



State of Illinois  
Department of Human Services  
Illinois School for the Deaf



# **FREE Conferences for Parents of Children who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing**

*And the professionals who work with their children*

## **2020 Illinois School for the Deaf Outreach Statewide Parent Conferences**

### **FOUR Locations to choose from:**

- South of Seventy – Carterville – Saturday, February 22 – 8:30am –4:00pm
- South of Eighty – Springfield – Saturday, March 28 – 8:30am-4:00pm
- North of Eighty – Rockford – Saturday, April 18 – 8:30am –4:00pm
- City of Chicago – Near Midway – Saturday, May 2 – 9:00am – 4:30pm

### **2020 Conference Topics:**

- Educating Students who are Deaf/Hard of Hearing in Different Settings
- Special Education Law and Advocacy
- Growing Up Deaf/Hard of Hearing
- Socialization Skills for Children who are Deaf/Hard of Hearing

### **General Conference Information you should know:**

- No childcare is provided at this conference, we welcome your children age 15 or older to participate in the conference.
- Reasonable ADA accommodation requests must be made at least 3 weeks prior to the event date. ASL interpreters are provided at all conferences.
- These conferences are parent safe, meaning the topic of amplification or communication choices is not discussed. All families, regardless of the choices they have made are encouraged to attend.
- Parents: Financial assistance may be available to help with travel, lodging and/or childcare costs. See page 2 for more information.
- Professionals: IL State Board of Ed PD and EI credit available

**Register Today**

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Questions or requests – Contact: [desa.johnson@illinois.gov](mailto:desa.johnson@illinois.gov)

## Additional Conference Information:

Financial Assistance may be available to reimburse expenses for childcare, travel or overnight accommodations. Some options are:

- **The ARC of Illinois Consumer Stipend Project** provides funding for families of children with developmental disabilities. Application deadline is 30 days before the event. For more information: [www.hearcofil.org](http://www.hearcofil.org) or 815-464-1832.
- **UIC Specialized Care for Children** may have funds available. Contact your DSCC representative. For more information: <http://dscc.uic.edu/>.
- **STAR NET** offers assistance to eligible families. Eligibility, application guidelines and amounts available vary by region. Application deadline is 15 days before the event. For more information about opportunities for financial assistance from STAR NET:
  - **South of Seventy:** Sheri Kraus at phone **618-825-3969** or email [skraus@sccroe50.org](mailto:skraus@sccroe50.org)
  - **South of Eighty:** Mary Smith at phone **217-602-0124** or email [mk-smith@wiu.edu](mailto:mk-smith@wiu.edu)
  - **North of Eighty:** Roseann Slaght at phone **618-825-3969** or email [r-slaght@wiu.edu](mailto:r-slaght@wiu.edu)
  - **City of Chicago:** Chicago office at phone **773-553-5596** or email [starnet@cps.edu](mailto:starnet@cps.edu)

## Conference Contributors:

- Center for Sight & Hearing – Rockford, IL
- Chicago Park District – Chicago, IL
- Gallaudet University Regional Center
- Illinois School for the Deaf
- Illinois STAR NET Region IV – Southern IL
- John A. Logan College – Carterville, IL

## Conference Planning Committee:

- Parents/Grandparents of Children who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- Chicago Park District
- Illinois Hands & Voices, Guide By Your Side
- Illinois School for the Deaf Outreach
- Illinois Service Resource Center
- Illinois STAR NET Region IV

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