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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**

ISRCReview: Spring Newsletter and Pin-up

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1. Upcoming events:

~Deaf Teens Summer Scuba Camp

~Deaf Day at Great America

2. Technical Assistance Center on Social Emotional Intervention for Young Children

3. US Department of Education's website

4. America's first female deaf Ph.D. in computer science

5. **West Suburban Association of the Deaf (WSAD)**

6. In our library: The Out of Sync Child Has Fun

1. Upcoming Events:

~ Monday, July 14 2008 To Sunday, August 10 2008 Every day : Deaf Teens Summer Scuba Camp

Course fee is free for anyone who is 13 to 19 and deaf or hard of hearing included the equipment, class materials and rental equipment. Application deadline is June 28th and July 3, 2008. Must be a strong swimmer.

http://www.deafillinois.com/index.php?option=com_events&task=view_detail&agid=52&year=2008&month=07&day=14&Itemid=27

~July 21st: Deaf Day at Great America

Hosted by Lake County Center of Independent Living

For more info: http://www.chicagohearingsociety.org/Youth%20Program/Flyer_DeafDayGA08.htm

2. Technical Assistance Center on Social Emotional Intervention for Young Children, or TACSEI. TACSEI gives decision makers, caregivers and service providers an enhanced awareness, understanding of, and ability to use evidence-based practices for improving the social-emotional outcomes for young children with, or at risk for, delays or disabilities.

<http://challengingbehavior.fmhi.usf.edu/>

3. Take a look at the US Department of Education's website to obtain information for students, parents, teachers and administrators about education in America. The website contains information about reading, NCLB, student loans, educational progress reports and workshops, research and much more. The parents toolbox specifically contains a free publication, "Empowering Parents School Box: A Tool To Equip Parents For the School Year," that it is distributing free of charge. The school box contains three booklets: What Parents Need to Know, Taking a Closer Look, and Learning Checklists; a brochure: Examples of Resources; a poster: Empowered Parents Stay Involved With School; a bookmark; and a door hanger. The school box provides tips on working with children from birth to high school; guidelines for taking advantage of free tutoring opportunities; steps for selecting a high-quality school; ways to get involved in children's schools; information about financial aid and scholarships; and resources for improving learning. It also includes success stories of schools where parent involvement made a difference. www.ed.gov

4. Having just successfully defended her dissertation, Karen Alkoby became America's first female deaf Ph.D. in computer science when she walked across the state on June 15 for DePaul University's commencement at Allstate Arena in Rosemont. Alkoby, who has been involved in DePaul's American Sign Language (ASL) animated interpreter project, earned her Ph.D. based on an analysis of handshape in ASL. The goal of her research is to promote standardization of handshape, thus making it easier to create and develop a cost-effective, true ASL dictionary. You can see her work at

http://asl.cs.depaul.edu/project_info.html

5. **West Suburban Association of the Deaf (WSAD)** is a non-for-profit organization that provides recreational, amateur and competitive sport teams, educational and cultural events which serves members and board with diverse background in the Chicagoland. WSAD recognizes the differences and diversities in people and members who encourages interaction amongst one another for stimulating and exciting exchanges of ideas, concepts, information and leadership. Each WSAD member is unique and appreciated as an individual. Without them, WSAD would not exist. The programs, services, events and new activities provided by WSAD continues to attract new members and volunteers. A growing number of members in this organization shows that WSAD is truly meeting its goals and needs in the community. You can read more about this organization by visiting <http://www.wsadeaf.org/>

6. In our library: *The Out-of-Sync Child Has Fun, Revised Edition: Activities for Kids with Sensory Processing Disorder* by **Carol Stock Kranowitz** This friendly book includes activities that parents of kids with Sensory Processing Disorder can do at home with their child, along with updated information on which activities are most appropriate for children with coexisting conditions such as Asperger's, autism, and more. <http://216.70.190.41/surpass/websafari.exe/detail?Database=database&SID=4FA238DD1B6B90F8&MARCNum=688&Level=1&Record=2&Call=RJ496.B7%20K73%202005&Cat=DEFLT&List=R&Bag=0> Remember our materials are free to borrow and will be mailed to you directly with return postage included. Please 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. To request a bibliography of materials, or to request a specific item, please call the ISRC at (847)559-8195 or (800)550-4772. Or e-mail us.