2014 First Spouse Series One-Half Ounce Gold Coin – Grace Coolidge
The second released in 2014, the Grace Coolidge First Spouse Gold Coin features a portrait of Grace Coolidge on its obverse (heads). As first lady, she promoted education for the deaf and drew attention to the needs of the disabled. Mrs. Coolidge used her position to promote many groups, including leadership and community service activities for boys and girls. The reverse (tails) of this coin depicts three hands finger-spelling the letters USA in American Sign Language against the backdrop of the White House.

If you have any resources that you would like to share with other teachers, parents, and professionals of Deaf and Hard of Hearing youth, please share them with us to be included in future issues.
Upcoming Events

~ Open Caption Movies
AMC Streets of Woodfield Theater is showing Open Caption movies the first Saturday of each month. The Open Caption movie for August is *Guardians of the Galaxy* at 10:45am on August 2. The cost is 6.50 per ticket.

~ Jacksonville Area Autism Support Group
Next meeting will be on August 6, 2014 @ 6:00 p.m. at Passavant Hospital. Guest speaker will be Marilyn Webster who will talk about her family’s experience obtaining a service dog for her daughter with autism. She will also talk about her new Joyful Noise group for kids with autism.

~ Keeping it Positive—Meeting Behavior Needs in the IEP
At this FREE workshop you will learn how behaviors should be assessed, how to develop positive behavior goals for students and what should be included in a behavior intervention and support plan.
Friday, August 8, 2014
Noon to 2:00 PM
UIC Specialized Care for Children
4302 N Main Street
Rockford, IL 61103
Presenter: Rhonda Best
2.0 CPDUs Available for Educators
Please Register by 8-1-14: 866-436-7842 x107
[www.frmptic.org/events/trainings](http://www.frmptic.org/events/trainings)

~ You’re Invited To "Creating Positive Change in the Deaf Community"
Hosted by Angela Botz, Jenifer Beasley Benner & Lupe Durondo-Phillips
Friday, August 8th, 2014
2pm-4pm
IMPACT CIL in The East Room
2751 E Broadway
Alton, IL 62002
RSVP: botz@impactcil.org or 618-208-1146
Deaf Awareness Night at the Ballpark
HIAD and Peoria Chiefs bring you another summer fun event!
August 9, 2014
Dozer Park
730 SW Jefferson
Peoria, IL
Check our website for the latest details!
www.hiad.org
Gates open 5:30 pm -- Game Time: 6:30 pm
Run the bases and fireworks show after the game.

The Holley Family Village Deaf/Hard of Hearing Programs
2014 Program Schedule
Summer Programs
DeafBlind Workshop: Thursday, August 7 to Sunday, August 10, 2014
Volunteer Week: Sunday, August 10 to Friday, August 15, 2014

Fall Program
Deaf Cancer Survivors Weekend: Friday, October 24 to Sunday, October 26, 2014

Holley Family Village
1142 Ventura Dr.
Brooklyn, Michigan 49230
517 592 6283 (Voice)
517 536 1518 (VP)
517 592 2389 (Fax)
maryann@holleyfv.org
http://www.holleyfv.org/Pages/default.aspx
~ Back to School: Preparing Your Family for the New School Year
In this webinar you will learn strategies to make the back to school transition smoother. You will learn how to review your child’s IEP before school starts, as well as tips on how to make going back to school easier on the entire family.
Tuesday, August 12, 2014
9:00AM to 10:00AM CDT
Space is limited so reserve your webinar seat now at:
https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/521467593
(After registering you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the Webinar.)

~ Networking/Collaboration Opportunity! You're invited to a Meet & Greet with Jessena Williams & Rebecca Patton  Tuesday, August 12, 2014
2:30 pm to 4:30 pm
The Scott Viniard Conference Room is located in the administration building at McFarland Mental Health Center
901 Southwind Rd, Springfield, IL 62703
RSVP/Questions: Angelo Botz, angela.botz@gmail.com
AJ French aj.french@sacredcreations.org
Light Refreshments will be served.
Sign Language interpreters will be provided.

