

COLORADO DEAF & HARD OF HEARING NEWSLETTER

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You are Our Heroes

As we end another unprecedented school year, we want to recognize the unprecedented successes, unprecedented empathy, unprecedented kindness, unprecedented problem solving, and unprecedented teamwork that continues within our educational system. Although we are STILL unable to predict the future, we know that our students are surrounded by capable, compassionate, creative adults who will support student learning and growth no matter what the future holds. Our hope for you this summer is that you take some time and reflect on the positive impact that you and your team has had this school year. It was not easy, and the year continued to challenge every single one of us. Throughout this school year you have modeled resiliency. You have shown your students that there are MANY ways to tackle a problem and that “fail” really does mean “first attempt in learning”. As a community we had to face the reality that a pandemic does not stop social injustices, it does not stop the ugliest inside some people, and it does not put every other “problem” on hold. You have continued to have tough conversations with your students, tried to explain the unexplainable, and provided a safe place in a world of so much uncertainty. There is not a superhero out there that could match what you have pulled off. Spend some time refilling YOUR cup and stitching up that cape of yours, we have a feeling you might need it for the 2021-2022 school year. From the bottom of our hearts we thank you for all that you have done!

With Love and Support,

The Colorado Deaf/HH Leadership Team



Kudos

In unprecedented times we need to give UNPRECEDENTED appreciation. We thank ALL of you and want to take a moment to showcase appreciation shared by the field

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| Megg Stalker | Taryn Weaver |
| Shana Bokelman | Tonya Merkle |
| Julie Hemphill | Tiffany Goll |
| Lindsey Nettleton | Katy Griebel |
| Sarah Wedekin | Vauna Gross |
| Lisa Cannon | Deb Disner |
| Cydney Lanning | Ashley Ward |
| Stacey Musick | Ally Barwick |
| Beth Cady-Plateau | Karen Laird |
| Jamie Sissenstein | Chris Earley |
| Rachelle Edwards | Angel Trevino |
| Jannette O'Brien | Shannon Walker |
| Jacqueline Anderson | Diana Harmon |
| Jerilyn Hutchins | Kelly Welch |
| Andrea Steffanich | Sheryl Muir |
| Chelsea Kobylarz | Susan Elliott |
| Jessica Garcia | Kathy Kimbell |
| Pat Himes | Mandi Darr |

Click [HERE](#) to see the full list of kudos!

Summer Events Board

CRITICAL Days of SUMMER

Marion's Way
NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR SUMMER 2021
Marion's Way Preschool Info
Apply Here for Summer 2021
Application Deadline Extended to 5/20

QUOTA Q CLUB of Northern Colorado

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NYED Explore Your Future
2021 Virtual Events available for all high schools and middle schools

COCHLEAR IMPLANT FAMILY CAMP
Cochlear Foundation

Dori's Discovery Days
Colorado's Hospital Visual Speech Center
July 16, 2021

Feel the Beat
One beat for all
Blind Music Series with NYED Visual Arts

LEAP
Leadership Experience and Adventure Program

Field of Dreams Baseball
Colorado
2021 Summer Field of Dreams Baseball Camp
Registration with Link

Rosie's Ranch
Ride Listen Speak
2021 Program Registration
Summer Fun and Fun Division Registration
Rosa's Ranch 2021 Scholarship Application

COLORADO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND
... Learning. Thriving. Leading.
Online ASL Family Connection
Welcome to the Park

STEM ACADEMY 2021
NYED 2021 STEM Academy
NYED Teacher for Teachers
Register for NYED Teacher for Teachers program at VHS SCHOOLS



Audiology Page

Phonak: A Sound Foundation Through Early Amplification

8th International Pediatric Audiology Conference

Thanks to CDE, Colorado educational audiologists were fortunate to be provided registration to Phonak's legendary pediatric audiology conference which occurred March 28-31. In typical Phonak fashion, the conference did not disappoint. Areas of focus included Minimizing Listening Challenges in Children with Hearing Loss, Edges of Technology Candidacy, and Focus on Families and Children. There were 12 90-second poster sessions highlighting clinical research and networking in the exhibit halls and lounges. Presenters were some of the most respected pediatric research audiologists of our time including Ryan McCreery and Dawna Lewis of Boystown, Pat Roush, Rene Gifford, Susan Scollie and many others. Thank you CDE for this great opportunity!

