

Weaving Common Threads and Diversity Among Deaf and Hard of Hearing Adolescents

***Crowne Plaza St. Louis-Clayton
St. Louis, MO
October 5-8, 2008***

Goal of the Conference

Adolescents who are deaf or hard of hearing comprise a highly diverse population of youth served in education, rehabilitation, and related community service programs. Their diversity is represented not only through multiculturalism and ethnicity but in their communication styles, interests, and academic skills. Programs must address the needs of an increasing number of students from diverse ethnic backgrounds and an increasing number of students utilizing cochlear implants and diverse communication styles.

Designed to increase participant's awareness of multicultural issues as well as advances in technology and effective classroom teaching practices, this conference will allow the opportunity for professionals working with deaf and hard of hearing students to network and increase awareness of new programs and practices.

The *Gallaudet University Regional Centers*, in collaboration with the *University of Arkansas Rehabilitation Research and Training Center (RRTC) on Persons who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing and ADARA*, are planning this conference to enhance the educational experience of deaf and hard of hearing teenagers and to assist them in developing autonomy and self-determination.

Presentation Proposals

Presentation proposals should address current effective practices used in working with deaf and hard of hearing adolescents. These practices may apply to classroom, administration, counseling, or evaluation settings. Proposals should be for 75 minute sessions. Proposals are not limited to possible topics listed below.

The deadline for submitting proposals is February 29, 2008.

Areas and Possible Topics to be Addressed

Diversity

- **Multicultural education programs**
- **Role models**
- **Leadership programs**
- **Academic achievement**
- **Enrichment**

Education of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students

- Cochlear implant issues in the classroom
- Communication assessment
- Language development
- Math, Science and Technology
- Technology in the classroom

Student Development and Transition

- Decision making skills
- Bullying
- Career exploration
- Leadership skills
- Transition planning and implementation
- Entering the work force

Mental Health/Low Functioning/ Multiple Disabilities

- Culturally sensitive assessments
- Communication skills assessment
- Substance abuse
- Emotional/behavioral disorders
- Independent living skills training
- Supported employment

Process for Submitting Proposals

- 1) Complete the attached presentation proposal form.
- 2) Develop a brief abstract of the presentation, not to exceed 100 words. If accepted, this description will be included in the program book.
- 3) Please submit a summary, not to exceed 500 words, of the proposed presentation for review by the planning committee. This summary should include at least two learning objectives.
- 4) Include a short biography (50-75 words) for each presenter.
- 5) Workshop sessions will be 75 minutes long. Put all the above information in MS Word and e-mail with the application form to:

Steve Larew
Gallaudet University Regional Center
Flagler College
GRCDirect@aol.com

Selected presenters (two per presentation) will be able to register for the conference at a reduced rate. Presenters will be responsible for their own travel, lodging, meals, and incidental expenses. Plan to bring your own laptop computer for PowerPoint presentations.

*Presentation Proposal Form
Deaf and Hard of Hearing Adolescents
October 5-8, 2008
St. Louis, MO*

Presentation Title:	
<u>AV Equipment Needs:</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Overhead Projector/Screen	<input type="checkbox"/> VCR/Monitor
<input type="checkbox"/> LCD Projector	<input type="checkbox"/> Flip Chart/Markers
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
<u>Interpreting Needs of Presenters:</u>	
Presenter will conduct this workshop in	
<input type="radio"/> ASL <input type="radio"/> Spoken English <input type="radio"/> Other _____	
<u>Topic Area:</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Education	
<input type="checkbox"/> Student Development and Transition	
<input type="checkbox"/> Diversity	
<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health/Low Functioning/ Multi-Disabled	
Coordinating Presenter: Information regarding this proposal will be sent to this individual. He or she is responsible for sharing information with co-presenters.	
Name	Title
Institution/Agency	
Address	
E-mail address	
Office phone	Office fax

E-mail this form to GRCDirect@aol.com or mail this form along with proposal abstract, description, and presenter biographies to:

Steve Larew
Gallaudet University Regional Center
Flagler College
PO Box 1027
St. Augustine, FL 32085-1027