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Resource Roundup!!!!

The Arizona Commission for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing's resource library has recently been updated. With much anticipation, we are proud to introduce several new items that are available for public use. These items include resources useful for the deaf, hard of hearing, deaf-blind, and interpreting communities. A brief list of our newest additions is below. Please visit our website for an extensive listing of new items. To use the ACDHH resource library or to request a full listing of library resources, please contact Bryanna Alton at the ACDHH Front Desk, or at b.alton@acdhh.az.gov.

Audism Unveiled: exposes and explains another form of oppression prevalent in the Deaf community.

Going beyond definitions, this powerful documentary uses real life experiences from Deaf people of varied social, racial, and educational backgrounds – showing how this form of oppression does lasting and harmful damage.

Deaf Mosaic: Deaf President Now: documents the most extraordinary week in deaf history, including interviews with student leaders Greg Hlibok, Tim Rarus, Bridgetta Bourne, Jerry Covell and others; exclusive footage of the demonstrations on the Gallaudet campus; and an interview with Gallaudet president, Dr. I. King Jordan.

Interpreters: Let's Talk About Us: How are interpreters really talking to, with and about each other and the

Deaf Awareness Week

During the week of September 19 – 25, 2010 millions of Americans will celebrate Deaf Awareness Week. This week is set aside to celebrate the many contributions of Deaf Americans in the areas of culture, technology, language, education and much more. The ACDHH website will feature stories, communication tips and facts related to the deaf community. You can also visit www.acdhh.org for activities and events in and around the community.

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work we do? Eleven interpreters from diverse backgrounds discuss subtle issues that sometimes cause conflict among interpreters and between interpreters and the consumers they serve. (0.8 CEUs)

Words in My Hands: A Teacher, A Deaf-Blind Man, An Unforgettable Journey: is the award-winning inspirational tale of an 86- year-old deaf-blind pianist, who lost his senses at age 45, and his renewal in life through the hand-over-hand sign, as told by his sign language teacher Diane Chambers. A unique story of Chambers' personal transformation through her relationship with her deaf-blind student, *Words in My Hands* speaks of the power of sign language as a means to enable connection and communication, and life itself despite the most difficult of circumstances. A heart-touching true story.

Classifiers in Context: Medical Contexts: This interactive DVD-ROM features a thorough review of terminology used in ASL research on classifiers as well as several ASL texts with activities, exercises and interpreting practice opportunities. Topics include hernia, hammertoe surgery, broken collarbone, scleroderma, leg tumor, Deaf-Blind issues, and heart surgery.

Abababa: A Life: Since 2004, Alan R. Abarbanell has toured the United States with his critically acclaimed, one-man show, "The Abababa Road Tour" chronicling his experiences growing up hearing in a Deaf family. ABABABA--a name given to him by a friend who could not pronounce Abarbanell--is a proud coda (Child of Deaf Adults) and member of CODA International. Now you can bring the laughter home with the "Abababa: A LIFE" DVD taped live at the Imagination Stage Theater in Bethesda, Maryland.

Other items include: Fingerspelling: Expressive and Receptive Fluency; Instant Immersion: ASL 5-Disc Series, Interpretation Skills: English to American Sign Language and Interpretation Skills: American Sign Language to English.

Deaf Awareness Week: For the Record

The huddle formation used by football teams originated at Gallaudet University, a liberal arts college for deaf people in Washington, DC, to prevent other schools from reading their sign language.



A deaf center-fielder for the Cincinnati Reds, William Hoy, invented the hand signals for strikes and balls in baseball.

When Beethoven composed his Ninth Symphony, he was profoundly deaf.

Some positions held by present-day deaf persons are: lawyers, dentists, doctors, chemists, inventors, artists, sculptors, writers, architects, poets, musicians, newspaper editors, clergy, actors, and teachers, to name just a few.

Juliette Low, founder of the Girl Scouts of America, was deaf.