2021 Educational Audiology Association Summer Conference



July 12 – 15, 2021

Virtual Live & On Demand Recorded Sessions

Highlights include two of our own Colorado professionals; Dr. Christine Yoshinaga-Itano, will be presenting "What's Happened to Reading Proficiency of Children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing Since UNHS" and Kari Knutson from Knutson Speaks will be giving the live endnote address. Approximately 2.6 ASHA and AAA CEUs will be offered for this Conference. Find out more and register here:

<https://edaud.org/eaa-conference/>

3rd Grader from Broomfield Inspires Legislation

Have you heard about **ALLY'S ACT**? House bill HR 477 was introduced by Congressman Joe Neguse (Boulder, CO) because one of his constituents, 11-year-old Ally Tumblin, wrote him a letter about the difficulty in getting her bone conduction hearing device for her congenital microtia/atresia. Insurance companies continue to deny coverage for bone conduction devices and cochlear implants for children and adults around the country despite their doctors and audiologists deeming these devices medically necessary. Ally's Act is getting bipartisan support through both the House (HR 477) and Senate (S 41). We are excited to report that both Colorado Senators have signed on to co-sponsor! **Your ADVOCACY is still needed!** Contact your local Congress representative (find out who [here](#)) and send a letter asking them to support this important legislation. Check out this [website](#) for resources including template letters, petitions, and video clips on this amazing Colorado-grown advocacy effort that could help thousands of people around the country!



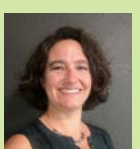
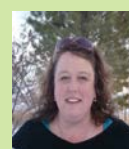
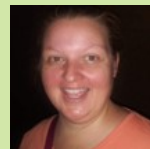
Colorado Deaf/HH Statewide Collaboration Project

It has been said that "connections keep us alive!" We have seen YOU bring meaning to this idea through participation, engagement and walking together while teaching through a global pandemic. Connections made this past year through DHH Zoom Collaborations have kept us alive in so many ways. If you have been unable to join one or more collaboration opportunities, don't worry. Dr. Susan Elliott took us on a look back through our journey and helped us connect our learning from the beginning to the present time in her presentation, "[Reconnecting Where We've Been, Filling our Toolkit and Moving Forward with Social Emotional Learning](#)" - Dr. Susan Elliott.

GREAT NEWS...after we settle back into school in the fall, Zoom collaborations will resume monthly starting in September 2021 and if all goes well, we will be back in person January 2022! Keep an eye on the [Statewide Collaboration Webpage](#) and [DHH Events Calendar](#) for upcoming dates, topics and registration.

Brought to you by your Colorado Deaf/HH Leadership Team:

[Mandi Darr](#) [Kerry Moriarty](#) [Barbie Galoob](#) [Lisa Cannon](#) [Susan Elliott](#) [Jessica Garcia](#) [Kelly Welch](#) [Kate Dixon](#) [Pat Himes](#) [Kathy Kimbell](#)





Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment - EIPA News

In February, the EIPA Diagnostic Center hit a huge milestone. Beginning with the first performance assessment in 2002, they recently passed the 30,000 mark for number of test files coming through the doors! That is a LOT of tests!! [Boys Town National Research Hospital](#) has expanded interpreter training offerings. Resources now include on-demand content which will help interpreters stay current and navigate the unique elements of classroom interpreting.

Video Conference Workshops

Each year, the EIPA Diagnostic Center offers a series of video workshops covering topics designed for interpreters working in K-12 classroom settings, community interpreters interested in educational interpreting, future interpreters, K-12 interpreter mentors, deaf educators and individuals working with educational interpreters. NEW - Beginning with the 2021-22 school year, participants may attend with an agency or as an individual!

2021-2022 Workshop Calendar

[When Form Matters](#) (Oct 9, 2021) - Jennifer L Cranston, M.Ed.

[It Takes Deliberate Practice](#) (Dec 4, 2021) - Megan and Erin

Siepke

[Theory of Mind](#) (Feb 5, 2022) - Nicole Dobson, MS, CCC-SLP

[Teaching Strategies: Implementation in Classroom](#)

[Interpreted Discourse](#) (April 9, 2022) - Angela O'Bleness

Be sure to also check out these amazing resources!

[Online Training Courses](#)

[Practice Material](#)

Thanks to each of you for your continued dedication to educational interpreters and the students they impact!

Interpreter Handbook



Have you missed the Educational Interpreter Handbook? In June, CDE will release the revised Colorado Educational Interpreter Handbook on the [CDE webpage](#). Keep an eye out for this sought-after resource!

NAIE Lunch & Learn



[NAIE Lunch & Learn Series](#) - "The EIPA: What to Expect on Test Day" presented by Jodi Upton, and last month's webinar "An Introduction to Fostering Student Autonomy" by Erin Seipke-Brown & Megan Seipke-Dame.

