



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



Virtual

Conference for Parents of Children who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing

and the professionals who work with their children

*2022 Illinois School for the Deaf Outreach
Statewide Parent Conference*

Cost to attend: **FREE**

Two-Part Virtual Conference Details:

Wednesday, April 27th 2022

AND

Saturday, April 30th 2022

5:45PM – 6:00PM Sign-On

8:45AM – 9:00AM Sign-On

6:00PM – 9:00PM Sessions

9:00AM – 12:00PM Sessions

2022 Superhero Conference Topics:

- Become a Behavior Support Superhero at Home – *Cheri Sinnott-Springer*
- Superheroes Prepare for Transition – *Jackie Anderson and Andrea Marwah*
- Superheroes Unite – *Virtual Networking*
- Superhero Advocate to the Rescue, IDEA and Advocacy Superpowers!! -*Andrea Marwah*
- The Superhero Parent Perspective: Raising a Child Who is Deaf with Disabilities – *Amy Keslinke*

General Conference Information:

- Reasonable accommodation requests must be made at least 3 weeks prior to the event date. Auto-generated captioning will also be available.
- The conference will be presented online for one Wednesday evening and one Saturday morning with different topics each day. Day 2 is NOT a repeat of day 1.
- The conference is 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.

Register Today

<https://forms.office.com/g/jMft1tk5R8>

Questions or requests – Contact: andrea.marwah@illinois.gov



Additional Conference Information:

Financial assistance may be available to reimburse families for childcare expenses while attending the conference. The following organizations may be able to help:

- **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.thearcofil.org or 815-464-1832.
- **UIC Specialized Care for Children** may have funds available. Contact your DSCC representative. For more information: <http://dsc.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 STAR NET visit their website <https://www.starnet.org/> or contact your regional STAR NET depending on where you live:
 - **South of I-70:** Sheri Kraus at phone **618-825-3969** or email skraus@scroe50.org
 - **South of I-80:** Anni Reinking at phone **217-602-0124** or email ac-reinking@wiu.edu
 - **North of I-80:** Roseann Slaght at phone **618-825-3969** or email r-slaght@wiu.edu
 - **City of Chicago:** Chicago office at phone **773-553-5596** or email starnet@cps.edu

Professional Development:

- **FREE** EI Credit – *applied for*
- **FREE** IL State Board of Education Professional Development Credit – *approved*

Conference Contributors:

- Illinois School for the Deaf Outreach
- Illinois STAR NET Region IV – Southern IL
- Illinois Service Resource Center (ISRC)
- Illinois Hands & Voices Guide By Your Side

Conference Planning Committee:

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