

**Thursday, October 16, 2014**



# **Bright from the Start Early Intervention Conference**

**A learning and networking opportunity for  
Early Intervention service providers and families of deaf and hard  
of hearing children, ages birth to three.**

- **Expand your knowledge**
- **Learn about interventions that work**
- **Gain skills to improve the quality of services being implemented**



**Keynote Speaker: Dr. Marilyn Sass-Lehrer, Professor at Gallaudet University and Co-Director of the interdisciplinary graduate certificate program: Deaf and Hard of Hearing Infants, Toddlers and their Families.** Current research and writing projects have addressed professional competencies, guidelines for best practice and family involvement. Dr. Sass-Lehrer is co-author of *Parents and their Deaf Children: The Early Years* (2003), co-editor of *The Young Deaf or Hard of Hearing Children: A Family-Centered Approach to Early Education* (2003) and editor of a forthcoming book (2014), *Infants and Toddlers who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing and their Families: Interdisciplinary Perspectives*. Dr. Sass-Lehrer's presentation will focus on the delivery of family-centered early intervention services for deaf and hard of hearing infants, toddlers and their families.

## **Additional workshops that will further address the needs of young Deaf and Hard of Hearing infants and toddlers :**

- Cognitive and Social-Emotional well-being
- Enhancing language development
- The Power of Play
- Parent Perspectives: Sharing Their Early Intervention Journey
- Deaf Role Model: The Keys to Success
- Roundtable lunch – Discussion on various Early Intervention topics

**Location:** Rhode Island School for the Deaf, 1 Corliss Park, Providence, RI 02908

**When:** Thursday, October 16, 2014 from 8:30-2:30

**Cost: Free**

**Lunch Provided**

**Contact:** Michelle Florio at [mflorio@rideaf.net](mailto:mflorio@rideaf.net) to register for the conference.

**Registration deadline: October 6, 2014**

**Accommodations provided:** ASL and Spanish interpreters as well as CART services.