excel academically; possess leadership qualities; and who participate in school and community activities are considered for the scholarship.

For the third year Brian’s sister, Inice Shomo Hennessy and brother, Keith Shomo, attended the Scholarship Awards Ceremony. Inice presented the scholarship to Ms. Rodriguez at the ceremony held in the Truman Courtyard under a formal tent. Ms. Rodriguez will continue with her studies for another semester at Camden County College before she graduates with her Associates of Arts Degree in Deaf Studies.

For more information or to make a donation to the Brian C. Shomo Memorial Endowed Scholarship, contact the Office of Foundation and Alumni Relations at 856-374-4946.

## VSA New Jersey Honors Outstanding Educators and Student Artists

Very Special Arts New Jersey (VSA/NJ), a statewide nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting the creative power of people with disabilities, is accepting applications for the 2011 Arts Achievement Awards and Art Par Excellence statewide touring exhibit. VSA/NJ is a part of the international VSA network, an affiliate of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, DC.



### About the Arts Achievement Awards

The annual VSA/NJ Arts Achievement Awards include the Student Arts Excellence Awards, presented to students with disabilities fourteen to twenty-one years old, not to exceed twelfth grade level, who show outstanding achievement in and commitment to an art form; and the Education in the Arts Awards, presented to outstanding educators and administrators for establishing high quality arts programs for these students. The awards also recognize individuals who have demonstrated outstanding commitment to arts education. Award recipients become candidates for the distinguished New Jersey Governor's Awards in Arts Education. Application deadline is January 14, 2011.

### About Art Par Excellence

In addition, VSA/NJ is accepting applications for the eleventh Art Par Excellence statewide touring art exhibit featuring original two dimensional artwork by students through age twenty-one with disabilities. All schools in the state are invited to submit two works. Selected artists will have their work professionally displayed at prestigious locations throughout the state. The artists will be recognized at an opening reception with their families, teachers and school administrators as invited guests. Application deadline is January 31, 2011.

For applications and registration information, please contact VSA New Jersey, 703 Jersey Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ 08901, 732-745-3885 Voice, 732-745-3913 TTY, 732-745-4524 FAX or [info@vsanj.org](mailto:info@vsanj.org). For more information, visit the organization at [www.vsanj.org](http://www.vsanj.org).

## Academy of Sign Language

The Academy of Sign Language is a privately owned business located in New Jersey. The Academy offers a wide range of services from private tutoring to general classes. Specialized programs can be designed to meet the needs of any individual.

Whether you are a working interpreter looking to develop your skills or a parent of a Deaf child, the Academy of Sign Language can meet your needs.

- \*Tutoring/Mentoring
- \*Child classes
- \*Adult instruction
- \*Workshops



Contact us today!  
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no cost. Many of the Deaf seniors did not realize there was no cost and that it was different from the regular flu shots. Further, they may not have realized the high risk of exposure without getting the H1N1. How can one ask questions, when a communication gap exists?

However, I did have an interpreter with me. As a field representative with the New Jersey DDHH, I often request sign language interpreters through my agency or through the organization/agency/company that I give presentations and workshops to. Using interpreters for my professional work and personal life is something I have become accustomed to all these years of being assertive and an active advocate. The sign language interpreter was for me and me alone because the individual was hired to work with me on a professional level. I admit, at the end of the day, there was a brief twenty minute session where I allowed the interpreter to be used for the H1N1 process because I feared the lack of communication between the Deaf senior group and the health professionals (doctors and nurses who were present) would result in an error that could be life threatening.

After a discussion with the coordinator of the senior health fair and introducing her to the group, an opportunity to bridge this gap became a chance for the Deaf senior group to be more assertive and aware of their right to request communication access whether it would have been sign language interpreters, CART (open captioning), or assistive listening devices. It also provided an educational lesson for the county services representative and their colleagues.

A consumer has a right to request a reasonable accommodation whether it's in a hospital, at a conference, county event, court room, or other services that are open to the public. The bigger picture is getting people to actually make a request and take the initiative to be assertive in their quest for accessible services. On this day, we were fortunate enough that things were able to be resolved in a win-win situation for everyone. Can we say that for tomorrow?

