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COMMUNITY RELIGIOUS

DBDA Meeting

Detroit Black Deaf Advocates, Ch. #6 monthly meetings ~ 2nd Saturday of the month from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm Veterans Administration Center (Auditorium), 4646 John R. (Detroit) dbdach6@yahoo.com

NAOBI Detroit

National Alliance of Black Interpreters, Chapter #8 monthly meetings, 2nd Saturday of the month 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Email for information at: naobidetroit8@gmail.com

Community Churches

Ann Arbor Baptist Church—Interpreted Service

2150 S. Wagner Road, Ann Arbor, (734) 995-5144 or (734) 995-9818 fax or (734) 646-3214 text. Sunday, 9:45 am Interactive Bible Study, 11 am and 6 pm Service and Wednesday at 7 pm

Bethesda Christian Church

14000 Metro Parkway, Sterling Heights Voice: (586) 264-2300 or bcc@bethesdachristian.org. Every Sunday

Calvary Apostolic Tabernacle

1013 Hughes Avenue
Flint, Michigan (810) 275-0904
Sunday 1 PM and Wednesday at 6:30 pm

Christ Community Church

(586) 776-5452 voice or (586) 776-9913 fax
25410 Kelly Road, Roseville. 9:00 am Sunday and 7:00 pm Wednesday nights Interpreted

Crossroads Baptist Church

2580 Packard Rd., Ann Arbor, Sunday School 11 am, Worship 9:30 am, Monday Night Bible Study 7 pm, msmibcd@comcast.net. (734) 971-0773. Fax: 734-971-9321

Detroit Sign Language

Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

151 Fisher Detroit All meetings in ASL
Sat. 10:15am Bible Lecture Tues. 7:30pm Bible Study, 313-263-4627 VP 313-961-2212 Voice

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

offers interpreted services every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 9:15 am, 800 S Military Street, Dearborn, Michigan 48124

Faith Lutheran Church

50600 Shelby Road, Shelby Twp, MI 48317.
faithshelby@wowway.com. Interpreted service 10:30 am every Sunday. 586-731-8112.

First Unitarian Universalist Church

(734) 665-6158 or www.uuaa.org
(second service interpreted)

Flint Deaf Lutheran/Christ the King Lutheran Church

248.889.3978 TTY or 248.887.8342 fax
pastor4deaf@gmail.com

Flint Sign Language Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

All meetings in ASL, 1805 Lapeer Road, Flint, MI 48503, Sat. 10:15 am Wed 7:30 pm (248) 931-0334 phone/text VP (810) 250-7074

Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church

29066 Eton, Westland, 734-721-2557
J.woods@gethsemane02.org/
www.gethsemane02.org

Greater Emmanuel Institutional Church of God in Christ

19190 Schaefer Hwy, Detroit. Sunday 8:30 am/11:30 am worship Interpreted. Info: Andrea Wallace at (313) 502-3328 or ladyandrea53@icloud.com

Greater New Mount Moriah Baptist Church

586 Owen, Detroit. Church School 9 am and Worship Service 10 am.
Both interpreted. Contact
Gmoriahbc@greaternewmtmotiah.org

Grosse Pointe Congregational Church of Christ

The Grosse Pointe Congregational Church United Church of Christ has a service monthly; first Sunday of each month, 240 Chalfonte Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236. Contact: Paul Fugate at Paul@ASLDeafined.com or 313-884-3075

Immanuel Lutheran Church and School

ASL Interpreted worship – 11:00am,
4th Sunday of the month in Worship Center.
47120 Romeo Plank, Macomb, MI.
www.immlutheran.org/contact/

Joseph Campau Avenue Church of God

17401 Joseph Campau, Detroit, (313) 717-6333 V.
Cencelia Thomas, Purposed4God@aol.com

Lake Orion Church of Christ

Lake Orion, Michigan—(248) 693-7242
http://www.orion.lib.mi.us/lococ/home.html
or timk@quinovainc.com

Master's Hands Deaf Church

3242 Whitney Avenue, Flint, MI 48532
Sunday School: 10am; Worship: 11am
Wednesday Bible Study: 6:30pm
Contact: johnb1090@gmail.com
VP: 810-275-0091

Maranatha Baptist Church

248-625-2700/voice, Dan Osterhout,
deafministry@mbccarkston.org or
www.mbccarkston.org. Sundays: 9:15 am class,
10:30 am worship. 6 pm services.

