

# Partners for Success Family Support and Resource Center

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## The Family Support & Resource Center Update

The Family Support and Resource Center has lots of news to report:

- The office has moved, the new location is Room #100, Steiner Building, 8169 Old Montgomery Road, Columbia MD 21044. The phone number (410) 480-4597 (v/tty), fax number (410) 480-4598 and email partners@msd.edu have all stayed the same.
- Cheri Dowling our Parent Coordinator is now also the Director of Advocacy for the American Society for Deaf Children. ASDC is a national organization that supports and educates families of deaf and hard of hearing children and advocates for high quality programs and services. Cheri can be reached at ASDC at 1-800-942-ASDC or through their website at www.deafchildren.org
- Finally, we attended the 2007 Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Conference in Salt Lake City, UT. We presented to participants from all over the world about starting and maintaining a parent group, this presentation was well received by all. Cheri then presented on a panel of parents and professionals titled "Parents Unplugged". The standing room only session was a nuts and bolts presentation about what families are, and are not, looking for from service providers. More information can be found at www.infanthearing.org

Remember we are here for you, if you have any questions or concerns don't hesitate to contact us. Wishing everyone a happy spring!

*Cheri & Pat*

## Eastern Shore Health T.I.E.S.

Health Training, information, education and support (Health T.I.E.S.) is a special training program that will be helpful to you if you are the parent of a child with disabilities or special health care needs living on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. The program is designed to help you learn all you can about the health care system in Maryland and how to get the most appropriate services for your child.

The training is free and open to all parents. Up to 20 parents will be selected to participate in this exciting 2-day training event.

What to expect:

- Workshops on health care, medical assistance, private insurance, how to get things covered, finding resources in your community.
- Overnight accommodations and meals provided free
- Expert speakers
- Individual time with Parents' Place staff to get your questions answered.
- For more information or to register, please contact Kim McKay at kim@ppmd.org or call 1-800-394-5694 ext 106

## Joining Hands to Bridge Two Worlds: Deaf Children with Hearing Parents

co-sponsored by: CSD of Maryland and Family Support and Resource Center

Saturday, April 28, 2007

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

CSD Community Hall, 452 Prospect Blvd, Frederick MD 21701

**Dr. Dirksen Bauman**, Deaf Studies Department, Gallaudet University will discuss the acceptance of hearing parents in the Deaf community, the concept of Audism,

and how it affects Deaf individuals

**Stephanie Halvorson**, Author

will discuss what happened when life went silent? Her book [Threading the Snail: My Journey Through Deafness](#) a true account of her world; a world that was changed forever.

**Student Panel Featuring:**

Tracy Hutsed, Jackie Coffren, Daniel Fava and Lauren Phegley

Panel discussion about student experiences in school and at home, students have a variety of backgrounds and communication methods

**Speech Discrimination Demonstration**

Hear first hand how children with hearing loss hear

**Registration limited to 50 people, please register early**

\$10 per person: No children under 12 Please

For more information contact Lauren Phegley at [Maryland@c-s-d.org](mailto:Maryland@c-s-d.org)

## Equipment Link

The Equipment Link is a new service from Maryland Assistive Technology Cooperative. It connects people who have disability-related equipment to sell, lend or donate to people who need it.

The free service is for use by private individuals, not vendors or distributors. You may browse the listings anonymously, without having an account or being logged in, however to view contact information and/or post your own items, you must be a registered user and be logged in.

Categories of devices listed on the Equipment Link are:

Computers and related items	Vision
Daily living	Vehicle Modification
Environmental adaptations	Speech Communication
Hearing and Vision	And many more

If you have questions regarding the Link, please contact MD TAP via email at [EquipmentLink@matcoop.org](mailto:EquipmentLink@matcoop.org) or by phone at 1-800-832-4827 (v) or 1-866-881-7488 (tty). The website is <http://www.matcoop.org>



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A statewide support service for families with children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing and the professionals who support them

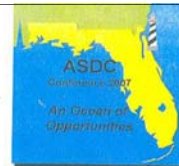
**A video about the High School Assessments is now available online at:**

<http://media.msde.state.md.us/2006/HSA/2.mov>

The video is an explanation of what the tests are, passing scores needed, and why the tests are necessary.