~ Illini Chapter of IAD 26th Annual Picnic Saturday
August 16, 2014, noon-8pm, Mohomet, Illinois

~ Illinois Association of the Deaf Board of Directors’ meeting Sunday, August 17, 2014
9:00 a.m. to 4:30 pm
PACE INC., Center for Independent Living
1317 E Florida Avenue
Urbana, IL 61801
Doors open at 8:30 a.m.
This is open to the public. Everyone is welcome.
www.ideaf.org
~ Deaf Awareness Day Belle-Clair Speedway
Friday, August 8, 2014
Races start at 6:30pm! County fair opens at 8am!
200 S Belt E, Belleville, IL 62220
There will be a Deaf section with an interpreter.

~ No Ordinary Hero: The SuperDeafy Movie is coming to Chicago! Saturday August 23 at Harper College. Two screenings: 3:00pm and 7:30pm. All tickets $10. Buy your tickets here and spread the word!
www.harpercollege.edu/boxoffice/

~ Family Matters Trainings
Free webinar presented by Barbara T. Doyle and Emily Iland.
Barbara T. Doyle, M.S., Clinical Consultant and Autism Specialist, is a nationally known teacher, consultant, trainer, presenter and author including co-authoring ASD from A to Z.
Emily Iland, M.A. Educational Consultant and Autism Specialist, is an award-winning author, advocate, filmmaker, researcher, leader and mother of a son with ASD. Author of Drawing a Blank and co-author of ASD from A to Z.

- September 11, 2014
  Don't Leave Safety to Chance: Teaching Teens and Adults with Disabilities How to Interact Safely with the Police
  Space is limited. Reserve your Webinar seat now at:
  https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/517129600
~ SAVE the DATE! A fundraiser for Chicago Hearing Society at Chicago’s newest hot spot: Lagunitas Brewing Co.
1843 S. Washtenaw Ave.
5:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Chicago, IL 60608
Sept. 16, 2014
Space is limited!
Early bird discount tickets on sale now:
ChicagoHearingSociety.org
Chicago Hearing Society
2001 N. Clybourn Ave.
Chicago, IL
773-248-9121

~ The Changing Landscape of Pediatric Hearing Loss
Friday, September 19, 2014 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Credits: Early Intervention and CPDU credit provided. LSLS credit requested (CE for Listening and Spoken Language Specialist)
Cost: FREE!
To Register: Online at HVEIO at www.bit.ly/HVEIO (go to the training tab)
Co-sponsored by: University of Chicago/Comer Children’s Hospital and Hearing and Vision Early Intervention Outreach
Gail Olson, Coordinator
Hearing and Vision Early Intervention Outreach
c/o The Illinois School for the Deaf
125 Webster Avenue
Jacksonville, Illinois 62650
www.bit.ly/HVEIO
gail.olson@illinois.gov

~ Statewide calls for families with children who have a hearing loss.
Professionals are welcome to join the calls too!
Sept. 29th at 8:30pm- Teaching your child to advocate - You’ve learned to advocate for your child but how do you move that ownership to your child? Learn techniques that work in helping your child successfully advocate for themselves. To view the PowerPoint presentation go online to:
https://uofi.webex.com/uofi/j.php?
MTID=m0ce7e78dfa19b05fab24b44b87a577b6
Oct. 27th at 8:30pm- This call for all will discuss current and upcoming cochlear implant technology (including waterproof and Bluetooth options). In addition current practices in CI evaluation and surgery (including what to expect on the day of surgery) and cochlear implant outcomes will be reviewed. Please bring all of your CI questions to this call! Guest speaker, Audiologist Beth Tournis. To view the PowerPoint presentation go online to: https://uofi.webex.com/uofi/j.php?MTID=m40e845e456d6c3ff44f494f9b2065b2e

Nov. 24th at 8:30pm- We will discuss current trends in hearing aid technology and assistive listening devices, and hearing aid connectivity (Bluetooth). In addition, device maintenance and troubleshooting tips will be reviewed. Guest speaker, Audiologist Joy Ringger. To view the presentation online go to: https://uofi.webex.com/uofi/j.php?MTID=mbc6e10d29deae2bb094340fbd47de6ee

From your home, call toll free (888)494-4032 enter guest code: 4231446909
These conference calls are organized by the Illinois Hands & Voices, Guide By Your Side program. The toll-free line is graciously made available by the IL DSCC /EHDI program. For more information please call 866.655.4588, visit us on the web at www.ilhandsandvoices.org/GBYS or email GBYS@choicesforparents.org. Previous webinars can be accessed at Illinois EHDI Webinars