Meet a Commissioner Rosalyn Seibold

Roz is originally from Baltimore. As a single parent, she raised a daughter, who was born with a significant bilateral sensorineural hearing loss. Tired of humid summers and cold winters, they moved to Arizona in 2002. After a successful career in radio advertising, Roz became a licensed Hearing Aid Dispenser in 2004. In 2006 she became Board Certified in Hearing Instrument Sciences. She's a member of the International Hearing Society, the Hearing Loss Association of America and the Hearing Healthcare Providers of Arizona.

Roz is a Hearing Aid Dispenser in Tucson. She was appointed to the Arizona Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in 2009. Being the Licensed Hearing Aid Dispenser Representative on the Board is the ideal position for Roz. She is passionate about helping to improve people's lives through better hearing.



Agency Sunset Review results in process improvement

As of July 29, 2010 new applicants for interpreting licenses will pay only one fee for licensure. In the past applicants were required to renew licenses on or before their birthday. The requirement has been changed to an annual renewal date which will be the date of issue. New applicants will no longer be required to pay a prorated fee. The prorated fees were charged to cover the time that a licensee would work between the date of issue and their first birthday following initial issuance. The fee often ran between \$5 and \$50. This also means that there will be no prorated continuing education units on the first renewal. Each category of licensees will maintain the predetermined number of hours required by rule. The first group of applicants to experience this change will be those approved during the September 16, 2010 Interpreter Application Review Committee meeting.

Individuals who are currently licensed will continue to renew their licenses annually on or before their birthdays. This change saves money for applicants and time in processing paperwork for commission staff.

With recent changes any Arizona-licensed interpreter may apply to become a Commissioner. In the past the interpreter representative on the commission was required to be a member of the Arizona Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (AZRID). There are currently 345 licensed interpreters, however, not all are members of AZRID. This change allows for more participation from a broader range of licensees throughout the state.

The Commission looks forward to the implementation of both initiatives.

From the Director

July 26, 2010 marked the 20th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and boy did we celebrate here in Arizona! The Arizona Disability Advocacy Coalition, or AzDAC, planned three major events to commemorate this special occasion. We began with a two-day film festival that highlighted favorite films that reflect the intent and progress of the disability rights movement. Next up was the 20th Anniversary ADA Gala. More than 300 guests enjoyed a night of celebration, including awards given to advocates in the disability community. Finally, we held the ADA Justice and Equality Conference on July 26 in order to teach people how to best advocate for themselves. We had a great time marking this important date – Happy Birthday ADA!



Sherri Collins, Executive Director of ACDHH



Lots of dancing at the 20th Anniversary ADA Gala.



Sherri Collins and Carmen Green accept an award on behalf of the Arizona Relay Service from Amina Kruck and Phil Carll of AZDAC.

ADA 20 Year Celebration

We asked our friends on Facebook to tell us how the ADA has changed their lives. Here are a couple of those responses.

Shelby K.: ... The ADA opened up a lot of doors for us... It impacted my life ... as I traveled a lot and I was given accessible motel rooms and when I was at the airport, someone would assist me when I needed it. Some places have TDD or paging systems. Now we have cell phones that we can type in texts and different things like video phones.

A. Wicklund: The ADA changed our lives by making it mandatory for service dogs to have access to public places. When my husband lost his hearing our dog started working, and when my husband became seriously ill our dog morphed into helping with his medical needs. Because there was nothing available to identify service dogs at that time it caused us to start a business making service dog supplies. And now we are able to help people around the world with information and supplies they need to take their service dogs with them everywhere.

Preparedness is key during disasters

The Commission is once again collaborating with Telecommunications for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Inc. (TDI) and the Arizona Department of Emergency Management. Planning is underway to provide two Emergency Responders and the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing Community; Taking the First Steps to Disaster Preparedness training. A very successful session was held in Flagstaff in April. Trainings will be held in Phoenix and Tucson in November 2010.

This is an 8-hour course, beginning at 8:00 am and ending at 5:00 pm. The maximum number of students is 40. All registrants must be a U.S. Citizen. Photo identification is required upon registration. There is no registration fee for this class.

Audience: This course is designed to provide deaf and hard of hearing (including deaf, deaf-blind, hard of hearing, late-deafened and other individuals with hearing loss) and emergency responders with the basic skills they need to communicate with each other in the event of emergencies such as terrorist attacks and natural and biological disasters. The course will also instruct participants how to respond to a variety of emergency situations.

