

Better Hearing and Speech Month Event-May, 2013

TOPIC: Emergency Preparedness

AnneMarie Beardsworth, Chief Information Officer at the RI Emergency Management Agency, (RIEMA) will speak about what policies and protocols have been defined for those with disabilities. This event will be a short presentation with an interactive dialogue to follow.

LOCATION/TIME/DATE: May 1st 6:00 pm to 8:00 PM Department of Administration Building, One Capitol Hill, Providence 2nd Floor Conference Room A

This will be an opportunity for people with hearing loss to enlighten RIEMA about our individual hearing loss and how we would be impacted in a weather crisis or in emergency situations such as an evacuation due to a fire alarm at Green Airport.

Suppose you needed to evacuate your home for a shelter: how would RIEMA provide communication access? For those of you who use technology such as hearing aids and Cochlear Implants: what would you do if you lose access to batteries and power?

There are numerous potential emergency situations where we will be impacted and RIEMA needs to have a better understanding of our hearing loss. This will be a “must attend “event” as RIEMA needs to hear from you!



CART will be provided for this event.





Rhode Island School for the Deaf

k Walk-Run

**Money raised will help send
RISD students to summer camp**

When: Saturday May 4th at 9 A.M.
Rain or Shine

Where: Lincoln Woods State Park
2 Manchester Print Works Road
Lincoln, RI

Registration: \$20

Show up early to register at the event

For more information you may contact:
Michelle Florio at mflorio@rideaf.net





State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
Department of Human Services
Office of Rehabilitation Services
Adaptive Telephone Equipment Loan (ATEL) Program

40 Fountain Street ~ Providence, RI 02903
401-421-7005 ext. 357 ~ 401-222-3574 FAX ~ TTY (401) 222-1679

Technology and Communication Strategies
for Persons with Hearing Loss
Next Meeting – May 8, 2013

(And continued on the 2nd Wednesday of each month)



Technology and Communication Strategies for Persons with Hearing Loss is a demonstration that helps **Hard of Hearing individuals move from isolation to independence, by:**

- Learning about supportive organizations where people with all degrees of hearing loss come together to share and learn – and where it's okay not to hear well.
- Talk with others who have hearing loss.
- Learn about advocacy and the laws that protect you, and find out about local resources.
- Learn about the latest technology – hearing aids, amplified phones, CapTel phones, cochlear implants, captioning, hearing assistive technology, and more – all to help you live well with hearing loss.
- See how a hearing-friendly environment works to help you with your hearing loss.

All attendees can loan out equipment, on a first come first service basis, to see if the equipment is appropriate for their needs. Also, qualified attendees can apply for a **FREE** telephone thru the ATEL Program.

Location: TechACCESS
110 Jefferson Boulevard, Suite I, Warwick, Rhode Island

Time: 5:00 to 6:00 PM - view and demonstrate ATEL telephone equipment only.
6:00 to 8:00 PM- **Technology and Communication Strategies for Persons with Hearing Loss**

These workshops are free, no registration is required. Cart Services will be provided; however, if you need any other special accommodations, please call 3 weeks in advance.

Inclement Weather Policy

Please note that if the local news reports that there is either business or school closing in Warwick due to weather, then the demonstration is cancelled and will reconvene the following month.

For more information, call 401-463-0202 (V/TDD), in state 800-916-8324

Support

for
Families with children who
are deaf or hard of hearing



2013



Meets:
2nd Saturday of each
month
10 - 11:30 AM
at
1210 Pontiac Ave.
Cranston, RI 02920



Saturday, May 11th, 2013

Come join us in a discussion about finishing up the school year and fun activities to do with your children throughout the summer!

The group is facilitated by Rosalie Moretti, RIPIN Resource Specialist & Mother of a child with hearing loss.

Child Care & Sign Language Interpreter available upon request.

This is a great opportunity for kids to meet other kids of all ages with hearing loss.

