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2004 Michigan Early Hearing Interventionists/Parents Conference

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Friday, February 6, 2004
Sheraton Lansing Hotel
Lansing, Michigan

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Registration Deadline: January 16, 2004

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Limited Space Available!
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Interventionists/Parents Conference



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Program Highlights

Welcome

The Michigan Department of Community Health, Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program (EHDI) is excited to announce Michigan's first annual Early Hearing Interventionists/Parents Conference. The conference planning committee worked diligently to plan comprehensive workshop sessions and its selection of speakers, as well as providing time for networking that will benefit both early interventionists and families of young children with hearing loss.

We Give Special Thanks to ...

Maternal Child Health Bureau for conference funding

Michigan Hands & Voices for conference sponsorship

MPHI, CRHOP-Education and Training for conference coordination

We look forward to your participation!

Sincerely,

*Michigan Early Hearing Interventionists/Parents Conference Planning
Committee and Grant Review Team*

Conference Goals and Purpose

The goals of the MDCH/EHDI 2003-2004 Michigan Early Interventionists/Parents Conference are to increase the skill and knowledge base of childhood specialists who work with children with hearing loss and their families and to provide an opportunity for families to learn about early intervention services. The ultimate purpose of training is to improve hearing health care service delivery for the 0-5 year old population and their families.

Target Audience

These sessions are intended for families of young children with hearing loss and professionals (Audiologists, Speech Pathologists, Early On staff, and others) who work with children and families of young children with hearing loss for the 0-5 year old population.

Objectives

This conference will meet National EHDI Goal 3, Objective 2: States will provide opportunities to Part C and other intervention service providers to receive training on specific issues related to deafness and hearing loss.

Registration Information

To register for this conference, please complete the registration form insert and mail or fax the form to our office by **January 16, 2004**.

The cost for a parent with a young child with hearing loss is **\$30.00**. The cost for families (limited to 2 persons) with young children with hearing loss is **\$50.00**, (*each additional family member is \$20.00*). The cost for professionals or those that work with young children with hearing loss is **\$75.00**. Registration includes: continental breakfast, hot lunch and conference materials. Payment is due upon registration or at the conference.

All participants who register in advance will receive a confirmation letter, including a map and directions. **If you do not receive a confirmation letter by January 23, 2004 please call (517) 324-8330.**

Space is limited! Register early to ensure a spot at the conference!

Casual attire is recommended. The conference center and room temperatures will vary, therefore, it is recommended you dress in layers.

Location & Lodging

The host hotel for the 2004 Michigan Early Hearing Interventionists/Parents Conference is the Sheraton Lansing Hotel located at 925 South Creyts Road in Lansing. *Reservations must be made with the Sheraton Lansing Hotel by Tuesday, January 6, 2004*, to receive special overnight conference rates.

To make room reservations, individuals must call the Sheraton Lansing Hotel at (517) 323-7100. Make sure to mention that you are with the **“MPHI - Early Hearing Conference”** or under block-code, **“MI-Public”** to assure the special overnight rate. Single rate is \$65.00, double rate is \$85.00. Free parking is available for all conference attendees.

Conference attendees are responsible for their individual room reservations and cost. To qualify for the 6% sales tax exemption, please provide the hotel with a copy of your agency's sales tax exemption certificate at check in.

Special Accommodations

The Sheraton Lansing Hotel is fully accessible to the public as required by the Americans with Disabilities Accessibility Guidelines. Reasonable accommodations will be granted if given two weeks prior to the event. Please call (517) 324-8330 to make requests.

AGENDA AT-A-GLANCE

2004 MICHIGAN EARLY HEARING
INTERVENTIONISTS/PARENTS CONFERENCE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2004

- 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. **REGISTRATION DESK OPEN**
- 8:30 - 9:00 a.m. **WELCOME & OPENING PLENARY**
MDCH - Michigan Early Hearing Detection and
Intervention Program (EHDI)
- 9:00 - 9:30 a.m. **OPENING PLENARY**
Young, Deaf...Past, Present and Future
David Luterman, D.Ed.
- 9:30 - 10:00 a.m. **BREAK & VISIT EXHIBITS**
- 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**
- A1** *Ages...Stages...Choices...*
Leeanne Seaver, M.A., Janet DesGeorges and Guest
- A2** *Placing Parents in the Driver's Seat*
Debra Lively, Ph.D. and Guests
- A3** *Early Language Development*
Michael Casby, Ph.D., CCC-SLP
- 11:30 - 1:00 p.m. **GROUP LUNCHEON NETWORKING, VISIT EXHIBITS**
Kenya Lowe, 1999-2001 Miss Deaf Michigan
- 1:00 - 1:30 p.m. **NETWORKING & VISIT EXHIBITS**
- 1:30 - 2:00 p.m. **GENERAL SESSION**
Issues in Parenting a Young Deaf Child
David Luterman, D.Ed.
- 2:15 - 3:30 p.m. **GENERAL SESSION**
Interaction with Parents and Providers
David Luterman, D.Ed.
- 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. **CLOSING PLENARY**
Where Do We Go From Here?
Leeanne Seaver, M.A., & Janet DesGeorges
- 4:30 - 4:45 p.m. **WRAP-UP & EVALUATION**