Memorial Deaf Fellowship

(586) 615-4607 V/Text, (586) 739-2207 fax or
(586) 580-8327 VP or mbcdeaf@comcast.net,
12651 Clinton River Road, Sterling Heights

Mt. Zion Church

4600 Maybee Road, Clarkston, MI 48346
(248) 391-6166 voice or www.mtzion.org
Interpreted services are offered Sunday mornings at 10:30 am and Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm

Our Lady of Loretto, West Detroit Catholic Deaf

Office: 16103 Chesterfield Ave.
Eastpointe, MI 48021, (586) 439-0146 VP (Office),
(586) 439-0440 VP (Public) or (586) 764-8476
Voice/Fax. Sunday ASL Mass - 9:30 am at Our
Lady of Loretto, 25700 W. 6 Mile Road,
Redford, MI 48240, (Chapel located in school behind the church)

Oak Pointe Church Milford

1250 S. Hill Road, Milford
For more info contact: Greg
Frohriep gfrohriep@me.com

Our Savior Lutheran Church of the Deaf

1800 W. Maple Road—Birmingham
www.OSLCD.org , Fax: 248-887-8342
Reverend Tylor Walworth at 816-590-1692

Parkside Church of Christ

Dearborn Heights, Michigan
(313) 278-8120 or www.parksidecoc.org. Sunday
service at 10:30 am and 6:00 pm.

Parkview Baptist Church for the Deaf

(734) 261-8281 TTY/fax or (734) 261-6180
Contact: Kathy at or www.parkviewdeafchurch.org

Prayer Temple Missionary Baptist Church

27350 Chicago Road, Redford, (313) 414-1054
http://www.ptmbc.net. Service begins at 11 am

Resurrection Lutheran Church

20531 Kelly Road in Detroit
313-372-4902 V. revsebenjamin@yahoo.com
Interpreted Service 4th Sunday of month

Resurrection Church (formerly Friendship Azusa)

G5165 Detroit Street in Flint.

Rochester First Assembly - NEW CHURCH

4434 N. Rochester Road (Corner of Rochester/
Snell), Rochester, Michigan
Sunday's at 10:00 am—Interpreted by Jessica
Mitchell. 248-652-3353.

Second Ebenezer Church - Deaf Ministry

14601 Dequindre Rd (I-75 @ East McNichols)
Detroit MI 48212. secdeaf_ministry@yahoo.com
or www.secondebenazer.org. 313-867-4700

Saline First Assembly of God

300 Old Creek Drive, Saline, MI ASL Interpreted
worship every Sunday at 10:45 am,
734-429-7732, www.salineag.org

Sign of Hope Neighborhood Church

Deaf Pastor Dean Bliss—Sunday Service 10 am
1378 W. State Rd, Lansing, MI 48906
517-588-4598 VP or
signofhopechurch@gmail.com

Silent Assembly Deaf Church

18513 Lahser, Detroit, Michigan, 48219, Services
signed with voicing. Sunday 10 am—Noon. Pastor
Scott McCain. (734) 347-8105 text or
tsmccain@aol.com

St. John's Deaf Center—NEW ADDRESS

Office: 16103 Chesterfield Ave., Eastpointe, MI
48021, (586) 439-0146 VP (Office)
(586) 439-0440 VP (Public), (586) 764-8476
Voice/Fax, Senior Citizens – Tuesdays 10 am –
4pm. Sunday ASL Mass – 11:30 am
*Holy Innocents Church , 16359 Frazho Road
Roseville, MI 48066*