~ The Deaf Youth Center at the Yellowbox - Community Christian Church 1635 Emerson Lane, Naperville, IL.
They have a great staff and volunteers who are eager to work with the mission of the Deaf Youth Center. The program is centered around American Sign Language yet they also provide voice interpretation for both students and parents involved. The Deaf Youth Center meets each month on the third Thursday and the program is free. The program is open to youth, their siblings, parents, and friends (upon registering for DYC). Programming usually begins with social time at 5:30 followed by groups of sections including theatre, social skills, peer interaction, expressive learning, and sports/games/exercises until 8pm. They also offer sign classes for parents along with social time. This too is free. For more information and to register, please contact Crystal Kelley Schwartz at deafyouthcenter@gmail.com

~ Ci Connect North October 18, 2014
Students: Meet other students with Cochlear Implants
Parents: Meet other parents of students with Cochlear Implants
Event is FREE with lunch included
Harper College
Registration forms available in September
Any questions before then, email Tina.Childress@illinois.gov or call 847-559-8195
Sponsored by Illinois School for the Deaf and Illinois Service Resource Center

~ Goodman Theater offers sign interpreted performances. One signed performance will be offered for each of the five 2014/2015 Albert Theatre productions and for the 2014 production of A Christmas Carol. To access reserved, discounted seating in the front five rows for a signed performance, enter the promo code SIGN when purchasing online or call the box office at TTY/TDD 312.443.3829.*
Smokefall – October 1, 2014 | 7:30
A Christmas Carol – December 3, 2014 | 7:30
Rapture, Blister, Burn – January 28, 2015 | 7:30
Two Trains Running – March 18, 2015 | 7:30
The Little Foxes – May 13, 2015 | 7:30
Vanya & Sonia & Masha & Spike – July 1, 2015 | 7:30

*All dates are subject to change. Not available through the Goodman’s mobile site, on previously purchased tickets or in combination with other offers. Redeemable for specially reserved seating area only. Code SIGN effective for any signed performance on sale.

Visit GoodmanTheatre.org/Accessibility for more info.

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Suggested by People You Know!

Misti Harrison, from John A. Logan College, suggested you consider taking an online course.

Do you want to take a non-degree/professional development course?

You can apply for professional studies (PST) credit online courses. PST credits may be applied towards state accreditation/job requirements or degree at other universities, but not at Gallaudet University.

Go to and see http://www.gallaudet.edu/ccs/fall_online_courses.html what courses are offered to non-degree students this fall.

Why take an online course?

Online courses offer students the convenience of being able to study anytime, anywhere, giving you the flexibility to work around other priorities. You also don’t have to live locally to take our classes! At an age when people are busier than ever, online learning can be a great alternative to conventional classes.

Gallaudet University Regional Center-Midwest
John A. Logan College
700 Logan College Road
Carterville, IL 62918
Lynn Estes Walter, on Facebook, suggested an upcoming episode of Linda Ellerbee’s *Nick News with Linda Ellerbee* show: “*What Is It Like To Be Deaf*?”

Mary Beth Lauderdale, on Facebook, suggested an article from the *Toronto Life* magazine: “*Sign language is the rule at Signs, a new restaurant in Church-Wellesley Village.*”

Kristina Prete-Stewart, Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, SPEED Cooperative, Chicago Heights, suggested that you **SAVE THE DATE** for DHH (Deaf and Hard of Hearing) Parent Night

**Monday, October 27th, 2014**

5:30pm-7:30pm at SPEED Cooperative
1125 Division, Chicago Heights, IL 60411

More information to come in August.

Questions? Contact kprete-stewart@speed802.org

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**Free service for children with hearing loss ages 6 months to 30 months: Child’s Voice selected to participate in special tele-intervention project**

Beginning later this summer, Child’s Voice will be participating in a grant that provides FREE tele-intervention for families of children with hearing loss who would like a listening and spoken language approach. Ideally we would like to be able to reach families that have difficulty finding service providers in their area, especially providers with experience teaching the listening and spoken language approach.

Rollen Cooper, M.S., DT-H, LSLS Cert. AVEd
Director of Early Intervention
Child’s Voice School
180 Hansen Court
Wood Dale, IL 60191
rcooper@childsvoice.org
1-630-595-8200 ext. 1311
1-630-595-3066 (Fax)

Child’s Voice Chicago
1846 W. Belmont Avenue
Chicago, IL 60657
773-516-5720
773-516-5721 (Fax)
Timely Diagnosis: A Resource Guide Supporting TeleAudiology

Tele-audiology (T-A)- the implementation of audiological services via telehealth technologies – has great potential to ensure that infants who are in need of diagnostic audiology services can receive them in a timely manner. From the National Center for Hearing Assessment and Management, Utah State University.

