



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

**2021 Illinois School for the Deaf Outreach
Statewide Parent Conferences**

Cost to attend: FREE

Two-Part Conference Details (via Zoom Platform):

Saturday, May 1st **AND** Saturday, May 8th

8:30AM – 8:45AM Sign-On to Zoom

9:00AM – 12:00PM Conference Session

2021 Conference Topics:

- Educating Students who are Deaf/Hard of Hearing Across all Placement Settings
— *Sheri Cook*
- The ABC's of IEP's
— *Andrea Marwah*
- Growing Up Deaf!
— *Autumn Hoyt*
- Socialization Skills for Children who are Deaf/Hard of Hearing
— *Stefanie Ortman*

General Conference Information you should know:

- Reasonable accommodation requests must be made at least 3 weeks prior to the event date. ASL interpreters are provided at this conference. Auto generated captioning will also be available.
- The conference will be presented online for 2 consecutive Saturday mornings, different topics each week, week 2 is not a repeat of week 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

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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@sccroe50.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
- John A. Logan College – Carterville, IL
- Illinois Service Resource Center (ISRC)

Conference Planning Committee:

- CHS Youth Connections
- IL Hands & Voices
- IL School for the Deaf Outreach
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- IL STAR NET Region IV
- IL Early Interventionists
- IL Guide By Your Side
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