

Outreach to Latino Parents with Children who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing



Through the generosity of the Illinois Early Hearing Detection & Intervention Program, CHOICES for Parents was able to work with the Illinois Deaf Latino Association (IDLA) on exciting programs and events.

Educational Workshops for Latino/a Parents of Deaf Children

The first event included educational panels of: deaf parents with hearing/deaf children, hearing parents with hearing/deaf children, hearing children of deaf parents and trilingual interpreters. It was a day for parents to meet each other, to talk about language, speech and communication, and support each other.

Information was shared about CHOICES for Parents and Spanish children's books were given to parents from our READ Program. Information was also shared by Maria Hernandez, Parent Guide of the Guide By Your Side program, who spoke of the importance of access to health care. We hope to continue educational parent events for the Latino Community in 2010.

Sign Language Classes in Spanish

We piloted our first session of sign language classes taught in Spanish by instructor Carmen Aguilar, founder of the Illinois Deaf Latino Association. Carmen is a deaf adult born in Ecuador and is fluent in Spanish, English and various sign languages. These classes were a huge success and will continue in 2010 with Class A on Thursday evenings from 6:00–8:00 pm from January 28–March 4 and Class B on Sunday afternoons from 1:00–3:00 pm from January 31–March 7. All classes are free and held at FITE CIL (Center for Independent Living), 1230 Larkin Avenue, Elgin, IL 60123. To reserve your space, please call Karen Aguilar at 866.733.8729 or e-mail choicesforparents@yahoo.com.

The Day of the Three Wise Kings

On January 16 from 4:00–9:00 pm will be The Day of the Three Wise Kings celebration, an event for the whole family. There will be food, raffle prizes, story telling, crafts and surprises for the children who attend. The event will be held at St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center, 8025 W. Addison Avenue, Chicago, IL 60634. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Maria Hernandez at 773.904.0077 or e-mail mabelmih@hotmail.com.

National Council of Hispano Deaf and Hard of Hearing

The National Council of Hispano Deaf and Hard of Hearing Conference will take place May 6–8, 2010 at the Marriott Chicago-Schaumburg Hotel, 50 North Martingale Road in Schaumburg, IL. The conference will include workshops for Latino Deaf adults, teens, parents and professionals. Speakers and attendees will come from across the United States and abroad for this unique conference and all are welcome. Registration information can be found at www.idla2008.org.

Please note that all are welcome at all events, regardless of degree/type of hearing loss and mode of communication used. Sign language interpreters and Spanish/English translators are provided.

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Proyecto de Alcance a los Padres Latinos de Niños Sordos o con Dificultad Auditiva



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Talleres Educativos para Padres Latinos de Niños Sordos

El primer evento incluyó paneles educativos de: padres sordos con niños oyentes/niños sordos, padres oyentes con niños oyentes/niños sordos, niños oyentes de padres sordos e intérpretes trilingües. Fue un día para que los padres se conozcan entre ellos, conversen acerca de lenguaje, habla y comunicación y se apoyen mutuamente.

Se compartió información acerca de CHOICES for Parents y se entregó a los padres libros para niños en español de nuestro programa READ. María Hernández, madre guía del programa Guide By Your Side, compartió información sobre el acceso a la atención médica. Esperamos continuar con eventos de educación para padres en la comunidad latina en el 2010.

Clases en Español de Lenguaje de Señas

Tuvimos nuestra primera sesión de lenguaje de señas en español por la instructora Carmen Aguilar, fundadora del Illinois Deaf Latino Association. Carmen es una adulta sorda nacida en Ecuador y domina el español, inglés y varios lenguajes de señas. Estas clases fueron muy exitosas y continuarán en 2010 con la Clase A los jueves por la noche de 6:00–8:00 pm, desde el 28 de enero al 4 de marzo y la Clase B los domingos en la tarde de 1:00–3:00 pm, desde el 31 de enero al 7 de marzo. Las clases son gratis y se llevarán a cabo en FITE CIL (Center for Independent Living), 1230 Larkin Avenue, Elgin, IL 60123. Para reservar su espacio, favor llame a Karen Aguilar al 866.733.8729 o envíe un e-mail a choicesforparents@yahoo.com.

Día de los Reyes Magos

El 16 de enero, de 4:00–9:00 pm se celebrará el Día de los Reyes Magos, un evento para toda la familia. Habrá comida, rifas, cuentos, artes y sorpresas para los niños asistentes. El evento se llevará a cabo en St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center, 8025 W. Addison Avenue, Chicago, IL 60634. Para mayor información o para confirmar su asistencia, favor contacte a María Hernández al 773.904.0077 o envíe un e-mail a mabelmih@hotmail.com.

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Favor tome nota que todos son bienvenidos a estos eventos, sin importar el nivel/tipo de pérdida auditiva y modo de comunicación que use. Intérpretes de lenguaje de señas y traductores de inglés/español serán provistos.

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