For More Information Please Contact:

Tara Townsend

Family Support Coordinator

at the

RI Parent Information Network

401-270-0101 ext. 139

or

townsend@ripin.org

FAMILY VOICES





**Rhode Island Deaf Senior Citizens
529 Plainfield Street
Providence , R.I. 02909**



**May Breakfast / Mother's Day Bingo
Tuesday , May 14 , 2013
Doors open : 9:00 am
Bingo begin : 10:00 am
May Breakfast will begin at 9:00 am**

Breakfast catered by Young's Catering

Admission: Bingo \$ 5.00 per 6 pages

\$ 10:00 MEMBER: \$ 15.00 NON MEMBER

----- Deadline : May 10 ,2013-----

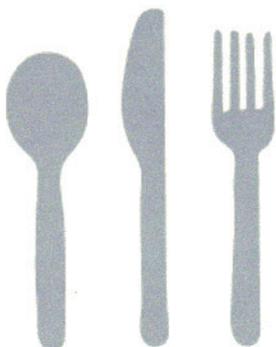
Reservation :

Name : _____ How many _____

**Payable to : R.I.D.S.C., give or send to :
Diane Pafundi
6 Stephen Street
Greenville , R.I, 02828-2373**

**VP Diane 401 -404-4892
or
VP Carole 401-354-7511**

Sorry ! No Sales at the Doors



Hearing Loss Awareness EXPO I

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accommodations, please call
401-256-5511 or email:
cdhh@cdhh.ri.gov.

Hearing Loss Awareness EXPO I

Everyone is welcome to come and
see what's new!



Thursday, May 16th
11:00am - 3:30pm



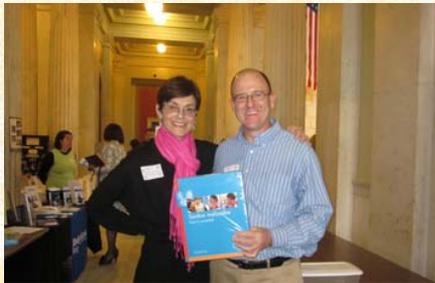
Department of Administration Building
Atrium, 1st floor
One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI

For information, contact Pamela Zellner at
401-256-5511 or email: pamela.zellner@cdhh.ri.gov

RI Speech-Hearing-Language Association's Annual Better Hearing and Speech Month

2013

Free!



**Thursday
May 16th
2pm - 4pm**

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**RI State House
82 Smith St.
Providence, RI**

**For information, contact Ellen Connery
Email: ellenconnery@verizon.net**

**Hearing Loss Awareness
EXPO II**

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TV and Internet Captioning for People with Hearing Loss

Presented by

Lise Hamlin, HLAA



**Hearing Loss
Association
of America**

Lise Hamlin, Director of Public Policy
Hearing Loss Association of America

**Thursday, May 16th
6:00pm - 8:00pm**



Department of Administration Building
Conference Room A, 2nd floor
One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI

For information, contact Pamela Zellner at
401-256-5511 or email: pamela.zellner@cdhh.ri.gov

Providence Children's Museum

Storytelling and activities for children
who are deaf and hard of hearing



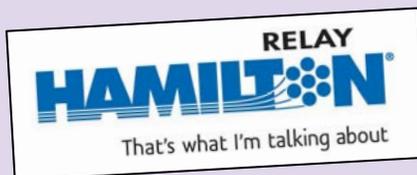
Sunday, May 19th
1:00pm - 3:00pm



100 South Street
Providence, RI 02903

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CART will be provided.**



For information, contact
Cathy Saunders at saunders@childrensmuseum.org

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Women & Infants

RI Hearing Assessment Program
Women & Infants Hospital
101 Dudley Street
Providence, RI 02905
rihap@carene.org

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Visit womenandinfants.org
classes/events page for conference information.



RIHAP 19TH ANNUAL SEMINAR

**"Creating Positive Environments
for Children with Hearing Loss"**



**Tuesday, May 21, 2013
7:45 am to 4:30 pm
Crowne Plaza
Warwick, RI 02886**

**FREE PARKING
Minutes south
of Providence**

RI Hearing Assessment Program
Women & Infants Hospital of RI
101 Dudley Street
Providence, RI 02905
(401) 277-3700 voice



ASL Interpreters and CART Provided

TARGET AUDIENCE

- Educators
- Deaf/hard of hearing service providers
- Audiologists
- Parents/caregivers
- Early interventionists
- Speech language pathologists
- Health care providers
- Students studying communication disorders
- Physicians
- Social Workers

