

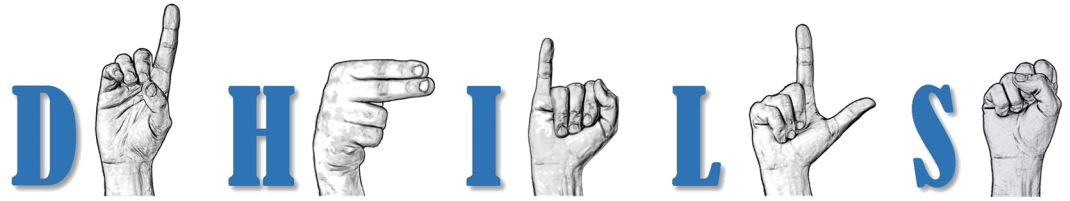
May 2, 2024



Empowering Independence

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WHAT'S UP?



Deaf and Hard of Hearing Independent Living Services



Upcoming CLW DHILS Events

Spring Party, Tuesday, May 21st

11:00am – 1:30pm (See full flyer in Events)

Autism Awareness, Thursday, June 20th

10:30am – 12:00pm

YOU MUST REGISTER FOR ALL EVENTS!

Flyers with more information coming soon!



Coming this Fall! [Dates/times to be announced]

- Deaf Awareness Celebration
- Driver's Education
- Scams & Identify Theft [Attorney General's Office]
- Preparation for Filing Taxes

Flyers coming soon!



DHILS department with recently retired CLW staff, Deb Ethier (HR Assistant)

Photo by Maria Alvarado

Technology 101: Workshop Series



Our *Technology 101: The Basics* workshop series started on March 30th. So far we have had a general introduction about technology, discussed future topics, 5G & Operating Systems, iPhones and Email.

Upcoming topics will include:

- Google Drive
- Laptops
- Microsoft: *Word & Excel*

Contact Denise to register or with questions at: DParo@centerlw.org or call 508-556-1600 [VP]

Please see the flier in Events for the full list of dates/topics.



National Interpreter Day May 1st

DID YOU KNOW?

- There are about 6,500 languages in the world - including *American Sign Language*.
- Celebrated the first Wednesday in May.
- ASL is:
 - a visual language using handshapes, facial expressions, and body language to convey meaning.
 - complex with it's own grammar, syntax, and vocabulary.



MCDHH News



MCDHH Listening Sessions

These sessions present a valuable opportunity for MCDHH to engage with community members, hear their perspectives, and work together towards creating positive change. Please share this information with your consumers, community members, and anyone else who may be interested.

Upcoming Dates

- May 7 [Fall River]
- May 21 [Roxbury]

Want more details? See flyers on <https://www.facebook.com/MassCDHH> or email Heather for more information at heather.l.daley@mass.gov.

New SAC Members



MCDHH is proud to announce two members have been newly appointed to its Statewide Advisory Council, **Michelle Dunn** and **Jonathan LeJeune**. Michelle and Jonathan will play key roles in the council's mission to promote accessibility and advocate for the needs of the Deaf, DeafBlind and Hard of Hearing community across the state.

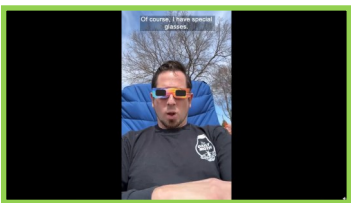
View the full Press Release / Transcript at: <https://bit.ly/3Q9juCp>

Deaf News [Daily Moth]



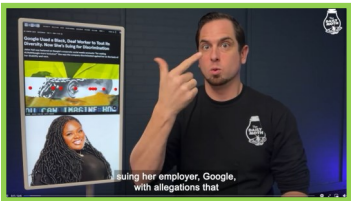
Oklahoma School for the Deaf spared damage from Sulphur tornadoes

<https://youtu.be/PMg7gVEcS7M?si=Mr-MhsCyuTs8JM3b>



Solar Eclipse Experience

<https://fb.watch/rMHSg4i6Mz/>



Interview with Jalon Hall, Black Deaf employee who sued Google

<https://fb.watch/rMFE9goiRQ/>

White House Daily Press Briefings: *Now with ASL & Captions*

The White House Daily press briefings and other important announcements on their YouTube channel now have a Deaf Interpreter and captions.

Go to: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLRJNAhZxtqH9HovoVAK601PgqtL4EIKmH>



Boston Children's Hospital Deaf & Hard of Hearing (DHHP) Program News



Spanish Curriculum: Second Edition Released



ASL at Home has released the second edition of the Spanish curriculum at: www.aslathome.org/store

DHHP Outreach program will use this curriculum in the next **Cultural Connections** class later this year. The classes and the materials are free for Spanish-speaking parents and caregivers of deaf and hard of hearing children. If you would like more information, please e-mail DHHPOutreach@childrens.harvard.edu.

