



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

And the professionals who work with their children

2023 Illinois School for the Deaf Outreach Statewide Parent Conferences

THREE Locations to choose from:

- South of Eighty – Springfield – Saturday, April 15 – 8:30AM – 3:30PM
- North of Eighty – Wood Dale – Saturday, April 29 – 8:30AM – 3:30PM
- South of Seventy – Carterville – Saturday, May 6 – 8:30AM – 3:30PM

2023 Conference Topics:

- All About Technology Accessories
- Fostering Joy
- Growing Up Deaf/Hard of Hearing
- Services & Supports in Illinois: Discover them All
- Self-Advocacy Skills from School to Home



1 FREE journal per family attending

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 individual 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
- Lunch Included

Register Today

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

Questions or requests – Contact: andrea.marwah@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.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 opportunities for financial assistance from STAR NET find your region on the Starnet website <https://www.starnet.org/map-of-regions/>:
 - **Region I/III:** r-slaght@wiu.edu - 309-298-1634
 - **Region II:** sthomas@cntrmail.org - 224-366-8574
 - **Region IV:** skraus@sccroe50.org - 618-825-3969
 - **Region V:** starnet@cps.edu - 773-553-5596
 - **Region VI:** starnet@swcccase.org - 708-342-5370

Conference Contributors:

- Childs Voice School - Wood Dale, IL
- ITAC - IL Telecommunication Access Corp
- ISRC IL Service Resource Center
- IL School for the Deaf
- John A. Logan



Conference Planning Committee:

- Illinois Hands & Voices, Guide By Your Side
- Illinois School for the Deaf Outreach
- Illinois Service Resource Center
- Illinois State Board of Education
- Parents of Children who are Deaf/Hard of Hearing
- Chicago Hearing Society (CHS) Youth Connections



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