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Identify at least four key variables that consistently influence the outcomes of young children who are deaf and hard of hearing.
- Describe framework and approaches for including cultural and linguistic competence in services and supports.
- Describe three methods for identifying sources of device retention challenges.
- Conduct demographic analysis and develop a plan for enhancing family involvement.
- Describe three new tools that are sensitive measures of early outcomes in infants who are hard of hearing.
- Identify at least two promising practices in addressing perceived cultural barriers in service provision to children and their families.
- Explore cultural and other factors that inhibit community engagement and family involvement.
- Determine three ways in which family-centered early intervention could be altered to maximize benefit for infants and families.
- List three categories of child-related factors that may affect device retention and how they may vary as a function of age.
- List the benefits of having consistent audiology services in the school setting.
- Determine how the "My World Tool" can be used to help a child better manage communication at school, home or different environment.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

As the only annual conference in R.I. of professionals, caregivers and students dedicated to improving the lives of children with hearing loss, this event is a key opportunity to learn and collaborate with others in the field and is essential for our providers and families in the New England region. A distinguished faculty of academics and clinicians will present on topics such as: educational audiology, cultural competence, outcomes of young children with hearing loss, transitioning into public school, strengthening the parent/professional relationship and more. There will also be a panel offered by educators of the deaf, "Making the Cochlear Implant Decision".

The seminar's learning objectives will be covered in both lecture and workshop sessions. Please refer to the itinerary for the full schedule. Registrants will be able to choose which workshops to attend the day of the conference.

FEATURED SPEAKERS

Barbara Hecht, Ph.D., Clarke School Boston, Canton, MA

Wendy Jones, M.Ed., MSW, Georgetown University, Washington, DC

Andrew McGrath, Aud, Women & Infants Hospital, Providence, RI

Mary Pat Moeller, Ph.D., Boys Town National Research Hospital, Omaha, NE

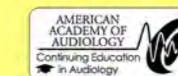
Craig Levis, M.Ed., Smithfield Public Schools, Smithfield, RI

Donna Rizzo, MS, CCC/SLP, Northern RI Collaborative, Cranston, RI

Deborah von Hapsburg, Ph.D., University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS

CEU provider applications have been completed and are pending approval by:



This course is offered for 0.60 ASHA CEUs (Intermediate level, Professional area). Please visit (<http://www.womenandinfants.org/events/rihap/2013/register/>) to view speaker disclosures.



State of R.I. and Providence Plantations
Department of Education (Professional Development Credits)

PROGRAM

7:45 AM		Check-In Opens for all Attendees and Exhibitors Breakfast and Exhibitors
8:15 AM		Welcoming Remarks <i>Betty Vohr, MD</i>
8:30 AM	1 st Plenary	Outcomes of Young Children who are Hard of Hearing: What's Working? <i>Mary Pat Moeller, PhD</i>
9:25 AM		Q&A
9:30 AM	2 nd Plenary	Understanding Hearing Loss from the Child's Perspective Using the MyWorld Tool. <i>Deb von Hapsburg, PhD</i>
10:25 AM		Q&A
10:30 AM	BREAK AND EXHIBITS	
	Salon V	Consistent Devisive Use in Infancy: More than Meets the Ear. <i>Mary Pat Moeller, PhD</i>
11:00 AM	Salon IV Workshops	Putting the My World Tool to Work! <i>Deb von Hapsburg, PhD</i>
	Bristol A	Transitioning from Early Intervention into the Public Schools: How the Process Works. <i>Craig Levis, M.Ed.</i> *endorsed by Early Intervention
12 PM – 1 PM	LUNCH PROVIDED IN ROTUNDA	
1:00 PM	Parent Panel	Making the Cochlear Implant Decision. <i>Donna Rizzo, MS CCC/SLP</i>
1:55 PM		Q&A
2:00 PM	3 rd Plenary	Cultural and Linguistic Competence: Essential Tools to Help Bridge the Cultural Divide. <i>Wendy Jones, M.Ed., MSW</i>
2:55 PM		Q&A
3:00 PM	BREAK AND EXHIBITS	
	Salon V	Engaging and Involving Families from Diverse Cultural and Linguistic Backgrounds: What Does it Take? <i>Wendy Jones, M.Ed. MSW</i>
3:15 PM	Salon IV Workshops	Educational Audiology: Roles and Responsibilities. <i>Andrew McGrath, Aud</i>
	Bristol A	Reaching and Engaging Parents: Here, There and Everywhere. <i>Barbara Hecht, PhD</i>
4:15 PM	CEU SIGN OUT and ADJOURNMENT	

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Students and professionals are invited to submit abstracts for poster presentation.

