

Spring • 2009

topics

How to Be Cool and Hang With the ASL Crowd

Thursday, Jan. 22 | 7-8 p.m.



Want to chat with your child's ASL-using friends without embarrassment? Ever needed to start up a conversation with

a deaf adult in your community but wasn't sure how? Native ASL users (including students from ISD's 4PLUS program) will present the "do's" and "don'ts" of participating in a signing conversation. Perspectives of being the only signing family member will also be shared.

Registration deadline: Jan. 15.

Best Practices in Iowa's Deaf Education

Thursday, Feb. 19 | 7-8:30 p.m.

Hands & Voices co-president Vicki Hunting and state consultant Marsha Gunderson present resources for parents and teachers to help them understand how a deaf and hard-of-hearing child learns differently. *Registration deadline: Feb. 12.*



What's New in Speech Therapy?

Thursday, March 26 | 7-8 p.m.



You know your child has speech therapy every week, but what are the credentials of the therapist and what are they really

working toward? Learn the questions to ask, realistic expectations and how to enhance weekly therapy at home during this session. Presenters will also provide an overview on visual phonics and other new techniques.

Registration deadline: March 19.

What Your Itinerant Teacher Wants You to Know

Thursday, April 16 | 7-8 p.m.

Is your child one of the hundreds of deaf or hard-of-hearing children being served by itinerant teachers in Iowa? Gain understanding about the literal ground these teachers cover every day and insight as to how to reinforce teaching techniques at home.

Registration deadline: April 9.



There are nearly 800 ICN sites in Iowa. Which is closest to you?

To find an ICN site: Visit the website: www.icn.state.ia.us. Locate the blue button at the top, and click "ICN Classrooms." An Iowa map will appear. Double click the region in which you live to choose locations. **You are encouraged to phone your selected site before the session to as a reminder to unlock the facility/room for you.**

Upon your request, interpreters will be provided at your site at no cost. Please register for your session at least two weeks in advance, and request the interpreter when you register.

Registering is fast & free!

1. Register by calling 712.366.3213 (v/tty) or e-mail: cangeroth@iowaschoolforthe deaf.org. If needed, request an interpreter.
2. Your requested ICN site will be reserved for dates you registered.
3. There may be an ICN scheduling conflict. If so, another site nearby will be reserved/you will be asked your second ICN choice.

Weather or not

Iowa weather varies from county to county. If the night's speaker is unable to make it to the town where the ICN originates, an attempt will be made to reschedule the session. A voice message will indicate cancellation of session: 712.366.3210.

How it Works

The Iowa Communication Network is a fiberoptic system connecting nearly every community in Iowa with one another. It is a state agency that enables Iowa residents communication via high quality, full-motion video.

Programs originate at one site. From this site, the instructor or moderator is able to interact with other sites and see the participants through television screens. The sites are also able to interact with one another. Sessions are usually one hour.

Program and registration information inside!

Who We Are

The Iowa Lions Foundation
There are 370 clubs and nearly 10,500 Lions or Lioness Club members in Iowa. They raise funds which support sight and hearing programs in their own communities. They live by the motto, "We Serve." The Iowa Lions Foundation finances the sessions' costs.

Iowa School for the Deaf
Since 1855, Iowa School for the Deaf has provided an education option for families with deaf, hard-of-hearing or hearing-impaired school-aged children. No tuition is charged to families. ISD is a referral-based option offering both day and boarding programs.

Using the ICN



Powering Up The ICN

1. Turn on all on/off switches (there will be one or two of them). They are located in the knee space of the teacher's desk or on the wall in front of the room.

2. Turn on the televisions.

3. Sessions automatically begin and end. When the bouncing ICN logos disappear, the session has begun. When they reappear, the session has ended.

Volume



Incoming audio may be adjusted through the rheostat knob (circle with numbers around it). This knob is in the knee space of the teacher's desk or on a television monitor pedestal. "5" is an optimum volume level.

Microphone Use



1. Face the front camera. Press lever to activate microphone and speak 12-18" away from the microphone.

2. Announce your name and location, release lever and wait to be recognized.

3. Before asking question/making comment, wait a few seconds. **RELEASE LEVER WHEN FINISHED.**

Troubleshooting

Each ICN room has a telephone which connects directly to the ICN help line. When experiencing video or audio problems, dial 242-3182 (TTY users need 515 area code). IPTV will suggest actions to fix the problem or will try from their remote site.

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