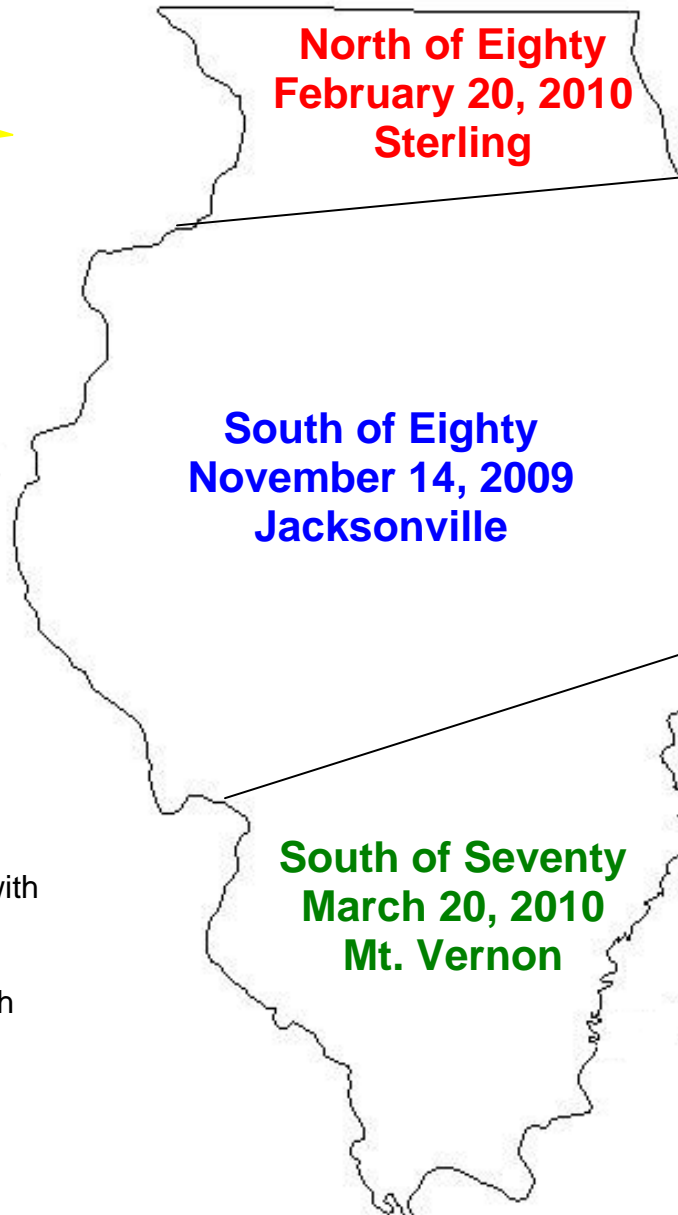


Conferences for Parents of Children with Hearing Loss



Conference Topics:

- * Assistive Technology
- * Communicating Effectively with Your Child's School
- * Deaf Culture
- * Opportunities to Network with Other Parents

Professionals:
CPDUs and EI credits are available.

Parents:
Financial assistance may be available to help with travel, lodging and/or childcare costs.

Schedule

- 8:15 – 8:45 **Registration / Breakfast**
- 8:45 – 9:00 **Welcome**
- 9:00 – 9:30 **Keynote: “You ARE Your Child’s Most Important Advocate”**
Stepping out of our comfort zone to advocate for our children in all areas – especially in these challenging economic times
- 9:30 –10:30 **Parent Introductions/Parking Lot**
What brings you here? What do you want to learn today?
- 10:30 –10:45 **Break**
- 10:45 –11:45 **Assistive Technology**
What devices can help your child at home and at school?
- 11:45 – 12:45 **Lunch and Networking**
- 12:45 – 1:45 **Do What I Say, Not What I Do: Tips for Effective Communication from Parents in the Trenches**
Strategies for avoiding conflict and managing challenges when advocating for our children
- 1:45 – 2:00 **Break**
- 2:00 – 3:00 **Deaf Culture**
Learn more about deaf culture and the experience of being deaf from deaf presenters
- 3:00 -- 3:15 **Break**
- 3:15 – 4:15 **Q&A, Networking and Wrap-Up**
What have you learned? Where can you get the answers to unanswered questions?

**** Session topics and times subject to change without notice ****

Parents: Financial assistance may be available to reimburse your expenses for childcare, travel or overnight accommodations. Some options are:

- * **The ARC of Illinois Consumer Stipend Project** provides funding for families of children with developmental disabilities. Application deadline is 30 days before the event. For more information: <http://www.thearcofil.org/secure/reveal/admin/uploads/documents/ConsumerStipend%20Brochure2009.pdf>
- * **STARNET** offers assistance to eligible families. Eligibility, application guidelines and amounts available vary by region. Application deadline is 15 days before the event.
- * Other options may be available as well.

For more information about opportunities for financial assistance, contact Mary or Sheri:

North of 80 and South of 80, please contact Mary Smith at 1-217-742-5252 or email mk-smith@wiu.edu.

South of 70, please contact Sheri Kraus at 1-618-825-3969 or email skraus@stclair.k12.il.us.

Registration Form

To register:

- * **by phone**, call toll-free: 1-877-339-2686 (V/TTY)
- * **on line**, go to: http://morgan.k12.il.us/isd/outreach_events.html
- * **by mail**, complete this form and mail to South of Eighty, C/O ISD/HVC, 125 Webster Avenue, Jacksonville, IL 62650

MARK WHICH CONFERENCE YOU WILL ATTEND:

<input type="checkbox"/> North of Eighty	<input type="checkbox"/> South of Eighty	<input type="checkbox"/> South of Seventy
February 20, 2010	November 14, 2009	March 20, 2010
Sterling	Jacksonville	Mt. Vernon
Deadline : February 5, 2010	Deadline : October 30, 2009	Deadline : March 5, 2010

Contact Person for your group/family:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **IL ZIP:** _____

HOME PHONE: (____) _____ - _____ **CELL PHONE:** (____) _____ - _____

E-mail: _____

NOTE: Confirmation will be sent to the e-mail address above. Hard copies will be mailed only if no e-mail address is available.

List all adults who will attend the conference (including main contact person above):

Name:	If you are a parent , list age(s) of children who are deaf or hard of hearing	If you are a professional , give number of children served who are deaf or hard of hearing

CHILD CARE IS NOT PROVIDED AT THE CONFERENCE. Children must be 15 years of age or older to register and will be expected to be active participants attending with parents. Please list all children (age 15+) who will attend the conference with your group:

- 1.
- 2.

CONTINUED on next page. Be sure to complete and return both pages.

Please list ADA accommodations required by a member of your group (i.e. Interpreter, FM System, etc.). Requests for accommodations must be received **3 weeks prior to the conference date**. Please be specific. Who needs what?

Special Dietary Needs: Please let us know if you have special dietary needs. We will do our best to accommodate you.

Spanish Interpreter: Please let us know if your group needs a Spanish interpreter and, if so, for how many people.

Requests for accommodations must be received **3 weeks prior to the conference date**. Confirmation that we can accommodate your request will be sent with registration confirmation packet.

Many parents have expressed interest in networking with other parents after the conference. A directory of conference participants will be included in the conference booklet. Please indicate below if you are willing to be included in the directory:

Yes, I give permission to include my name, phone number, home and email address in the directory.

No, I do not give permission to include my name, phone number, home and email address in the directory.

State of Illinois
Pat Quinn, Governor

Department of Human Services
Michelle R.B. Saddler, Secretary



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HVC Website: www.morgan.k12.il.us/isd/hvc