Deaf and Hard of Hearing Newsletter

Exceptional Student Services Unit

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Deaf and Hard of Hearing Leadership Team

What does the Leadership Team Do?

Provides mentorship, support with professional development, training opportunities, access to specific areas of expertise, and so much more. As our Leadership Team grows consider how they can help support the work that you are doing within your district.

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In Loving Memory of Dianne Goberis

The field of Deaf Education has lost an amazing professional, a true friend to so many, an incredible mother and wife, and an advocate that cannot be replaced. Dianne has touched the lives of everyone that knew her. This fall, guest speakers from Canada and Illinois could not wait to meet her in person, as they had heard so much about her and had implemented practices that she had created. While others were trying to talk to them, they were focused on gaining more knowledge and expertise from Dianne. Dianne devoted so much of herself to improve the lives of students who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing; she never gave up on them, their families, or the professionals around her. Her work will live on, and because of everything she has done and the lives that she has impacted, she has left this world a better place.

Dianne was also a loving, committed, and supportive wife and mother. While she was busy and committed to her job, she was even more committed to her family. Survivors include her husband, Don Goberis; her children Alyssa Nelson (Jared), and Scott Goberis (Jordan); and her brother Steve (Pam)

In lieu of flowers, Dianne requested donations to Wings of Hope for Pancreatic Cancer Research. [https://www.wingsofhopepcr.org/donate.html](https://www.wingsofhopepcr.org/donate.html)

Upcoming Events

Regional Meetings:

—Southwest Region, February 5th  
—Northwest Region, February 11th  
—North-Central Region, February 19th

—Pike’s Peak Region, February 21st  
—Metro Region, February 28th

To register for one of the above meetings please [click here](#)

Hot Off the Press

“Optimizing Outcomes for Students who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing”

Third Edition

[Click here to find out more on this book from NASDSE](#)

**Come to the regional meeting for an opportunity to win your own**
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**Districts Sharing with Districts—Stories From the Field**

Our Professional Learning Community (PLC) for our Deaf/Hard of Hearing team meets in Poudre School District once a month throughout the school year. We like to look at a few articles to help us grow in our professional and look at our practices throughout the school year. This article has inspired us to re-examine how students are placed in Pre-K programs and to initiate conversations with our District Pre-school Administrators.

~Kate Buffington

[Click Here to Read this Inspiring Article]

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**Interpreter Corner**

Happy 2019. There are exciting events planned for educational interpreters this coming year. The Colorado Registry of Interpreters For The Deaf (CRID) will be holding its annual conference in April this year. There is a 7.5 hour skills workshop in the works for this conference. Visit the CRID website for updates and registration. [www.coloradorid.org](http://www.coloradorid.org)

June 20-23 will be the National Association of Interpreters in Education (NAIE) conference. The NAIE is the educational interpreters very own professional organization, "providing continuing education, networking, resources and other professional opportunities". The conference will be held at the University of Colorado, Greeley again this year. It is not known when this training will be returning to Colorado so now is the time to seize the moment. This proves to be a wonderful opportunity to network with your colleagues throughout the state, as well as the country. It promises to be a fun filled weekend. Visit the NAIE.

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**Audiology Corner**

School-based audiologists in the US have a secret. They are members of a not-so-well-known national organization that specifically supports professionals who work with children and youth with hearing loss. If you ask any educational audiologist, they’ll say that the Educational Audiology Association (EAA) is one of their greatest resources and well worth the annual membership fee. EAA actually welcomes not just audiologists but other related professionals who support students in education settings. If you’re curious to get a taste of the EAA camaraderie, check out their national conference coming to Denver June 23-25, 2019. I hope to see you there! -Lisa Cannon, AuD, CCC-A

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**Parent Corner**

A Note from a Parent

Have you had an experience with THAT PARENT? (Maybe some of you have even been “THAT PARENT” in your own child’s life.)

We don’t mean to be THAT PARENT. Sometimes we have come to a place of questioning services and needing more information from past frustrations with other teams, our own difficult experience in school, or worry – worry that our child will not have their unique needs understood in school, ever be accepted, or find their way in the world without us.

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Want to recognize someone in our D/HH Family?

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!

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