All key members of emergency response agencies involved in the planning of and response to a disaster would benefit from this course including: law enforcement, fire, EMS, public health, community advocates, special needs populations representatives, elected officials, homeland security officials and others who may be indirectly or directly affected.

Registration Information: This course will be offered at no charge to attendees. Assistive listening systems with headsets and neck loop receivers with microphones will be available. A continental breakfast and working lunch will be provided. Seating is limited and will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis.

If you would like more information about this course, contact: Beca Bailey at b.bailey@acdhh.az.gov and visit acdhh.org for updates.





community events

ACDHH Meetings:

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Thursday, November 18, 2010

Residence Inn

8242 Black Canyon Freeway

Phoenix, AZ 85051

Interpreter Application Review Committee

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Thursday, November 18, 2010

ACDHH

1400 W. Washington St. Room 126

Phoenix, AZ 85007

ACDHH Open House

Tuesday, September 21, 2010

Come take a tour of ACDHH and learn more about the services provided to the community. You will understand why we celebrate as you learn historical information about the deaf community on a local, state and national level! Meet our wonderful staff and tour our office.

Tours will be conducted from 10 – 11 am
and 2 – 4 pm.

ACDHH Open House and Cultural Presentation

Thursday, September 23, 2010

Participate in a Deaf Culture presentation, meet staff
and tour our facility.

11 am – 1 pm

The Deaf Culture presentation is recommended for professionals from social services, medical, legal, educational and employment fields as well as city, county and state service providers. The presentation includes information on the Americans with Disabilities Act, effective communication, deaf history and much more!!!

Tour: 1 pm – 2 pm

Registration is required for the presentation

Contact Beca Bailey to register at b.bailey@acdhh.az.gov

The Arizona Center for Disability Law (ACDL) is conducting public forums

Priorities and Objectives for Fiscal Year 2011

The Arizona Center for Disability Law is seeking input and suggestions for our new priorities and objectives for next fiscal year, which will begin on **October 1, 2010**.

To begin that process, the Center will be holding three public forums in Phoenix, Tucson, and Kingman in August and September. If you need more information, please contact the Center at 602-274-6287 or for more info contact Lorraine at ACDL at 520-327-9547 x 313 or 1-800-922-1447 or email her at lfreyer@azdisabilitylaw.org.

We will also be conducting an on-line survey, similar to the one that we conducted last July through September, to gather input. The on-line survey will be available on July 23, 2011. Check back then for further details.

For more information: www.acdl.com

Please visit our website, www.acdhh.org for more exciting events and up-to-date activities of the Commission!

The Commission Tidbits

NAOBI Award

Executive Director Sherri Collins accepted The Distinguished Sponsor award for ACDHH from the National Alliance of Black Interpreters, Inc on Sat., June 26, 2010. The Commission was recognized for its Platinum sponsorship of the 2010 Professional Development Conference which was held at the Sheraton Crescent Hotel in Phoenix. Approximately 185 individuals attended the conference.

Scheduled furlough dates

All state agencies, boards and commissions are required to participate in the mandatory furlough program. ACDHH's office will be closed on the following dates.

September 17, 2010

November 26, 2010

December 23, 2010

New Addition to our Team



We are excited to welcome Curtis Humphries to the ACDHH team! Coming to us from Las Vegas, Nev., Curtis will take on the role of assistant business manager. We are happy to have you, Curtis!

ARIZONA Deaf Festival

PHOENIX, ARIZONA



September 25th

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Admission



Crowne Plaza Resort
2532 W Peoria Ave
(by I-17 North)
Phoenix, Arizona

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**Festival Activities: Deaf Artists, Exhibitions,
Theatre/Stories/Poetry, Children's Programs,
and Seminars/Workshops**

**Go to Website for more information or register free ticket:
www.azdeafestival.org**

**Saturday Night Entertainment, 7 PM: Auctions
'BEAT 1 MINUTE' Games - Prizes for Players
'Dessert' Refreshments & Drinks**



Special Performance: The Fire Show

Admission: Advance - \$5.00, At Door - \$7.00