

Communication Matters

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Workshop in Cadillac: Working with People who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

Communication *does* matter. When communication is difficult due to one person's hearing loss, work slows down, feelings may be hurt, misunderstandings happen. The *Communication Matters: Working with Deaf and Hard of Hearing People* workshop strives to improve communication by providing practical knowledge and strategies for successful communication with people with hearing loss.

The Northern Michigan District of Michigan Rehabilitation Services and Northern Michigan Alliance for Independent Living (NMAIL) are co-hosting a *Communication Matters* workshop in Cadillac on April 28.

If you would like to participate in this experiential and interactive workshop, contact Bonnie Newhouse at NMAIL to register (No charge, but we need to know who's coming) bnewhouse@charterintenet.com or call 231-922-2359.

If you would like to schedule a Communication Matters workshop in your area contact Julie Eckhardt at 231/922-2943 or jewel@chartermi.net.



When deaf and hard of hearing high school juniors are looking for career guidance, the Explore Your Future (EYF) program at NTID can assist them. EYF is a six-day summer career exploration program at the National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID), a college of Rochester Institute of Technology. The program offers high school juniors the opportunity to explore career interests, experience college life, and meet other deaf and hard of hearing students from all over the country. Students can choose one of two sessions offered this coming summer. These sessions are July 16-21 and July 23-28, 2005.

During this program students will:

- Have hands-on experience as they learn about careers;
- Learn things about themselves, their interests and learning styles;
- Meet and take classes with NTID faculty who have experience working with deaf and hard of hearing students.

After EYF, rehabilitation counselors will be provided with a student review, a student summary, and assessment results. Application and additional information are online at:

www.ntid.rit.edu/prospective/eyf.php

R-I-T National Technical Institute for the Deaf

Open House

At the 2005 Open House, interested students will join deaf and hard of hearing students from all across the United States to learn more about Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) and the National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID). While on campus, students can check out more than 200 academic programs, tour the campus, try out the latest technology, and chat with other students, counselors, faculty and financial aid experts. The Open House events will focus primarily on associate degree programs and pre-baccalaureate programs.

2005 Open House Dates are March 11 and April 15. Space is limited so students must register soon! Registration is online at www.rit.edu/ntid/openhouse/register or by phone at 585/475-6700 (Voice/TTY).

Information or news related to Deaf or Hard of Hearing services may be forwarded to Julie Eckhardt at jewel@chartermi.net. Views expressed in this bulletin are not necessarily the views of Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Growth-Rehabilitation Services. Communication Matters is available on the web at www.michigan.gov/mrs and on the E-Learn Deaf & Hard of Hearing Resource Center.



Ralph Lynam Leadership Institute for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Youth

A program of Michigan Association for Deaf, Hearing and Speech Services

*Michigan State University
E. Lansing, Michigan
June 19-24, 2005*

Michigan Association for Deaf, Hearing and Speech Services (MADHS) Leadership Institute is designed to help deaf and hard of hearing high school students, ages 16 to 19, develop leadership techniques, gain in self-determination, become responsible citizens in their schools and communities, and learn personal skills to become strong future leaders.

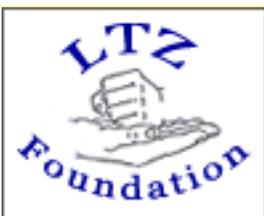
The Leadership Institute is communication accessible, according to the needs of the student. Oral and sign interpreters, assistive listening devices, real time reporting, overheads and handouts are available. Most of the costs for the week are covered by the United Way and agency contributions. Students who attend the Leadership Institute only pay \$200 towards a portion of their room and board. Many students receive scholarships from their Local Lions Clubs. To be eligible to participate, students must have a recommendation from a teacher, or other school personnel.

Leadership Institute participants will learn about and practice:

- Goal setting,
- Personal responsibility,
- Making healthy choices,
- Civil Rights,
- Substance abuse prevention,
- Develop self-esteem,
- Positive leadership skills,
- What employers are looking for,
- Presentation skills, and
- Working in teams.



Institute participants also learn about government, volunteerism, cultural diversity, communication accommodations and more! Clearly, this is a week packed with learning! Kids love it. Find out more by calling 1-800 YOUR-EAR or on the web at: www.madhs.org.



Scholarships for Students with Hearing Loss

The Louise Tumarkin Zazove Foundation is now accepting applications for scholarships. Any citizen or permanent resident of the United States with a hearing loss is eligible for consideration by the Foundation, regardless of his/her age, race, geographic location or ethnicity. Financial need will increase the chance of an applicant being awarded funds but this is only one of many criteria considered. Scholarships will be considered only at accredited non-profit schools, physically located in the United States, and all funds awarded by the Louise Tumarkin Zazove Foundation will be paid directly to schools. Although undergraduate and graduate level of study will be strongly favored, the Foundation may on occasion consider applications for high school tuition or other appropriate situations. Learn more at:

www.ltzfoundation.org/scholarships.cfm