Troy Church of Nazarene

(248) 879-8888 Voice. Sunday morning Interpreted

The Shores Deaf Church

24905 Manhattant, St Clair Shores MI 48080,
586.772.9050 ext 100, Contact Pastor Ron Dettloff,
dettloff.ronald@gmail.com, Service times: Morning
Worship 10:30 am, Wednesday evening Bible
Study 7:00 pm

Venture Church

8457 E. Highland Road
Howell, MI 48843
11:00 am Every Sunday (interpreted)

Woodside Bible Church

6600 Rochester Rd., Troy has interpreted services
every Sunday morning at 11:30. Deaf Bible Study
Every Wednesday night - 7:00PM - Contact Bethany
at spencerbethany70@gmail.com

Word of Faith Ministry

VP/TTY: (248) 355-0242, Voice: (248) 353-3476
Fax: (248) 354-8534 or ghalliburton@woficc.com.
Interpreted/captioned services

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needs to be updated please
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In Memory of Lavon James

 Our condolences to the family and friends of Lavon James who passed away of April 6, 2019. Lavon was born on 10/12/1949 and attended the Michigan School for the Deaf in Flint., Class of 1969. We wish her family peace during this difficult time.

In Memory of Arlyn Meyerson

By Robin and Gene Newman

In Memory of Bill Browning

By Doug and Becky Calaman

In Memory of Jane Langa

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(as of 7/9/19)

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DEAF C.A.N.! is open:

Monday—Friday from 9:00 am—5:00 pm
(closed 12:00—1:00 pm for Lunch)
Give us a call to make an appointment!

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Detroit Public Schools

If you are looking for full time or part time employment, DEAF C.A.N.! Is hiring for our Detroit Public Schools Interpreting contract. Requirements for the position: Valid BEI, NAD, EIPA or RID Certification and compliance with the State of Michigan. Please call Marcy at (248) 332-3331.

SURVEY—your help is needed!

Consent Form for an Expedited Review Research An Exploration of the Availability of Certified Medical American Sign Language Interpreters In Rural v. Urban Areas in the State of Michigan

Introduction

You are being asked to be in a research study that is being done by RaeAnne Goodwin under the direction of Paul Fugate, Professor of Department of Communications of Oakland University, the faculty adviser for this project.

Your decision to participate in this study is voluntary. You can choose to stop your participation at any time or skip any part of the study if you are not comfortable. Your decision will not affect your present or future relationship with Oakland University, the researcher, the Communications Department, or the Deaf Community Advocacy Network.

What is the purpose of this study?

The purpose of this research study is to explore the need for certified medical American Sign Language interpreters in both rural and urban areas within the state of Michigan.

Who can participate in this study?

You are being asked to participate in this study because you classify as a deaf/hard-of-hearing/deaf and blind individual, age 18 or older, that has in the past used, or expressed interest in using, an American Sign Language interpreter.

How long will I be in the study?

Participation in this study will not require extra time beyond the approximate 30 minutes required to complete the following questionnaire.

Where will this study take place?

This study will take place online at a time and place that you choose.

What do I have to do?

You will be asked to fill out the following survey regarding your experiences, or lack thereof, with certified medical American Sign Language interpreters.

Are there any risks to me?

For this study, the potential risks and discomforts that we know about are minimal and rare, including recalling possibly unpleasant situations and experiencing mild emotional discomfort. Should you experience these discomforts, feel free to take a break from the questionnaire.

With many research studies, there is a risk that someone who is not part of this research may accidentally see your personal information. Safeguards will be in place to minimize this risk by keeping your research records as confidential as possible. When the results of this research are published or presented at conferences, no information will be included that personally identifies you.

Are there any benefits to me?

Although there may be no immediate direct benefits to you, the results of this study may benefit others in the future by spreading awareness of the need for certified medical American Sign Language interpreters to the public.

Will I receive anything for participating?

You will not receive anything for participating in this study.

Who could see my information?

Your research records may be shared and reviewed by the following groups:

- Representatives of the Oakland University Institutional Review Board and/or other regulatory compliance staff, whose job is to protect people who are in research studies.
- Regulatory authorities who oversee research (Office for Human Research Protections, or other federal, state, or international regulatory agencies)

De-identified data may be used or distributed to another investigator for future research use without additional informed consent from you.

