

Illinois Service Resource Center

A Technical Assistance Center of the Illinois State Board of Education



Serving the behavioral needs of students with a hearing loss

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Summer Break Survival Tips For Parents of Students With A Hearing Loss

- Develop a list of contact information for friends from school. Set up some play date exchanges before the school year ends.
- Review the Recreation and Leisure page in the ISRC Resource Directory for potential camps and summer activities.
- Visit the ISRC Library catalogue on the website (www.isrc.us) for books, videos, and games that can be checked out. Items are mailed to families with postage paid envelopes included.
- Incorporate language enrichment activities in your summer plans. There are many resources online and in libraries, such as <http://www.megaskills.org/summerLearningMain.html>. Also, the ISRC Librarian can assist you with locating fun activities for your child.
- Continue to prompt and reinforce appropriate behavior.
- Establish a visual calendar of events to assist with predictability.
- If you do not have a videophone, you may wish to request one at www.sorenson.com or find a location where your child may use one.
- Practice your sign language skills.
- Join and volunteer for deaf events in your area.
- Pay attention to your own stress levels. Identify respite services in your area. To network with other parents visit the Illinois Hands and Voices website: www.ilhandsandvoices.org
- In the event of a behavioral concern or crisis situation, contact the Illinois Service Resource Center at 800-550-4772.