



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

And the professionals who work with their children

2019 ISD Outreach Statewide Parent Conferences

FOUR Locations to choose from:

- South of Seventy – Marion – Saturday, February 23rd, 8:30am – 4:00pm
- North of Eighty – Wheeling – Saturday, March 9th, 8:30am – 4:00pm
- South of Eighty – Springfield – Saturday, April 27th, 8:30am – 4:00pm
- **NEW** CHICAGO Location – Near Midway – Saturday, May 11th, 9:00 – 4:30pm

2019 Conference Topics:

- Transition After High School: What's Next?
- Accommodations and Modifications in the School Setting
- Siblings: All About Siblings
- Educating the WHOLE Child: A Parents Perspectives

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.
- 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: PD and EI Credit available

[Register today – CLICK HERE](#)

Questions or requests: Contact 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.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/>.
- **STARNET** 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 STARNET and other sources:
 - **North of 80 and South of 80** attendee contact:
 - Mary Smith at phone **217-602-0124** or email mk-smith@wiu.edu
 - **South of 70** attendee contact:
 - Sheri Kraus at phone **618-825-3969** or email skraus@scroe50.org

Conference Contributors:

- AG Bell Montessori School – AEHI
- Chicago Park District – Archer Park
- CHOICES for Parents
- ISRC (Illinois Service Resource Center)
- ITAC (Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation)
- Marion High School
- STARNET Region IV

Conference Planning Committee:

- Parents of Children who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- Illinois Hands & Voices, Guide By Your Side
- Marion School for the Hearing Impaired
- Illinois School for the Deaf Outreach

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