When the results of this research are published or discussed in conferences, no information will be included that personally identifies you.

What if I want to stop participating in this study?

If you want to stop participating in this study, close your browser before clicking 'Submit'. If you click 'Submit', it will not be possible to stop participating.

Who do I contact if I have questions about this study?

RaeAnne Goodwin, raeannegoodwin@oakland.edu
Paul Fugate, paul.fugate@gmail.com

For questions regarding your rights as a participant in human subject research, you may contact the Oakland University Institutional Review Board, 248-370-2762.

Signing the consent form. Please follow this link, and you will be taken to the survey. From there, you can click the box below, and agree to participate in this research. Please print a copy of this consent form for your information.

https://oakland.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_byDRNECDcrCnxLn

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iCanConnect (ICC) also known as the National Deaf-Blind Equipment Distribution Program, is an FCC program administered by organizations in all 50 states as well as Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

In the state of Michigan, Perkins School for the Blind is responsible for the iCan-Connect program, and works with Deaf C.A.N.! to provide local service in Michigan. Those interested in applying to the program should contact DEAF C.A.N.!

I want to join DEAF C.A.N.!

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 2111 Orchard Lake Road #101
 Sylvan Lake, MI 48320*

Thank you

HLA Meetings

Michigan Chapters

Michigan State Chapter Coordinator –
 Elizabeth Kobylak
ekobylak@comcast.net

Downriver Area Chapter

Details: Meets on the second Saturday of the month at noon, September through June

Location: Southgate Veteran's Memorial Library
 14680 Dix Toledo Rd
 Southgate, Michigan 48195
Contact/s: Frances Eldis
franceseldis@yahoo.com

Kalamazoo Chapter

Details: Meets the 2nd Saturday of every month at 9 a.m. (Except December)

Location: Blue Dolphin
 502 S. Burdick St.
 Kalamazoo, MI
Contact/s: Betty Yagi
yyagi1@ameritech.net 269-375-8366

Lansing Chapter

Details: Meets 1st Wednesday of the month, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., September through June

Location: King Arthur Court
 2201 E. State Rd
 Lansing, Michigan 48906
Contact/s: Fred Moore
mystery366@hotmail.com

Macomb Chapter

Details: Meets 4th Thursday of the month at 1 p.m. – 3 p.m., September to June

Location: Trinity Lutheran Church
 38900 Harper Ave.
 Clinton Township, MI 48036
Contact/s: Lynn Huff
Macomb-co@hearingloss-mi.org
 586-268-3606

Mid Michigan Chapter

Details: Meets 4th Monday, 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., March through October, except holidays.

Location: Saginaw Valley State University Curtiss Hall (Rm 128)
 7400 Bay Rd.
 University Center, MI 48710
Contact/s: Lori Orr
mid.michigan@hearingloss-mi.org
 989-860-0961

OAK Chapter

Details: Meets 3rd Tuesday of the month from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (Beginning January 2019)

Location: Metro U of M Hospital
 2122 Health Drive Southwest
 Wyoming, Michigan 49519
Contact/s: Gerid Adams
gerid@theoakchapter.org
 269-350-3690 (V/Txt)

Royal Oak Chapter

Details: Meets the 4th Tuesday from 7 p.m. – 8 p.m., 6:30 p.m. for socializing (July picnic and December Christmas party – both dates may vary and should be confirmed with the Chapter leaders).

Location: Huntington Woods Library
 26415 Scotia Rd.
 Huntington Woods, MI 48070
Contact/s: Pam Dangovian
guccigal40@aol.com
 Mathias Bahnmueller
MathiasBahnmueller@gmail.com

Western Wayne Chapter

Details: Meets the 2nd Wednesday 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. (September – May, except December)

Location: William P. Faust Public Library of Westland (Meeting Room B)
 6123 Central City Pkwy
 Westland, MI 48185
Contact/s: Tony Ferack
tony.ferack@hearingloss-mi.org
 734-664-3297

*Updated Chapter
 Information. Check it out
 and see what's near you.
 Great Groups!*

WHAT'S GOING ON



23rd Annual DeafBlind Workshop Interpreter/SSP/Interpreter Student Application



Date: Thursday August 8 – Sunday August 11, 2019

Registration begins at 12:30pm on Thursday afternoon (lunch will not be provided) with **mandatory** activities for **all** participants beginning at **1:30pm**. Please allow enough time to register and get unpacked. The activities will start no later than 1:30pm.

