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1. Upcoming Events:

~CHOICES for Parents and the Illinois Deaf Latino Association present a full day of free workshops in English, Spanish and ASL. Workshops are for adults who are deaf or hard of hearing and their families, parents of children with a hearing loss (free childcare), and interpreters. All are welcome! Contact Karen at 312.523.6400 (voice) or e-mail choicesforparents@yahoo.com for more information.

When: Saturday, September 13, 2008 Time: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Where: University of Chicago (Ida Noyes Hall, 1212 E 59th St, Chicago, IL 60637)

'Choices for Parents' y 'The Illinois Deaf Latino Association' estarán presentando talleres sin costo en ingles, español y ASL (Lenguaje manual). Los talleres son para adultos que son sordos o con perdida auditiva y sus familias, padres con niños con perdida auditiva (guardería sin costo), y traductores de ASL. Todos son bienvenidos! Para mas información contacte a Karen al 312.523.6400 (voz) o correo electrónico

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2. The Center for Disease Control has published Hurricane PSAs and Podcasts to provide timely messages about what you can do to protect yourself and your family from hurricanes that are threatening the United States. Many of them are available in ASL. Others have scripts, videos and podcasts. These videos can be helpful for teaching your students about natural disasters and hurricanes. The titles currently available in ASL are: Preparing for a Hurricane; Preparing for Hurricanes: Prescription Medications; Evacuating

the Area of a Hurricane; Staying Safe in Your Home During a Hurricane; Keeping Children Safe From Drowning in Flooded Areas; Avoiding Carbon Monoxide Poisoning During a Power Outage; Preventing Mold After a Disaster; and Handwashing After a Disaster. You can find these videos and more at <http://emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/hurricanes/psa.asp>

3. Children who have learning disabilities, autism, ADHD, traumatic brain injury, and conduct disorder often have difficulties with EF (executive function). More children without disabilities are exhibiting EF problems as well. While definitions vary, EF generally refers to the cognitive processes that enable individuals to engage in goal-directed or problem-solving behaviors. Thus, EF may include goal setting or identifying a problem, developing a plan, the ability to execute the plan, flexibility, attention and memory systems to guide the individual (e.g., working memory), and evaluation or self-monitoring. Some are now recommending that all children be taught EF processes systematically starting in the elementary grades. Special educators already use many of the strategies that help students improve EF, such as checklists and "how to" lists, breaking long assignments into chunks, using visual calendars, time organizers, mnemonics, memorization strategies, cognitive flexibility, prioritizing, notetaking, and self monitoring/checking. To find out more about Executive Function and how to address it in the classroom visit:

<http://www.cec.sped.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Home&TEMPLATE=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&CONTENTID=10291>

4. It's school time again! Kids Health is a resource for kids or for use with kids. This edition talks to kids about going back to school, what to expect and how to start the year off right. The author address the first day of school, moving up to middle school, how to feel good on the first day, and how to get started. Along the left hand side the navigation bar has links to other parts of this site that will help kids learn to deal with feelings, health, their body, and games. Check it out.

http://kidshealth.org/kid/feeling/school/back_to_school.html

5. This link will connect you to an electronic version of the follow-up newsletter from UNHS

Day. Karen Aguilar and all of the Choices for Parents members would like to thank everyone who participated. Printed versions of the newsletter are available upon request.

<http://www.choicesforparents.org/UNHS2008%20final%20newsletter.pdf>

6. In our library: Deaf Studies and ASL PowerPoint

This set of PowerPoint presentations was created by the professionals at the Illinois School for the Deaf. It is a series of presentations, to be used throughout the year, that will inform your students about famous Deaf people, their contributions, and roles over the course of history.

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