



Parent Connections

Illinois Service Resource Center

Behavior Support For Students- Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Visually Impaired

A Technical Assistance Center of the Illinois State Board of Education

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Dear Parents,

The Illinois Service Resource Center (ISRC) is a statewide organization that provides behavior support for students who are deaf and hard of hearing. ISRC team members work with educational teams and families to develop strategies that encourage positive behavior in students. There is no cost for ISRC services.

ISRC has many resources for parents such as free library materials by mail and free home visits to help with child behavior. For more information on ISRC services please call us at 847-559-8195.

The ISRC Team

ISRC Parent Facilitators

ISRC Parent Facilitators coordinate various activities for parents of children who are deaf and hard of hearing. This includes workshops for parents on various topics, parent meetings, and a volunteer program.

If you are interested in connecting with your local ISRC Parent Facilitator, or if you are interested in applying for the paid position of Parent Facilitator, please contact ISRC at isrc@isrc.us.

Teach Future Job Skills Now

Parents are a child's first and most important teacher. It is important that parents teach children the skills they will need in life, especially skills that help prepare them for the future. It is not always easy to think about a future job when a child is young, but all of the skills the child learns when young, will help prepare that child for a job in the future.

Teaching your child about responsibility is one of the top ways you can prepare your child for the future. Parents can develop expectations for children at an early age to contribute to household chores. Younger children can make their bed, help set the table, decorate placemats for the dinner table, sort clean forks and spoons, feed a pet, and help carry in groceries. Older children can wash dishes, do laundry, vacuum, and put away groceries.

Children who are given more responsibility at home learn the skills they need to succeed at work. If you offer your child choices of which responsibilities they would like to complete, they will learn good decision making skills. They also learn that sometimes it is necessary to finish work first and do what they enjoy later. This ability to delay gratification is an important skill at work.

Parents who expect their children to be responsible at home establish life-long habits that help their children to be successful in the future. Responsible children grow up to be responsible adults.

Family Dinners Are Important

Research shows that children who eat dinner together often with their family get better grades, are less likely to do drugs, eat healthier food, have better relationships with their parents, and are more resilient in recovering from adversity. The dinner table is a place to practice social skills and discuss events of the day.

In order to encourage conversation, be sure to ask questions that require a thoughtful response. For example, the question “Did you have a good day in school today?” will elicit a response of “yes” or “no.” If you ask “How was school today?” the response can be “Fine” or “ok.” Some questions that require a more thoughtful response include “What was the best thing that happened to you today?” or “Tell me something nice that you did for someone else today.”

So turn off the television, let your children take turns selecting healthy menus and setting the table, and sit down together as a family at least once a week for dinner.

Free Bus Trip to Illinois School for the Deaf
for students and their parents

Thursday, April 27, 2017

No Cost – ISD Provides Lunch

To make reservations, contact Sherry Little
(217) 479-4297

Please Respond by April 15, 2017

*Preference will be given to families visiting ISD for the first time.

Behavior Tip:

*State the behavior you WANT to see
instead of the behavior you don't want
to see.*

Example:

“Nice hands please.”

Instead of

“Stop hitting your brother.”

ISRC Library Mails Books And Includes FREE Return Postage

The Illinois Service Resource Center library includes hundreds of books, DVDs, games, and other resources. Families and educators may request the items by phone, fax, or e-mail. The items are then mailed out with return postage included. There is no cost to use the library. Topics include deaf culture, behavior, autism, ADHD, sign language, teen issues, sensory integration, social emotional learning and others. The full catalogue can be viewed by visiting the ISRC website at www.isrc.us and selecting the library tab. To request a book call ISRC at 847-559-8195, or fax 847-559-8199, or e-mail isrc@isrc.us