Abstract topics should focus on infants and children with hearing loss or at risk for hearing loss. This can include Community Services, Resource Programs, Clinical Case Studies, Observations, or Research.

Three outstanding abstracts will be chosen to receive a cash prize.

Abstracts can be uploaded at:
www.womenandinfants.org/events/rihap/2013/register

9th ANNUAL ART COMPETITION

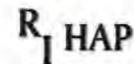
The Rhode Island Hearing Assessment Program is sponsoring their "9th Annual RIHAP Art Competition" and welcomes all school-aged children in Rhode Island with a permanent hearing loss to participate. The beautiful and original artwork will be displayed in an art gallery at the seminar. RIHAP will also be selling exclusive one-of-a-kind 2014 calendars that are created using each child's masterpiece. All proceeds help support the continuation of the annual competition.

EXHIBITORS

The seminar has an exhibiting area that offers opportunities to meet representatives of New England-wide programs, organizations and schools. There are also local and national vendors displaying their products or services for the hearing loss community.

To inquire about exhibiting or sponsorship opportunities, please contact Kathi Flanagan.

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LOCATION



FREE PARKING!

**Crowne Plaza at the Crossings
Grand Ballroom Entrance
801 Greenwich Ave. Warwick, RI 02886
(401) 732-6000**

REGISTER TODAY

Registration fee includes seminar instruction materials, CEU credit materials, Certificate of Attendance, continental breakfast, lunch and morning and afternoon refreshment/snack breaks.

On-site registrants will be accepted and charged a \$10 surcharge in addition to the late registration fee.

Registration confirmations will be sent via email on May 6, 2013.

Cancellations received after May 6, 2013 will be refunded minus a \$20 cancellation fee.

Please complete the registration form and return it with payment to the address on the form or register online and pay by credit card at:

www.womenandinfants.org/events/rihap/2013/register/

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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tejohnson@wihri.org

Kathi Flanagan
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kflanagan@wihri.org

Conference information can also be found online at:
www.womenandinfants.org/classes/events **May 21, 2013**

REGISTRATION FORM

Please PRINT the following information:

Attendee Information:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Employer: _____

I can communicate using ASL Sign Language: YES NO

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: () _____

Email: _____
(required)

I will be requesting CEUs no yes

Those requesting CEUs, please provide your

ASHA acct number: _____(required)

AAA # _____

NASW # _____

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS NEEDED:

Please check box:

Assisted Listening Device ASL Interpreter

CART IS PROVIDED AT PLENARIES,
FRONT ROW SEATING IS RESERVED

REGISTRATION FEES:

Date: _____

Early Bird After May 6, 2013

Professional \$145 \$165

Student \$35 \$50

Parent \$35 \$50

Total amount due: \$ _____

Registration payable by check or money order to:
Women & Infants Hospital

Mail to: **Women & Infants Hospital**
Attn. RIHAP
101 Dudley Street
Providence, RI 02905-2499

REGISTRATION CONFIRMATIONS WILL BE SENT TO
EMAIL ADDRESS ABOVE ON MAY 6, 2013.

RICDHH

RHODE ISLAND COMMISSION ON THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING

PUBLIC MEETING



Wednesday, May 22nd
6:00pm - 9:00pm

Department of Administration Building
Conference Room A, 2nd floor
One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI

RICDHH

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Healthcare Reform Forum

For Rhode Islanders who are deaf and hard of hearing

Please come and learn more about Healthcare Reform:

- How would **Affordable Care Act (ACA)** impact healthcare reform and Medicaid coverage?
- Gain better understanding about **The Patient Protection** and new **Health Benefits Exchange**.

When: May 30th
Time: 6pm - 8pm
Where: Dept. of Administration Building
One Capitol Hill
Conference Room B, 2nd Floor
Providence, RI



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