

IMPACT proudly presents Our Spring Symposium for Families



Date: April 26, 2008

Time: 8:30-4:00

Location: Sierra Health Foundation Conference Center
1321 Garden Hwy
Sacramento, CA 95833

Spanish and ASL interpreters

Lunch included in registration fee

Program

Life Planning Skills

Regardless of communication modality or educational placement, parents want their children to be successful. Preparing for college, work, and a fulfilling personal life begins with the earliest grades. What young children see, learn, and experience becomes the foundation for the skills they will use throughout their lives. But what exactly are these skills and how do they develop?

Come learn about The *Transition Skills Guidelines (TSG)* from **Luanne Kowalski**. Family members can use the TSG to identify what transition skills their child has, what skills s/he needs to develop, and what family members can do to be actively involved in their child's education. Family members will see many skills they use in their daily lives reflected in the TSG.

During the workshop family members will learn how the TSG can help them keep track of what skills their child has acquired and what skills still need to be developed. They will also see how the TSG can be used to help them advocate for their child during IEP meetings and school-based transition planning.

- The *Transition Skills Guidelines* identifies key knowledge and skills that deaf and hard of hearing students need to transition successfully from kindergarten through Grade 12 and beyond.
- The *Transition Skills Guidelines* focuses on five areas:
 1. advocacy and empowerment,
 2. education and career planning,
 3. work habits, skills, and attitudes
 4. independent living, and
 5. community roles, responsibilities, and resources.

Luanne Kowalski - is a Transition/Guidance Counselor for the Laurent Clerc National Deaf Education Center at the Model Secondary School for the Deaf in Washington, D.C. She is also an outreach specialist where she assists with Clerc Center's mission to serve deaf education nationwide.

Luanne has a Master of Arts in Deafness Rehabilitation from New York University. Prior to working at MSSD, Luanne worked as a vocational rehabilitation counselor and as an assistant professor in secondary and post secondary education settings.

Program continues...

Mapping Out the Journey

The California Department of Education (CDE) has a vision that "Working with our partners, we will create a dynamic, world-class education system that equips all students with the knowledge and skills to excel in college and careers, and excel as parents and citizens."

In order to make this vision a reality, students are expected to achieve to rigorous grade level standards, participate in the State's accountability system (STAR testing), and pass the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) in order to earn a diploma of high school graduation.

As parents, how can you be sure your child is on the right track in this complicated system? This presentation will help parents work with the IEP team to assist your children succeed in school. Come listen to an expert, former teacher and administrator, **Nancy Sager**, the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program Consultant from the Department of Education.

The Journey Continues...

Updates on Regionalization from **Sheri Mutti**, CEO of NorCal Center on Deafness, Vice Chair of the Coalition of Agencies Serving the Deaf and current Chair of the Regionalization committee.

The President of IMPACT, **Marcos Ramirez** will share information about our organizations and conduct a general members meeting.

This Symposium is intended for parents.

Childcare is not available.

Lots of time is built in for sharing, networking and meeting other families. Attendance is limited. Parents of children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing will be given priority. Please register by **April 14th** to avoid a late fee.

Hotels Near Conference Center

Courtyard by Marriott, Sacramento Natomas
2101 River Plaza Dr.
Sacramento, CA 95833
916-922-1120
www.tkqlhce.com

Hilton Garden Inn
2540 Venture Oaks Way
Sacramento, CA 95833
916-568-5400
www.hiltongardeninn.com



***Making a Difference for California Families
with Children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing***

For information or support, please call **1-877-322-7299** and Press 3 for **IMPACT**
www.impactfamilies.org

IMPACT is a California statewide all-volunteer, non-profit organization of parents and professionals supporting families with Children who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Established in 1986 **by 12 parents.** **IMPACT Mission Statement** We as parents, members and professionals of deaf and hard-of-hearing community are rising up as a single voice. Regardless of communication modalities, we stand united in the task of getting the very best for our children. We will take no less than quality education for our children, support and early intervention for our families, information and education for our parents.

History of Achievement

- Helped to establish the Deaf Education Coalition
- Helped to pass the Deaf Child's Bill of Rights legislation
- Advisory Task Force on Deaf and Hard of Hearing Education
- Input to revision of the State Guidelines for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Education
- The establishment of the Infant Hearing Screening Program
- Helped to develop the "Best Practices for Early Start infants" who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

Membership

To support the goals and efforts of **IMPACT**, consider becoming a member. For as little as \$30 a year you can be a part of a network of parents, professionals and DHH adults dedicated to rising up as a single voice, regardless of communication modalities, united in the task of getting the very best for our children.

Be Informed . . . Join IMPACT Today!!

IMPACT maintains several resources to support our members;

- Monthly E-News
- Local Social events for Direct Parent to Parent Support
- Legislative updates
- Informational Website – deafkids.org
- Reduced rates on conference registration
- Support of the largest DHH parent organization in California, Established 21 years ago!

***** Coming Soon *****

- **NEW UPDATED Website**
 - **IMPACT Members will have Special Website privileges**
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Spring Symposium...Roadmap to Success

Registration Form (IMPACT membership is annual). Register by April 14, 2008 to avoid the late fee. Attendance is limited. To pay by credit card, visit us online at www.impactfamilies.org.

Registrant 1 Member: Y/N	Last Name:	First Name:	
Registrant 2 Member: Y/N	Last Name:	First Name:	
Street Address:			
City:		State:	Zip Code:
Email:		Alternate Email or Pager:	
Telephone:		<input type="checkbox"/> Voice <input type="checkbox"/> TTY <input type="checkbox"/> Fax <input type="checkbox"/> VCO <input type="checkbox"/> Video (Service: _____)	
Circle communication needs: (Spanish , ASL,or Deaf-blind interpreter)			
Symposium Fees (IMPACT Membership fees are tax deductible)			
\$75 symposium fee per Non-member listed on this form X _____			Subtotal:
\$10 Symposium fee per IMPACT Member listed on this form X _____			Subtotal:
Late fee postmarked after 4/14/08. Add \$10 for each applicant ___ X _____			Subtotal:
Add Membership to get discount: \$30 (Individual), \$50 (Family – per household), \$100 (Boaster), \$200 (Supporter), \$500 (Advocate) Membership fee (per registrant) \$_____			Add subtotals and membership fee below
			Total Enclosed:

Mail this form with check or money order to:
 IMPACT, 34130 Gannon Terrace, Fremont, CA 94555
 Deadline: **April 14, 2008**

This event is for parents and guardians, unfortunately we cannot provide childcare.
 ___ Do Not Add my information to your communication lists.