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David Luterman, D.Ed.
*Emerson College and Thayer Lindsley Family Centered
Nursery for Hearing Impaired Children*
Dr. Luterman shares over 35 years of experience working
with families with young children with hearing loss.
- 9:30 - 10:00 a.m. **BREAK & VISIT EXHIBITS**
- 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**
- A1** **Ages...Stages...Choices:**
Change is Just an Opportunity
Leeanne Seaver, M.A., Janet DesGeorges and Guest
Hands & Voices National
This session will focus on empowering parents to make
choices that foster independence during various stages of
development.
- A2** **Placing Parents in the Driver's Seat**
Debra Lively, Ph.D. and Guests
SKI-HI
Teaming with families provides key to their success.
Come hear Ms. Lively's dynamic discussion on family/
provider relationships within systems of care. Current
Michigan services will be shared with participants.
- A3** **Early Language Development**
Michael Casby, Ph.D., CCC-SLP
*Audiology & Speech Services, Oyer Speech-Language-
Hearing Clinic, Michigan State University*
Early Language development from birth through 18-24
months and communication before language will be
explored.

Friday, February 6, 2004 - continued

- 11:30 - 1:00 p.m. **GROUP LUNCHEON**
Kenya Lowe
Michigan Relay Center
Be motivated by former 1999-2001 Miss Deaf Michigan, and her powerful message as she shares her life experiences and personal journey.
- 1:00 - 1:30 p.m. **NETWORKING & VISIT EXHIBITS**
- 1:30 - 2:00 p.m. **GENERAL SESSION**
Issues in Parenting a Young Deaf Child
David Luterman, D.Ed.
Emerson College and Thayer Lindsley Family Centered Nursery for Hearing Impaired Children
Based on decades of working with families of young children with hearing loss, the parenting process, its emotions and coping mechanisms will be discussed. This session will offer support and guidance to all families of young children with hearing loss, as well as provide vital information for early interventionists and other professionals.
- 2:15 - 3:30 p.m. **GENERAL SESSION**
Interaction with Parents and Providers
David Luterman, D.Ed.
Emerson College and Thayer Lindsley Family Centered Nursery for Hearing Impaired Children
This session will be devoted to discussion and interaction on all aspects of coming to grips with having a child with hearing loss and the parenting process. This session will be interactive with no formal presentation.
- 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. **CLOSING PLENARY**
Where Do We Go From Here?
Leeanne Seaver, M.A. and Janet DesGeorges
Hands & Voices National
Michigan has an urgent need to create effective systems within the state. Ms. Seaver and Ms. DesGeorges will speak from a national perspective on the Hands & Voices National organization and its role in early hearing intervention.
- 4:30 - 4:45 p.m. **WRAP UP & EVALUATION**

Keynote Speakers

David Luterman, D.Ed.

Dr. Luterman is Professor Emeritus Emerson College in Boston and Director of the Thayer Lindsley Family Centered Nursery for Hearing Impaired Children. He has dedicated his career to developing a greater understanding of the psychological effects and emotions associated with hearing impairment and the caregiver role. He has successfully translated this understanding into an effective model of counseling which allows for content and affect exchange. He gives new meaning to the word "counseling" He has lectured extensively on counseling in throughout the United States, Canada and abroad. He is author of: *Counseling Parents of Hearing Impaired Children (1979, Little Brown)*, *Deafness in Perspective (1986, College Hill)*, *Deafness in the Family (1987, College-Hill)*, *In the Shadows (1995, Jade Press)*, *When Your Child is Deaf, (2001, York Press)*, *The Young Deaf Child (1999, York Press)*, *Counseling Persons With Communication Disorders and Their Families (2001, Pro-Ed)*, *Early Childhood Deafness Edited with Ellen Kurtzer-White (York Press, 2001)*.

Kenya Lowe

The former 1999-2001 Miss Deaf Michigan graduated from Michigan State University majoring in Deaf Education. She is currently a valued staff member of the Michigan Relay Center (MRC) assisting Michigan's citizens who have hearing loss. Ms. Lowe is well known to viewers of Michigan Association for Deaf, Hearing and Speech Services substance abuse prevention video series. She has also been an invited motivational speaker focusing on leadership development.

Leeanne Seaver, M.A.

Ms. Seaver is the Hands & Voices National Executive Director. She is a mom to three kids, including Dane, her eldest son who is profoundly deaf. She works professionally as a writer and television producer. She has written and produced several videos on topics related to deafness, including the *Early Intervention Illustrated* series, "*A is for Access: Creating Full & Effective Communication Access for Students Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing*," and "*Teaching the Kids With High Tech Ears*". Leeanne's particular expertise lies in advocacy and special education law. As Executive Director for Hands & Voices National, she hopes to strengthen the voice and presence of the deaf and hard of hearing by building an organization that unites all members of this unique community nationwide.

Keynote Speakers Cont'd

Janet DesGeorges

Ms. DesGeorges is the Vice President, Hands & Voices National Board of Directors and lives in Boulder, Colorado with her husband Joe and three daughters. Her youngest daughter, Sara, is hard of hearing. She is the parent consultant for the Marion Downs National Center for Infant Hearing, and is also the Director of Families for Hands & Voices, Colorado Chapter, which has a membership of 1200 representing families who have children who are deaf/hard of hearing. Janet has presented to groups nationwide and internationally about the experiences of families as they journey through life with a child with deafness or hearing loss. Her sensitive and enlightened approach helps professionals relate to the parent perspective.

Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program

The EHDI Program is dedicated to building a statewide system of services for hearing health care for newborns and young children 0-3 years of age. By developing a statewide system of services, the EHDI Program and Michigan professionals provide young children with hearing loss and their families, with support, resources, and an important early start.

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