☑ Full attendance of DBW (Thursday, August 8, 1:30 - Sunday August 11, 1pm) is required.

Where: DeSales Conference Center, Brooklyn, Michigan

Cost: \$125.00 for CEUs, workshops, meals and lodging

Description: DBW (DeafBlind Workshop) is an experiential learning opportunity. DBW is designed to give DeafBlind, Deaf and hearing participants a unique learning experience. You will be provided material support, lectures and hands-on experiences for you to apply the information you learn. DBW is also designed to provide ample opportunities for you to learn directly from DeafBlind individuals you meet. You will work with several DeafBlind individuals throughout the DBW and apply what you learn about supporting their communication and mobility needs. Discover how people who are DeafBlind manage their everyday lives, interests and passions. You will learn a variety of skills you may then use in your interpreting career. You will also develop contacts and connections with amazing people. DBW is designed to teach you additional interpreting skills through a mentored experience, while you support DeafBlind campers' access to information and fun activities. Training topics may include: sighted guide, working with a client who uses a guide dog, interpreting techniques for people who are DeafBlind (restricted field, tracking, and tactile), haptics, and more.



Hurry and register - Space is limited for this workshop experience!

No "at the door" registrations will be accepted.

Application Deadline: July 15, 2019

**Jill Gaus
SHI-M=DB/DBW
3123 Catalpa Dr.
Jackson, MI 49203**



NO REFUND if cancellation after Aug 1st, 2018 . For information,

contact: Jill Gaus

517.414.1740 text only

jagaus@sbcglobal.net

PLEASE NOTE: Preference in acceptance to DBW will be given to 1) interpreters seeking the Michigan DeafBlind Endorsement, 2) current ITP students with program directors signature, 3) all others. Applications will be accepted from out of state participants on a limited basis - Michigan interpreters are given priority for registration. **CEUs Pending***



Deaf Celebration Day 2019

Saturday, September 28, 2019

10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Admission: Free, East Doors

Southfield Civic Center - Pavilion

26000 Evergreen Road

Southfield, Michigan

- Entertainment • Children's Arts and Crafts • Give-a-ways •
- Over 45 Exhibitors • Friends • Family Time • And Much, Much More •
- Receive a Program Book Learn about organizations in the community



Need more information?
Contact Deaf Community Advocacy Network

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PARENT ADVOCACY

An app for families of children who are deaf or hard of hearing attending IEP meetings, 504 meetings, or other meetings.

Families of deaf and hard of hearing children attend meetings—Individualized Education Program (IEP) meetings, 504 meetings, and other types of meetings. What are these meetings about? How can you be the best advocate for your child? The Parent Advocacy app helps you to understand your child's rights and to prepare you to work with the school in the best interest of your child.

Introductory information - This includes videos and inspirations as well as highlighting the parts of the app.

IEP meetings - Understand what an IEP means and how you can participate in the meeting.

Section 504 plan meetings - Understand the meaning of this type of meeting and how it differs from an IEP meeting.

Other school meetings - Understand if your child might be eligible for a 504 plan or IEP. What advocacy principles can you use?

Fillable checklists and notes - These help you navigate the process of advocating for your child. As you proceed through the app, you can keep track of your progress. You can then add a series of notes to remind yourself of important points.

Common questions - Questions are listed that families tend to ask for each type of meeting.

Strategies - How can you approach advocating for your child? Six strategies are discussed.

Resources - Linked resources are available. There is also information about how to contact the parent and deaf organizational partners for assistance.

Videos - These introduce you to the app and guide your next steps.