Jason Weiland can be reached at [jason.weiland@dhs.state.nj.us](mailto:jason.weiland@dhs.state.nj.us) or 609-498-7006.

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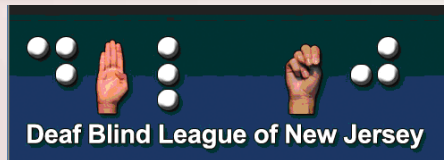
tinnitus, how long an individual has had it, and other competing health factors. The ATA lists some means of managing tinnitus that include: alternative treatments such as herbal mixtures, acupuncture, magnets or hypnosis. Hearing aids (amplification) and cochlear implants (electrical stimulation), drugs, music and sound therapy are some more possible treatments for tinnitus.

As you search for an effective treatment that works for you, there are ways that you can protect yourself so that the condition does not worsen.

#### **Some suggestions from the ATA include:**

- Examine how you live to find ways to eliminate or reduce some stress in different parts of your life; stress often makes tinnitus worse.
- Don't Give Up on a treatment if it doesn't work right away. Some can take quite a while to have a positive effect.
- Protect Yourself from further auditory damage by avoiding loud places and by using earplugs when you can't avoid loud noise.

For more information on tinnitus, research to find a cure and many other helpful tips, please visit [www.asha.org](http://www.asha.org) and [www.ata.org](http://www.ata.org). To find a support group in New Jersey, follow this link to find a group near you: [www.ata.org/for-patients/support-network#find](http://www.ata.org/for-patients/support-network#find).



## **The Latest in Technology for the Deaf/Blind**

September 25

at

Joseph Kohn Rehabilitation Center, 130 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ 08901

### **Schedule**

10:00 AM – 11:15 AM : DBLNJ Business Meeting (open to all)

11:15 AM – 11:45 AM : Sherlock Washington – Products for the Visually Impaired

11:45 AM – 12:15 PM : Aparna Lele – Sprint Telecommunication Relay Services

12:15 – 12:30 PM : Question/Answer

Panera's Food Lunch will be provided

Must register by September 18. Contact [DanielleLieberman@aslirs.com](mailto:DanielleLieberman@aslirs.com).



## **Alcoholics Anonymous for American Sign Language Users**

Beginning Thursday, September 16

5:30 to 6:30 PM

Closed discussion meeting

Meetings held at  
Rockland Independent Living  
873 Route 45  
New City, NY 10956

For information, call:  
Rockland Council on Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependence, Inc.  
845-215-9788 Voice



## Renowned Producer Samuel Goldwyn, Jr. to Speak at Gallaudet's WORLDEAF Cinema Festival

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Samuel Goldwyn, Jr., an Emmy winner and Academy Award-nominated producer whose acclaimed films have launched the careers of some of the most famous figures in the industry and inspired generations of movie patrons, will speak at Gallaudet University's WORLDEAF Cinema Festival on the morning of November 6 in the University's Kellogg Conference Hotel.

