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ODHH Monthly Bulletin

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Greetings from Executive Director Lisa Kornberg

Hello! Can you believe it's July already? We have a lot of exciting things happening this month, including the 23rd Anniversary of the ADA and the Deaf Seniors of America Conference.

ODHH is also going through another transition. In our last monthly bulletin, I announced the bittersweet news that Sam Lenox will be leaving us to pursue graduate school. However, we also have exciting news that Lisa Jordan will be joining the ODHH "family" as the Outreach and Communications Coordinator, starting August 14th. Look forward to her introduction V-log in August, along with our next monthly bulletin.

We also want to announce that Cheri Dowling has been elected as our new Chairperson of the Advisory Council. Cheri, who is the Program Coordinator at Parent Connection, has been a member of the Advisory Council since October 2010 and was also Chair of the Education Subcommittee. Congratulations, Cheri!

Enjoy reading and keep an eye out for next month's bulletin.

Thank you,
Lisa

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Aug 30 - Sept 1

**Grand Prix
of Baltimore**



Proximity to loud race cars can cause hearing loss! To prevent this, ODHH has provided 500 earplugs that onlookers can use for protection. The earplugs can be obtained at the Baltimore Visitor Center.

To learn more about the race,

[click here!](#)

Spotlight on: Deaf Seniors of America Convene In Baltimore



The 12th Biennial Deaf Seniors of America (DSA) Conference will be convening at the Hilton Baltimore Hotel from August 21 to 27. Baltimore was chosen for this conference due to the large population of deaf people in the Baltimore/Washington Metropolitan area and also due to its vibrant history and many attractions.

With the theme "Golden Years/Golden Times," the conference will feature day tours to historic and cultural venues, as well as social events. The conference will also offer several workshops on a wide variety of topics of special interest to deaf senior citizens. Every workshop will offer American Sign Language interpreters, oral

interpreters, and tactile interpreters. ODHH will be providing CART services for major events such as the opening and closing ceremonies.

In addition to workshops, the conference's exhibitors will provide invaluable information or services that are available to deaf, hard-of-hearing, and deaf-blind seniors. The exhibits will also acquaint attendees with many of the advances in technology and new products that have become available in recent years.

For more information or to register, please visit www.dsa2013baltimore.org. The next DSA Conference will be held in Asheville, NC in the summer of 2015.

23rd ADA Anniversary Celebration

On Friday, July 26, the Maryland Department of Disabilities (MDOD) will be hosting a celebration for the 23rd Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC). The event, which is free and open to the public, will be held from 12 - 3 p.m. in the UMBC University Center Ballroom.



A light lunch will be served from 12pm- 1 p.m. After lunch, the ADA Anniversary program will include keynote speakers and special "Ignite Best Practices" presentations on employment initiatives for people with disabilities. The celebration will also include special displays and exhibits. ASL interpreters, CART, and assistive listening devices will be provided. Free valet parking will also be provided. For more information, send an email to: mdod@mdod.state.md.us.

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Brown Bag Lunches

BBL Summer Break

(June, July, August)

NEXT BBL
SPECIAL FORUM!
September 11, 2013
12:00 - 2:30 PM
Hearing and Speech
Agency of Baltimore
5900 Metro Drive
Baltimore, MD 21215

September's BBL will begin with a Special Forum with the Maryland Advisory Council on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing! Look forward to future bulletins for more detailed information or feel free to contact us at:
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