**This is a great tool for teachers, parents and students!**

**American Society for Deaf Children  
National Conference  
June 28 – July 2, 2007**



Hosted at the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind  
207 San Marco Avenue, St. Augustine, FL 32084  
800.344.3732 (V/TTY) 904.827.2218 (Fax)

Dear ASDC Members and Friends,

The Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind is proud to be hosting the 2007 American Society for Deaf Children conference in St. Augustine, Florida. Please find registration papers enclosed for this year's conference.

This year's conference mission is to bring families and professionals together in America's oldest city to share strategies, discover innovations, and form partnerships/friendships. The conference theme, "An Ocean of Opportunities," promises to bring opportunities for you and your child to learn, grow, and have some fun at the same time in a city rich in American history.

Our speaker program will center on the needs of parents and families. Parents, professionals, and deaf teen/adults will present on all areas of deafness that would assist and support families with deaf and hard of hearing children. We plan to offer a program rich in information, innovation, practical ideas, technical support, and children's programs.

Some of the presentation topics include:

- Parenting
- Sibling issues
- Technology
- Diagnostics
- Education
- Deaf Culture
- Communication
- Storytelling
- Reading Strategies
- Grandparenting
- The Extended Family
- Services and Resources
- Transition
- Discipline
- "The Birds and the Bees"
- Literacy
- Employment

In formats such as

- Individual or group discussions
- Panel Discussions
- Workshops

Registration deadline is May 30, 2007 so please register early. For more information, please contact Michele Love at (904) 827-2622, or email [lovmem@fsdb.k12.fl.us](mailto:lovmem@fsdb.k12.fl.us). We look forward to seeing you next summer!

Sincerely,

Michele Love, Conference Chair

Terri Wiseman, Conference Chair

American Society for Deaf Children  
...for the future of deaf and hard-of-hearing children...

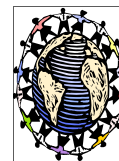


[WWW.DEAFCHILDREN.ORG](http://WWW.DEAFCHILDREN.ORG)

Partners for Success

**Family Support and Resource Center**

and the MSD-CC-PTCA Present:



**MSA's and Your Child**

What every parent needs to know  
About the Maryland State Assessments!

Monday, April 23, 2007

Maryland School for the Deaf – Columbia Campus

Main Building – Multi Purpose Room

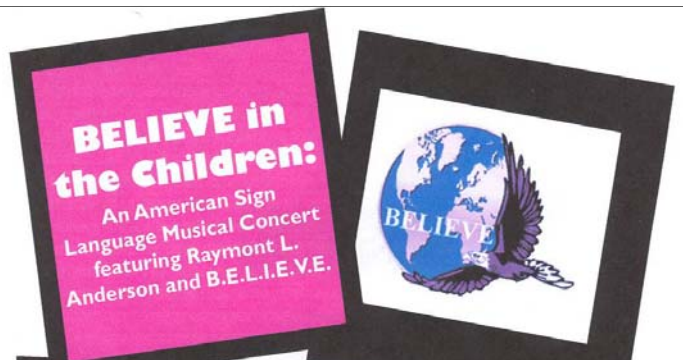
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

There will be a brief PTCA meeting to elect officers  
for next year's **PTCA**

For more information contact Cheri Dowling or Pat Timm

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**Saturday, April 28  
6:00 PM**  
Gallaudet University  
Student Union Building  
Sprint Multipurpose Room

Tickets:  
Adults: \$10 in advance/  
\$12 at the door  
Children 12 and under/  
Group home residents:  
\$8 in advance/ \$10 at the door

Join us for an evening of inspirational musical selections performed in American Sign Language, accompanied by dance and enthusiasm! See Raymont Anderson and B.E.L.I.E.V.E. perform indelible favorites such as "Ain't Gonna Let Nobody", "Joyful Joyful", "Seasons of Love", "Impossible Dream", "I Will Survive", and many more! All ages and signing levels will enjoy this mesmerizing performance (and voice interpreters will be provided for the signing impaired!)

All proceeds will benefit Deaf Camps, Inc., a non-profit organization providing summer camps for deaf children. Your ticket purchase will help us send a child to camp!

To purchase tickets in advance, send a check made payable to Deaf Camps, Inc. to:  
Elizabeth Henry  
ATTN: GALLY FUNDRAISER  
458 Century Vista Drive  
Arnold, MD 21012

For more information about the concert, contact:  
Elizabeth Henry, [lizebear@aol.com](mailto:lizebear@aol.com)

For more information about B.E.L.I.E.V.E., see:  
[www.whenyoubelieve.org](http://www.whenyoubelieve.org)

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