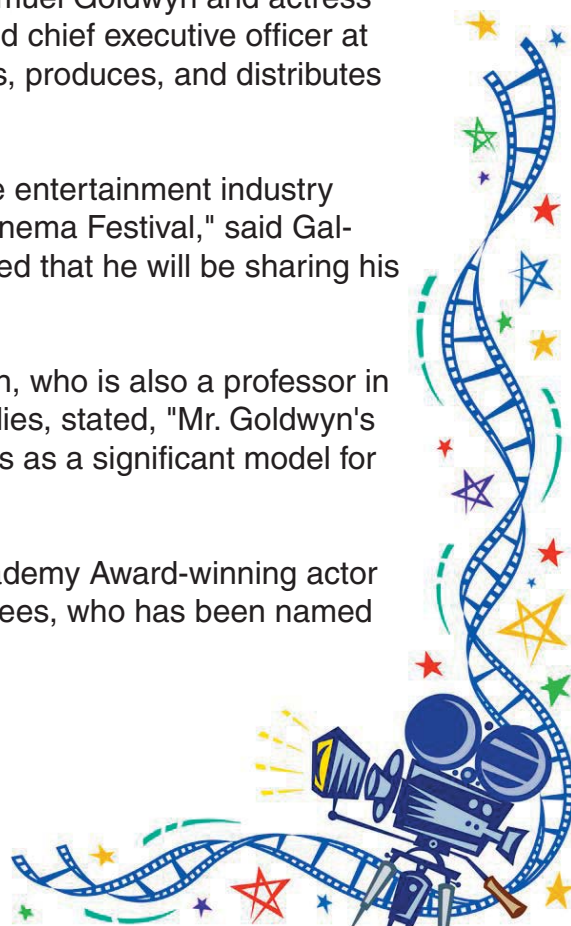
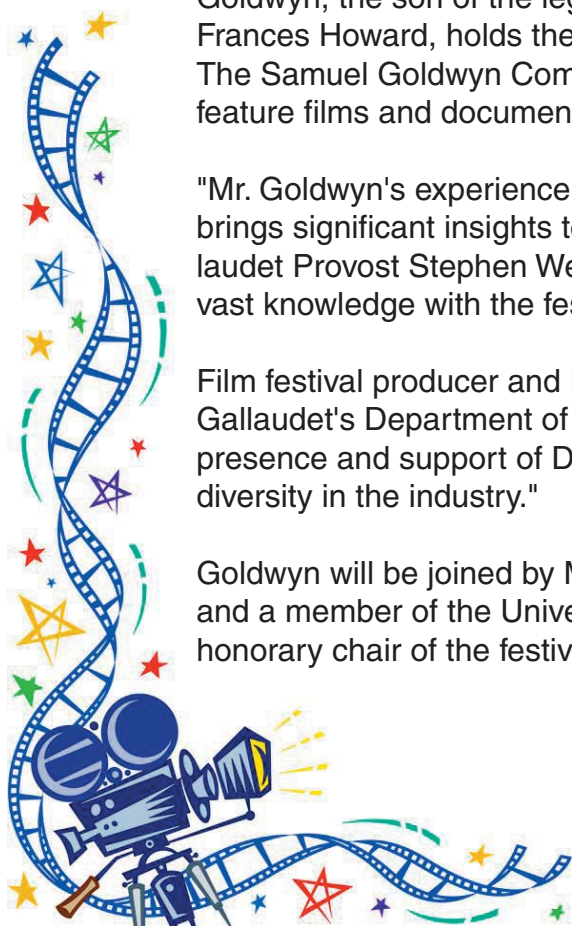
The WORLDEAF Cinema Festival, taking place in Washington, D.C., November 4 to 7, is an international celebration of Deaf filmmaking hosted by Gallaudet that will be a truly significant milestone in the history of the art. The festival will also provide a unique opportunity to network with Deaf filmmakers, as well as hearing filmmakers who produce films with or about Deaf or hard of hearing people.

Goldwyn, the son of the legendary producer Samuel Goldwyn and actress Frances Howard, holds the titles of chairman and chief executive officer at The Samuel Goldwyn Company, which develops, produces, and distributes feature films and documentaries.

"Mr. Goldwyn's experience and leadership in the entertainment industry brings significant insights to the WORLDEAF Cinema Festival," said Gallaudet Provost Stephen Weiner. "We are delighted that he will be sharing his vast knowledge with the festival's audience."

Film festival producer and Director Jane Norman, who is also a professor in Gallaudet's Department of Communication Studies, stated, "Mr. Goldwyn's presence and support of Deaf filmmakers serves as a significant model for diversity in the industry."

Goldwyn will be joined by Marlee Matlin, an Academy Award-winning actor and a member of the University's Board of Trustees, who has been named honorary chair of the festival.





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## Museum Day

November 13  
10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

at  
NJSD/MKSD Campus 320 Sullivan Way, West Trenton, NJ 08625

3:00 PM  
*Black Sand*

Recently released ASL film with an all Deaf cast ([www.aslfilms.com](http://www.aslfilms.com))

at  
NJSD/MKSD Middle School Auditorium

Ticket: \$11 per person to attend ASL movie only.

Museum will open from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM.  
Come see your old friends and support the museum and NJSD/MKSD students.

For more information contact the museum chairperson  
Phyllis Sparks at [Physparks70@aol.com](mailto:Physparks70@aol.com).