IEP Improvement Project

The *Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education* rolled out a newly revised IEP form. When you visit the *DESE's IEP Improvement Project* site, a two-page document called "Changes to the IEP Forms crosswalk" can be downloaded, which highlights specific changes that were made. Visit the website here: www.doe.mass.edu/sped/ImproveIEP/default.html.



PBS Kids Adds American Sign Language Interpreters to Some Shows



American Sign Language interpreters have been added to six shows, including *Arthur*, *Alma's Way*, *Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood*, *Donkey Hodie*, *Pinkalicious & Peterrific*, and *Work It Out Wombats!*. Audiences will see ASL interpreters immersed and embedded inside the character's world. Each series features a different interpreter. The target audience is kids between ages 2-8.

Family ASL Research Project

UConn's Sign Linguistics and Language Acquisition Lab's Family ASL Research Project is currently recruiting hearing families with deaf toddlers between 2-5 years of age to participate in a research project focusing on how hearing families with deaf children learn ASL together in their home setting.

Families will be compensated for their hours with this project.

For more information and to watch a video go to: <https://slla.lab.uconn.edu/family-asl/recruitment/>

FAMILY ASL IRB#2019-0302; approved March 21, 2019

Calling All Hearing Families with Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Children!

Are you interested in helping research about language development? If your DHH child is learning ASL and between the ages of 2-5, we invite you to participate in one of our studies.

<p>For Hearing Families with DHH Children ages 2-5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time commitment: Up to 6 hours • Two or more 30-minute language task blocks • Adult and researcher • Adult, child, and researcher <p>• Thank you payment: \$10 per half-hour</p>	<p>For Hearing Families with DHH Children ages 2-3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time commitment: 1 year • One year of periodic ASL services with your child • Tablet for recording, toys, and books will be provided • Six sets of language tasks <p>• Thank you payment: Up to \$50 per month</p>
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All research is online using Zoom
Some sessions use ASL, some sessions use English

These studies were approved by the University of Connecticut Institutional Review Board (protocol #19-0302; protocol #19-0303). Principal Investigator: Diane Lillo-Martin, PhD.

Contact us to see if your child qualifies!

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Follow DHHP on *Facebook* at: <https://facebook.com/BostonChildrensDHHP> or the web site at www.childrenshospital.org/dhhp



MAY 2024 Awareness

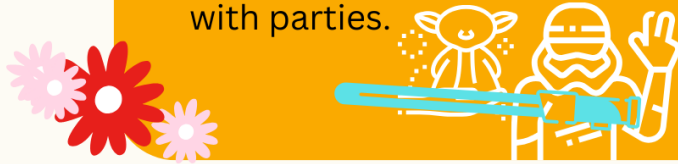
5/1 National Interpreter Day

- There are about 6,500 languages in the world - *including American Sign Language.*
- Interpreters connect people that use different languages.



5/4 National Star Wars Day

- *"May the Fourth be with you."*
- Fans of the movie celebrate with parties.



5/12



Mother's Day

5/16 National Classic Movie Day

- Celebrate the film industry.
- Grab some popcorn and re-watch your favorite movies.



5/31 National Smile Day



- Smiles are powerful!
- They engage people and the more a person smiles, the healthier their brain can be.
- Smile! It reduces stress.

Memorial Day - *Last Monday in May*

- Federal holiday honoring men and women who died serving in the U.S. Armed Forces (Army, Navy, etc.).
- Remember **all** loved ones who have passed away.



Worcester Parent Guide to Community Resources

[CLICK HERE FOR ENGLISH GUIDE](#)

Worcester Parent / Caregiver Guide to Community Services



A project originally co-sponsored by the Child Abuse Prevention / Protection Collaborative of the Health Foundation of Central MA.

Updated Therapists for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Directory

Click here: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mRNQIKYYNjM4vYpRX7OECQkiW-PQlu62/view?usp=sharing>



MISSED A WHAT'S UP NEWSLETTER?

Past issues of newsletters are on our website!

VISIT: [HTTPS://WWW.CENTERLW.ORG/2022/07/WHATS-UP-NEWSLETTER/](https://www.centerlw.org/2022/07/whats-up-newsletter/)

Questions? Contact your Skills Trainer

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Jonathan Vanderschrick	Deaf Skills Trainer (Full-time)	508-762-1350 (VP)
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Contact Us!



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