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## Parent & Community Education...

### Conversational Sign Language

*Marie S. Heidemann, Pediatric Occupational Therapist*

Don't tie your fingers up in knots.....come and try your hand at signing! This 8-week class is open to anyone who has had at least a beginning level sign language class. It will expand your knowledge from one-word signing to sentences... Get ready to feel comfortable talking about topics from greetings to emergencies, daily living, and special occasions while using the basics of ASL. Experience deaf culture first hand by meeting and communicating with members of the Deaf community. The cost for the class is \$25.00 per adult. Class fees are waived for Hand-N-Hand families.

Class size is limited. Registration for Conversational Sign Language is due by January 11, 2010.

**Monday Nights, January 18 – March 8, 2010 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.**

### Students who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing ~ Eligibility Criteria Guidelines

*Carol Schweitzer, Educational Consultant, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Programs*

Public schools in Wisconsin maintain a continuum of educational programs designed to meet the range of needs of students who are deaf or hard of hearing. Student needs range from minimal supports in the general education classroom and curriculum to intensive direct instruction with a modified curriculum. Educational philosophies and practices today range from bilingual-bicultural to total communication, to oral programs. As an invisible disability, the impact of hearing loss is challenging at best to understand. Join Carol Schweitzer as she talks with professionals and families about the focus of educational practice with students who are deaf and hard of hearing.

**Monday, March 8, 2010 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.**

### Roots-N-Wings

*Joleen Hunkins and Leigh Wiitanen, Educational Interpreters*

This eight week program will teach HNH children age six and older the basic *roots* of sign language while encouraging participants to spread their *wings* and feel comfortable using the language. Children will have the opportunity to learn sign language naturally through games, stories and fun activities highlighted with opportunities to interact with members of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing communities. The cost for the class is \$25.00 per child. Class fees are waived for Hand-N-Hand families.

Registration for Roots-N-Wings is due by March 8, 2010.

**Monday Nights, March 15 – May 10, 2010 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.**

### "THROUGH THE EYES AND EARS OF OUR FAMILY" - PARENT PANEL

Come and meet families who have children with hearing loss and have individual experiences to share. This is a panel discussion presenting local families, parents and children, who will share their stories and answer questions about raising/being a child with hearing loss. *Light refreshments will be served and childcare will be available.*

**Monday, April 19, 2010 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.**

### Deaf Mentor Program (DMP) & Guide By Your Side Program (GBYS)

*Bonnie Eldred, Parent and DMP Coordinator & Laurie Nelson, Guide Coordinator and Parent*

**PARENTS & SERVICE PROVIDERS...** Come and learn about some of the supports and services available through the Wisconsin Educational Services Program Deaf & Hard of Hearing – Outreach (WESPDHH) for families of children who are deaf or hard of hearing!

**Monday, May 17, 2010 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.**

**411 ST. JOHN STREET GREEN BAY, WI 54301**

LOCATED ON THE CORNER OF ST. JOHN ST. & JEFFERSON ST. ~ INSIDE ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL

DIRECTIONS: FOLLOW HWY 41 TO MASON STREET EXIT, GO EAST. CROSS RIVER, TAKE DOWNTOWN MADISON STREET EXIT. TAKE SECOND LEFT ONTO ST. JOHN STREET.

If you are interested in attending any of the events  
or if you have questions about  
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