Deadline October 29 (after Oct 29, pay at the door)

Check or Money Order payable to: NJSD/MKSD Museum  
Include number of people, names, contact information  
(home address, phone and e-mail)  
Send to NJSD/MKSD Museum, P.O. Box 5442, Deptford, NJ 08096-3728

Visit us, at [www.mkzd.org](http://www.mkzd.org).



# NJRID

announces its

## Biennial Conference

November 5, 6 and 7, 2010

at

Hilton Woodbridge  
120 Wood Avenue South  
Iselin, NJ 08830  
(732) 494-6200

### Registration

\$285 (Before September 15)  
\$300 November 16 to October 15  
\$325 October 16 to October 22

\$30 additional for registrants who are not members of NJRID

Registration includes pre-conference and conference workshops, ice breaker, meals, entertainment, and banquet.

### Additionally

Only for people who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing interested or studying to become a CDI (Certified Deaf Interpreter)

## “Toward Effective Practice: Competencies of the Deaf Interpreter”

Presented by Eileen Forestal

Sunday November 7

\$35

To Register for the conference, visit [www.njrid.org](http://www.njrid.org). We look forward to seeing you in November.

*The NJRID Biennial Conference is co-sponsored by the NJ Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.*



# JOB OPPORTUNITIES



**COLLEGE OF STATEN ISLAND**  
*The City University of New York*

## **Tutor for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Pilot Program**

College of Staten Island, Office of Disability Services – Resource Center for the Deaf (RCD).

**Job Description:** Provide tutoring services to Deaf and hard of hearing college students who use American Sign Language in a variety of topics. Provide feedback and evaluation for program development, advise on student and collegiate issues for students who are Deaf and hard of hearing, and engage in research for best practice for tutoring these students.

**Requirements:** Baccalaureate Degree or higher, experience in educating Deaf and hard of hearing students, experience in a range of fields/topics, native ASL user (preferred), ability to travel to the CSI campus, Internet access and ability to tutor via video conferencing/video phone

Compensation based on experience and qualifications.

Range: \$17.85 to 24.69/hour

Tolls and transportation reimbursement are negotiable.

**To apply, the following documents are needed:**

- Cover Letter/Letter of Interest
- Resume
- Proof of experience
- Proof of Education and any certifications
- References

Send all documents either electronically or by postal service to  
anna.saindon@csi.cuny.edu

or

Resource Center for the Deaf, 1N-115, Attn: Anna Saindon, Coordinator  
2800 Victory Boulevard, Staten Island NY 10314

All application documents are due by September 30. RCD coordinator will contact applicants soon after the deadline.



# Religious Access



## Sign Language Interpreter and ALD Available

### St. Peters The Apostle Church

94 Somerset Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08901

Sept. 4 at 5:00 PM, Oct. 2 at 5:00 PM, Nov. 6 at 5:00 PM, Dec. 4 at 5:00 PM (All Saturdays)  
Wheelchair accessible. For more information, contact [Kathykadyhopkins@aol.com](mailto:Kathykadyhopkins@aol.com)



APOSTOLIC TABERNACLE  
923 WEST WASHINGTON AVE  
PLEASANTVILLE, NJ 08232  
(609)645-1317

## New Jersey/Delaware Deaf Conference

October 8 - 10

Apostolic Tabernacle, 923 W. Washington Ave. Pleasantville, NJ 08232

Rev. Ernie Murillo, Deaf Minister (California)

Fri, Oct 8	7:00 PM Pizza Social, \$5/per person, payable at the door
Sat, Oct 9	10:00 AM Deaf class and Sign language class
	12:30 PM Lunch \$12/per person, payable in advance
	1:30 PM Deaf class and Sign language class
	7:00 PM Church service, preaching in ASL (interpreted in spoken English)
Sun, Oct 10	11:00 AM Deaf class
	12:00 Noon church service, preaching in ASL (interpreted in spoken English)

Conference Hotel: Comfort Inn Victorian, 6817 Black Horse Pike, West Atlantic City, NJ 08234  
609-646-8880 Cost: \$63.24 per room, per night Group #1588—Use Group Number when making reservations  
You must make your own reservations.

Registration cost: \$30 by September 1.

For more information and to have a registration form e-mailed to you, please contact, Nancy Palmer at [suepal70@comcast.net](mailto:suepal70@comcast.net) or Lori Sabeen at [lori@airdoctor.com](mailto:lori@airdoctor.com).