[NAIE Video Archive](#) – a benefit of your NAIE membership...check it out! If you have missed a valuable "Lunch & Learn" webinar, no need to worry, they are posted to the video archive.

National Association of Interpreters in Education (NAIE)



How about the joys of summer camp without sunburn, tick bites, or getting lost in the woods? The NAIE Professional Development Committee is *crazy* excited to invite you to [Summer Camp 2021](#). This series of professional development opportunities will last throughout the summer. Online camp kicks off on June 26 with NAIE's Five Year Anniversary Celebration, including: "NAIE: Then, Now, and Beyond" presented by the Board of Directors, a chance to meet the NAIE State Ambassadors, and updates and a Q&A session with Boys Town National Research Hospital's Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment (EIPA) Diagnostic Center.

After the June 26th kickoff, other dates to save in your calendar are July 1, July 12, July 17, July 29, August 2, and August 14. Check your [Member Portal](#) for the full schedule, presenters, and sponsor information. Other great benefits of summer camp:

[Member Meetup Mondays](#) - a chance to network and share ideas with colleagues in your region and around the country

[Webinar Throwback Thursdays](#) - earn CEUs for a previously recorded webinar from the Video Archive you missed live

Summer camp is FREE with a NAIE membership. Attendance will be limited to current members at the time of each event. If your membership is set to expire during the course of the summer or before things kick off, now may be a great time to renew. Check your current NAIE Membership Status or Apply for Membership [HERE](#).



Summer Learning for Professionals

During the 2021-2022 school year our D/HH Collaboration sessions will be focused on equity, equality, inclusion, diversity, and identity. This summer CDE is offering an extended learning opportunity for individuals who want to take the National Deaf Center's new course: [Attitudes and Biases as Barriers for Deaf People: New Online Course Explores Their Impact and Ways to Take Action](#). Individuals can earn 3 continuing education hours by taking this FREE self-paced on-line class through NDC. Those who would like to engage in deeper learning and plan for next steps based on course information will earn 8 more continuing education hours. CDE will host the "DHH Biases and Barriers Summer Zoom Discussion Group" made up of 3 extended learning sessions on June 15th, July 13th, and August 3rd from 10am-noon.

Time spent in our extended learning can count toward the required **45 clock/contact hours** in Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CLD) Education. If you would like to join this summer learning opportunity please register [REGISTER HERE](#) by **Friday, June 11**.



Summer CLD Professional Development Opportunity

A series of 5 online courses will provide educators with a foundation in language and literacy development, materials, methods, and assessment to best support their culturally and linguistically diverse learners. [CLICK HERE for this CLD Professional Development Opportunity](#)

WIDA Self-Paced eWorkshops

These self-paced eWorkshops can be a valuable resource to use in a Professional Learning Community (PLC). WIDA [Self-paced eWorkshops](#) are available to Colorado K-12 educators with a school district email through August 31st.

1. [Log in](#) to your WIDA Secure Portal account.
2. Click the "WIDA eLearning Center" tile in the Portal to view available eWorkshops.
3. Complete an eWorkshop and print & save your certificate.

Tools and Resources

Brought to you by [The National Deaf Center](#)

- Celebrating Deaf Women Recording: [Watch it online now!](#) and [Celebrate Deaf Women: A Discussion About Navigating Barriers and Building Success](#)

[Choose Your Future Activity Kit](#) - Help DHH students set goals and continue to build [self-determination skills](#) through the summer while meeting their goals.

[The ASCENT Program](#) - connecting Colorado families with children ages birth-3 years old who are Deaf/HH and Deafblind with DHHDB adults.

[Confronting COVID-19-Related Harassment in Schools](#)

[CLICK HERE for more information about these resources](#)

Summer Volunteers Needed

[Volunteer at Rosie's Ranch](#)

Rosie's Ranch is in need of teachers to assist with the learning centers during summer camp. Volunteers would need to commit to at least one day a week for each of the sessions, however commitments for more than one day are also accepted!

Summer Sessions:

June Session 7th-25th

July Session 11th-26th

[CLICK HERE for MORE Volunteer Opportunities](#)

Colorado Deaf/HH Statewide Events Calendar



Do you want to get the word out about your event? [Post an event on the Colorado Deaf/HH Events](#)

Now Hiring

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the current Deaf/HH job openings in Colorado.

If you would like to submit your own posting, [Visit the DHH Job Posting Request Form](#)

Help Improve our Newsletter

Have something that you would like to share with the field? Have a burning question that you would like to ask the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community? [We want to hear from you HERE!](#)