August Conference for Professionals working with Students who are D/HH

With the end of the school year approaching, we wanted to take this opportunity to remind you that registration is OPEN for this year’s August Conference 2014 on Monday, August 4, 2014. Registration continues to be FREE and continuing education credits can be earned.
We are thrilled with this year’s line-up of presenters! Topics this year include:

- Skill building, discourse mapping and developing a Professional Development Plan
- Story signing
- Visual language research updates
- Speech understanding research updates
- Working with multi-cultural families
- Transitioning from IFSPs to IEPs
- Listening and Spoken Language updates

In the past, we have had representation from special education teachers, teachers of the deaf/hard of hearing, community interpreters, educational interpreters and a handful of other educational professionals. As always, we would love to reach out more to regular education staff, school nurses and other staff that have students who are deaf/hard of hearing on their caseload, so please be sure to spread the word!

People can register online by going to our Events page on our website at http://www.illinoisdeaf.org/Outreach/ISDOutreach.htm, scrolling down and finding the registration link for the August Conference.

If you have any questions, please email your inquiries to Tina.Childress@illinois.gov or contact me at 217-278-3550 (voice) or 217-383-0095 (VP).

Thank you so much and we look forward to seeing you in August! ~ Tina Childress ~
Illinois School for the Deaf Outreach Program Trainer / Cochlear Implant Specialist
DHS/DRS Office
1307 N. Mattis Ave.
Champaign, IL 61821

Three wonderful recent articles with videos on the Autism Site Blog

- Young Girl With Autism Co-Authors Book
- How Tablets Are Helping Those On The Spectrum
- Tech Jobs For People on the Spectrum

eBulletins from the Raising and Educating Deaf Children: Foundations for Policy, Practice, and
**Outcomes website**

From the *Raising and Educating Deaf Children: Foundations for Policy, Practice, and Outcomes* website:

“...seeks to provide objective, evidence-based information for policy-making and practice associated with raising and educating deaf children, with an eye to improving them. It aims to reach the broad community of stakeholders: professionals, practitioners, policy-makers, families, and other parties interested in optimizing opportunities – and futures – for deaf children.”

Recent bulletins:

- "Transition from Preschool to School" by Helen Nelson
- "Transition Planning for Secondary-Age Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Students" by Pamela Luft, Ph.D.
- "Transitioning from School to Life: What Can I Do Now?" by Jennifer Coyle
- "Deaf Children Are Not Hearing Children Who Can’t Hear" by Marc Marschark, Ph.D.
- "Parent Decision-Making" by Erin and Matt Campion
- "Least Restrictive vs. Most Enabling Environments" by Louis Abbate

New bulletins arriving in October. To stay up to date with new postings, please follow at Twitter: [@JDSDE1](https://twitter.com/JDSDE1) and Facebook: [https://www.facebook.com/JDSDE](https://www.facebook.com/JDSDE) and the *Journal of Deaf Studies and Deaf Education*

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**New rules require closed captioning of online video clips**
The Federal Communications Commission approved new rules that will require closed captioning of video clips that are posted online. The new rules further the purpose of the Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010 (CVAA) by helping to ensure equal access to all forms of programming by individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing when they watch video content online. More information available at Global Accessibility News.

The Importance of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Adults on the Parenting Journey

An article by Karen Putz on the Hands & Voices blog, Raising a Deaf or Hard of Hearing Child, about the importance deaf and hard of hearing adult role models.

Two recent ASL videos by young talents

Ren and Keely present "Wings" by Little Mix!
"Mama told me not to waste my life
She said spread your wings, my little butterfly"

Eyes Alive! production of "The Wizard of Oz" in American Sign Language
The Wizard of Oz in American Sign Language was made by Eyes Alive!, an elementary school performing arts group at the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind. The movie was shot over a couple of months on the school campus.