## Second Baptist Church of Asbury Park

124 Atkins Ave, Asbury Park, NJ 07712-6767, 732-774-5347 Voice

11:00 AM service

Interpreting Services for the Deaf every first and third Sundays of the month.  
With Rev. Dr. Byron P. Wess, Pastor

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## Yoga for the Deaf

at

SaKula Yoga Studio, 325 Main Street, Metuchen, NJ

Classes will be held in the Annex building every Thursday from 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Beginning September 9

Cost of class: \$10

Will be offering a "Karma Community" class to both the Deaf and hearing communities every Thursday night 5:45 PM to 7:00 PM at the Main studio in ASL and spoken English.

For more information, please contact [NJYogafortheDeaf@yahoo.com](mailto:NJYogafortheDeaf@yahoo.com).

## North Jersey Community Center of the Deaf, Inc (Non-Profit - Humane - Charitable )



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### Halloween WINGO Affair

Saturday, October 16

7:00 PM

at Knights of Columbus, 39 Washington Street, Lodi, NJ

Costume Contests at 7:45 PM

WINGO Games begin to play at 8:00 PM

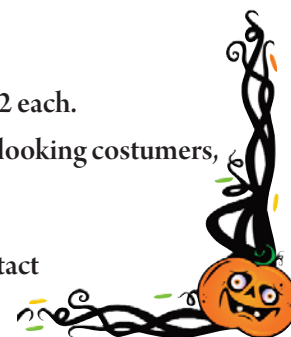
Donations in Advance. Members and non-members \$10 each, At Door \$ 12 each.

\$1,000 in Cash given away based on two hundred people attending, cash prizes for best-looking costumers, refreshments on sale, 50/50 chances, NJCCD affair bank nite.

Chairperson - Beverly Golden Co-Chairperson - Karen Belisle

For more information or to order tickets, visit [www.njccdsite.org](http://www.njccdsite.org) or contact

Chairperson Bev Golden at [TBGolden0206@msn.com](mailto:TBGolden0206@msn.com)



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## Monty Python's Spamalot

October 21 - November 20, 2010

With three ASL-Shadow Interpreted Performances

At the historic Ritz Theatre, 915 White Horse Pike, Arts District, Haddon Township, NJ.

November 14 at 7:00 PM, November 9 and 10 at 10:00 AM ASL Student Matinee

ASL evening performance on Nov 14, all tickets are \$25. For student matinee tickets and group rates, call Susan Dewey 856-858-5230 ext. 207 or contact her at [Sooze@ritztheatreco.org](mailto:Sooze@ritztheatreco.org).



Assistive listening devices available. Handicapped accessible.

All seats reserved. For reservations call  
Ritz 24 hour ticket hotline 856-858-5230  
or on line at [www.ritztheatreco.org](http://www.ritztheatreco.org).



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## Happy Days

**Written by Samuel Beckett**

**ASL interpreted performance**

**September 11, 8:00 PM.**

The Robert Shackleton Playhouse,  
Bank and Lafayette Streets,  
Cape May, NJ 08204  
[www.capemaystage.com](http://www.capemaystage.com)



\$35 adults (\$40 on Saturday evenings), \$30 seniors, and \$12.50 students

For half price tickets, enter the coupon code **ASL50** during checkout on line or mention it with the box office

For reservations and information, visit [www.capemaystage.com](http://www.capemaystage.com). or call 609-884-1341 Voice.  
PNC Financial Services Group is the presenting sponsor of Cape May Stage's ASL Interpreted Performance

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# Calendar of Events 2010

## **DDHH Advisory Council Meeting**

**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](http://www.hearingloss-nj.org)**

## **ASL Storytelling Contest and Coda Brothers DVD Show**

**Saturday, October 23**

**[nwjad@nwjad.org](mailto:nwjad@nwjad.org)**

## **NJRID Biennial Conference**

**Friday through Sunday**

**November 5, 6, 7**

**[www.njrid.org](http://www.njrid.org)**

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

**DDHH Office – Days Closed**

**Monday, September 6 – Labor Day; Monday October 11 – Columbus Day**