

## January 2010 ISRC Digital Update

Illinois Service Resource Center  
Serving Deaf and Hard of Hearing student behavioral needs  
A Technical Assistance Center of the Illinois State Board of Education

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## 1. Upcoming Events:

### Conferences for Parents of Children with Hearing Loss:

North of Eighty February 20, 2010 Sterling/Rock Falls South of Seventy March 20, 2010 Mt. Vernon For information call toll-free: 1-877-339-2686 (V/TTY) or on line, go to: [http://morgan.k12.il.us/isd/outreach\\_events.html](http://morgan.k12.il.us/isd/outreach_events.html)

Resources and Inspirations Family Conference May 1, 2010 Springfield. For more information contact Mary Smith at STARNET [mk-smith@wiu.edu](mailto:mk-smith@wiu.edu)

Mom's Night Inn Saturday, February 20th and Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup> (an overnight retreat!) Holiday Inn Select Naperville 1801 Naper Boulevard Naperville, IL 60563 (630) 505-4900. The event begins at 1 p.m. on Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup> and ends at Noon, Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup> Dinner provided, snacks, crafts, massage and so much more! Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup>; Will include a breakfast buffet and a discussion with a deaf and hard of hearing panel. The registration form can be found at <http://ilhandsandvoices.files.wordpress.com/2009/11/mni-registration-2010.pdf>

The 46th annual ITHI conference will be held in Springfield, Illinois on March 5th and 6th, 2010. The theme of the conference is "Tipping Point: Your Aha Moment." It is important for educators to identify not only their students' tipping points but also their own, whether it be a lesson in the classroom, working one on one with a student, or a personal experience that help our students achieve success. We look forward to seeing you in March! Click <http://www.ithi.org/content/view/18/43/> to access the 2010 Conference page for conference and registration information.

Also, please remember to share your "Aha Moments" on the forum page under ITHI Business. These will be incorporated into the 2010 conference.

### Western Suburbs Deaf Coffee Chat

When: Last Tuesday of every month

Where: Caribou Coffee 2879 W 95th Street Naperville Suite 147

Time: 7:30 – 10:00 PM

Who: Deaf persons, teachers, students, parents I invite you all to come and chat with us in ASL!!!

Come and practice your ASL skills. Grab a cup of coffee, pull up a chair and sign in conversation with friends! It will be so much fun! Questions? Contact Maureen at: [moschultze@comcast.net](mailto:moschultze@comcast.net)

2. A Parent's Guide to Hearing Loss - has information to help parents understand hearing, how a hearing loss may impact their child, language building opportunities and options, advice and resources for decision making, and resources.

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/ehdi/CDROM/index.html>

3. My Baby's Hearing - presented by Boys Town National Research Hospital, offers information to parents of a child with hearing loss in English and Spanish on a wide variety of important topics. Some of these topics include early intervention, positive parenting skills, learning through family and play, reading, preparing for school, and more! Each key idea with information can be downloaded into PDF format and printed for easy sharing. For the version in English visit

<http://www.babyhearing.org/LanguageLearning/index.asp> and for Spanish visit

<http://www.audiciondelbebe.org/ellenguajeyelaprenizaje/indicio.asp>

**4. Itinerant Tools & Treasures - Resource Materials and Technology Center for the Deaf/Hard of Hearing has an online module focused on Itinerant Teachers. This is their premier online module. The online module is being designed to support itinerant teachers serving students with hearing loss. There is information, materials, and activities for you to take advantage of in y our professional life. You are invited to interact with other itinerant teachers at the Bulletin Boards on [www.Deafed.net](http://www.Deafed.net). You can move through the content materials at your own pace. The contents include 12 modules: A Day in the life of an Itinerant Teacher, Organization in the Mobile Office, Materials Every Itinerant Teacher Should Have, Instructional Resources, Record Keeping, Forms to Track Schedule, School, and Student Information, Forms for Communication with Parents and Schools, Accommodations, Using Technology as an Itinerant Teacher, Presentation and Preparation of Materials, Documenting Student Work, Recommended Freeware and Shareware.**

[www.fsdb.k12.fl.us/rmc/training/itinerant/index.html](http://www.fsdb.k12.fl.us/rmc/training/itinerant/index.html)

**5. Reading to Deaf Children - The ultimate authorities in reading to deaf children are deaf adults. Comparative studies of deaf children with hearing**

parents and deaf children with deaf parents show that deaf children with deaf parents are superior in academic achievement, reading and writing, and social development (Ewoldt, Hoffmeister, & Israelite, 1992). Hearing parents and teachers can learn from the read aloud strategies used by deaf parents. The following 15 principles have been identified based on research that examined deaf parents and deaf teachers reading to deaf children. This quick reference explains the 15 suggested principles and supports each by sighting the research to back the method. Take a look.

[http://clerccenter.gallaudet.edu/Clerc\\_Center/Information\\_and\\_Resources/Info\\_to\\_Go/Language\\_and\\_Literacy/Literacy\\_at\\_the\\_Clerc\\_Center/Welcome\\_to\\_Shared\\_Reading\\_Project/15\\_Principles\\_for\\_Reading\\_to\\_Deaf\\_Children.html](http://clerccenter.gallaudet.edu/Clerc_Center/Information_and_Resources/Info_to_Go/Language_and_Literacy/Literacy_at_the_Clerc_Center/Welcome_to_Shared_Reading_Project/15_Principles_for_Reading_to_Deaf_Children.html)

## 6. In our Library - Deaf Child Crossing by Marlee Matlin (book)

**Summary:** Oscar-winning actor and producer Marlee Matlin makes her writing debut about a topic she knows very well--the difficulties of growing up deaf. Nine-year-old Megan is thrilled when Cindy moves in down the street, even though the two couldn't be more different. Megan is boisterous; Cindy is shy. Megan loves everything with a passion, especially the color purple; Cindy shrinks from attention. Megan is deaf; Cindy can hear. Together, they forge an unlikely friendship that is tested when the two decide to attend summer camp together.

**Link to Catalog:** [http://opac.libraryworld.com/cgi-bin/opac.pl?command=catalog\\_edit\\_record&cat\\_id=4044&view=R&modified=0&search\\_type=search&library\\_type=home&currentrecord=1&totalrecords=1&pagenumber=1](http://opac.libraryworld.com/cgi-bin/opac.pl?command=catalog_edit_record&cat_id=4044&view=R&modified=0&search_type=search&library_type=home&currentrecord=1&totalrecords=1&pagenumber=1)

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