Deaf SMAP research assistant guides students in more than technology
From an article on The University of Alabama in Huntsville research news site:

“Student employees at The University of Alabama in Huntsville (UAH) Systems Management and Production (SMAP) Center need to learn another language to work on unmanned aerial vehicle technologies with 30-year-old research associate Steven Forney. That's because Forney has been deaf since birth. Though he received cochlear implants in his 20s, American Sign Language (ASL) is his primary form of communication. Working alongside Forney, students learn ASL as well as the technical aspects of their jobs. “

ASL Nook – ABCs in ASL

A must for all ASL beginners! Learn the signs for the alphabet. Watch a family of four signing the ABCs plus some words that goes with each letter of the alphabet. When you know your ABCs, would you sign with us next time? ;o)

ABOUT ASL NOOK

A nook full of sign. Words, pictures, and stories come to life with the magic of American Sign Language (ASL). Within our cozy nook, you will learn many new signs such as the alphabet, colors, emotions, animals, and beyond. When two walls meet, a nook is formed. This is where two languages and two worlds meet. For more exciting videos from ASL Nook, please visit our website at http://aslnook.com/
The Erin’s Law website states that “School districts must teach children to tell on anyone who tries to touch their private parts.”

“Childhood sexual abuse survivor turned child advocate and activist Erin Merryn works full-time traveling the country asking legislators to introduce Erin’s Law, explaining why they should, testifying in front of state legislatures and serving on committees to draft Erin’s Law in each state that passes it. She also has a busy public speaking schedule at schools and conferences nationwide.

She began contacting legislators by letter from her home in Illinois in 2010 about the need to pass laws to require school districts to teach age-appropriate child sexual abuse education to elementary school students, school teachers, administrators and parents.

She had been speaking at public events about the need to protect children since 2005 after her first book, Stolen Innocence: Triumphing Over a Childhood Broken by Abuse: A Memoir, was published while she was just a senior in high school about her own experiences with rape (by a family friend from age 6-8) and incest (by a cousin from age 11-13).

After she was invited to meet with Illinois State Senator Tim Bivins in April, 2010, and he became the first sponsor of the law, Erin then testified in the Illinois State Senate and House, beginning her many experiences testifying in State legislatures.

Illinois became the first state to pass Erin’s Law Feb. 14, 2011, when Illinois Governor Pat Quinn signed Senate Bill 2843. It became effective the same day.

This Spring the ISRC Library order additional books and materials to support educators and families in teaching children of all ages how to say “NO!” and how to report any inappropriate behavior. Here are some of the titles we recently acquired:

An Unimaginable Act: Overcoming and Preventing Child Abuse Through Erin’s Law by Erin Merryn
Living for Today: From Incest and Molestation to Fearlessness and Forgiveness by Erin Merryn

Please Tell: A Child's Story About Sexual Abuse by Jessie

Not in Room 204: Breaking the Silence of Abuse by Riggs, Shannon

Fred the Fox Shouts "No!" by Kisil Matthews

My Body Is Private by Linda Walvoord Girard

Some Secrets Should Never Be Kept by Jaynee Sanders

It's MY Body: A Book to Teach Young Children How to Resist Uncomfortable Touch by Lory Britain

My Body Is Special: And Belongs to Me! (Volume 2) by Sally Berenzweig

Some Parts are Not for Sharing by Julie K. Federico

Algunas Partes No Son Para Compartir por Julie K. Federico

No-Go-Tell: Child Abuse Prevention: A Curriculum for Young Children with special needs designed and written by Elizabeth J. Krents and Dale V. Atkins.

Talking About Touching: A Personal Safety Curriculum.

ISRC library items may be requested by e-mail at isrc@isrc.us, by phone at 847-559-8195, or by fax at 847-559-8199. The complete list of Books with Sign Language DVDs, as well as the complete library catalogue, can be found on the Library Page of the ISRC website at www.isrc.us.

The ISRC Library Catalog is available through the traditional Catalog and free apps available for iPhone, iPad and Android. After installing the apps, set the Library Name to "ISTAC." No password needed.

**Remember our materials are free to borrow and will be mailed to you directly with return postage included. You are invited to take advantage of this extremely valuable resource. The library consists of an expanding collection of over 1200 items, including books, videotapes, audiotapes, test kits, and games related to deafness, deaf culture, sign language, audiology, mental health, behavior management, parenting, and administration. For more information or to request a specific item, please call ISRC at (847)559-8195 or (800)550-4772, e-mail us at isrc@isrc.us, or visit http://www.isrc.us **