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ODHH Monthly Bulletin

September 2013

Greetings from Executive Director Lisa Kornberg

Although summer is coming to a close, September is an exciting and busy month here in Maryland and across the nation. The last week in September is Deaf Awareness Week, which gives us an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments and contributions of deaf people in Maryland and around the country. In recognition of Deaf Awareness Week, we will be hosting a Town Hall Meeting at the Hearing and Speech Agency (HASA) on Friday, September 27th and participating in the National Aquarium's Deaf Awareness Day on Saturday, September 28th.

ODHH is also looking forward to October. We are thrilled to be partnering again with the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation (DLLR) to host two workshops for job seekers who are deaf, hard of hearing, or deafblind.

Finally, each year ODHH hosts interns from area colleges and universities. This fall, we are pleased to have two new interns working in the office. Please join us in welcoming Jenée and Estie to the ODHH team. If you are interested in interning with ODHH, please contact Zainab Alkebsi, our Deputy Director.

Enjoy reading!

Lisa

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Deaf Awareness Week

ODHH on the Move

ODHH Town Hall Meeting

September 27
2 PM - 4 PM
Hearing and Speech Agency
Baltimore, MD

Deaf Awareness Day at the National Aquarium

September 28
9 AM - 3 PM
Baltimore, MD

Frederick HLA Meeting

October 5
10 AM
Edenton Retirement Community
Frederick, MD

Baby Boomers Expo

October 9-10
Fairgrounds
Timonium, MD

NDEAM Jobseeker



Governor Martin O'Malley has proclaimed September 23-28, 2013 as Deaf Awareness Week. The proclamation calls upon all Marylanders to observe the week and recognize the abilities and potential of our fellow citizens who are Deaf. "In Maryland, we are united in our belief in the dignity of every individual," said Governor O'Malley. "It

is in the interest of the State to work together to ensure that those who are Deaf have equal and full access to resources, services, and opportunities for participation in all aspects of community life."

The purpose of Deaf Awareness Week, also known as International Week of the Deaf, is to celebrate the culture, heritage, and language unique to Deaf people of the world. The intent of the week is to show the diversity, accomplishments, and potential of the Deaf community. As a part of Deaf Awareness Week, Marylanders are encouraged to increase awareness, understanding, and support for individuals who are Deaf. Be sure to check out our Facebook page and follow us on Twitter for more information about the week's events.

NDEAM Workshops for Jobseekers



In honor of National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) in October, ODHH and the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation (DLLR) will host two workshops for jobseekers who are deaf, hard of hearing, or deafblind.

Both workshops will include information on basic job seeking skills and tour of an American Job Center. The two workshops are scheduled for

Tuesday, October 15, 2013, and Thursday, October 31, 2013. The workshop scheduled for October 15 will be held at the Frederick County Business and Employment Center (5340A Spectrum Drive, Frederick, Maryland 21703) and will focus on job seeking skills for people who are deaf and prefer using sign language to communicate.

Craig "Hank" Passi, the Staff Specialist for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services and Statewide Coordinator for the Deaf for the Division of Rehabilitation Services (DORS) in the Maryland State Department of Education, will be the expert presenter. The workshop scheduled for October 31 will be held at MontgomeryWorks (Westfield Shopping Center, South Office Building, 11002 Veirs Mill Road, Wheaton, MD 20902) and will focus on job seeking skills for people with a hearing loss or who are hard of hearing. Lise Hamlin, Director of Public Policy for the Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA), will be the expert presenter for that workshop.

Both workshops are free and open to job seekers who are deaf, hard of hearing, or deafblind. Professionals working with people who are deaf, hard of hearing, or deafblind are also encouraged to attend. Registration is required and can be done online at <http://tinyurl.com/n2vp76z> or by contacting ODHH's Deputy Director at: zainab.alkebsi@maryland.gov.

Workshop

October 15
1PM

Frederick County Business and
Employment Center
Frederick, MD

Brown Bag Lunch for Professionals

October 25
12 Noon

Kennedy Krieger Institute
Baltimore, MD

NDEAM Jobseeker Workshop

October 31
1 PM

MontgomeryWorks
Wheaton, MD

MDAD/PCRID Conference

November 1-2
Maryland School for the Deaf
Columbia, MD

HLAA Walk 4 Hearing

November 3
Washington, D.C.

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