

ABOUT THE WORKSHOP

Navigating Your Child's Future is a series of workshops designed to ensure that parents of children with a hearing loss receive support and resources to maximize results and outcomes for their children. This one day workshop is open to all parents and guardians of children with a hearing loss, ages birth to 8th grade throughout Ohio.

The workshop will be held at the Columbus Marriott Northwest, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm on Saturday, February 16, 2002. The registration fee of \$10 per person includes a continental breakfast, lunch and all materials.

Several agencies, deaf and hard of hearing professionals and parents of deaf or hard of hearing youth have joined forces to plan this exciting workshop for parents.

If you are a parent of a child who is deaf or hard of hearing, you should read about the exciting details of *Navigating Your Child's Future*.

COLLABORATING AGENCIES

Columbus Public Schools -
Columbus Hearing Impaired Program

Ohio Coalition for the Education of
Children with Disabilities

Ohio Department of Education

Ohio Resource Center on Deafness

Ohio School for the Deaf

Parents of deaf and hard of hearing youth

Regional Infant Hearing Program -
Cincinnati and Columbus



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that parents of children with a
hearing loss receive support and
resources for their children.**

February 16, 2002

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Columbus Marriott Northwest

WORKSHOP HIGHLIGHTS

Starting at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 16th, *Navigating Your Child's Future* will focus on the parents' self-awareness, the obstacles involved in a deaf or hard of hearing child's life, and strategies to move around and beyond those obstacles.

Participants will explore critical skills in becoming more confident parents, and will gain practical strategies on how to analyze their own personal skills and apply the philosophy to their children. Parents often get "caught up" with day to day tasks and can overlook the most important basic needs for healthy development and positive self concept.

Research has shown the need to master these six essential core characteristics:

- * Healthy Self-Esteem
- * Independence / Autonomy
- * Problem Solving
- * Social Competence
- * Sense of Purpose
- * Sense of Future

PRESENTERS

Darlene Zangara, Director of the Ohio Resource Center on Deafness

Colleen Miller, Early Childhood Training Coordinator with the Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities

HOW TO APPLY

Limited space is available, so please apply early.

Contact by phone or e-mail:

(614) 238-3323 (v/tty)

(614) 238-3322 (fax)

e-mail TheDEAFund@aol.com

AGENDA

- 8:30 - 9:00 am Registration
- 9:00 - 10:00 Opening Remarks and Keynote
"Preparing for the Journey"
- 10:15 - 12:00 The Journey - "Navigation
Skills: Potholes, Detours and
Curves" Part 1
- 12:00 - 1:00 Lunch
- 1:00 - 2:00 The Journey - "Navigation
Skills: Potholes, Detours and
Curves" Part 2
- 2:15 - 3:30 Seasoned Travelers - Panel
- 3:30 - 3:45 Closing Remarks "The
Journey Continues"
- 3:45 - 4:00 Evaluation

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The mission of Deaf Initiatives is to strengthen the potential of youth who are deaf or hard of hearing. In support of this mission, Deaf Initiatives offers several programs and opportunities for youth and their families, including "Making a Difference with Your Future" - a biennial transition workshop for high school students and their parents/guardian scheduled for September 20-22, 2002 and "On the Road to Your Future" - a biennial bus trip for high school students and their parent/guardian to visit two of the prominent colleges in the US for the deaf/hard of hearing population, scheduled for Spring 2003.

CRITERIA

Please use the following criteria to decide if you qualify for participation in the workshop.

Age of Child

Birth through 8th grade

Both parents/guardians are encouraged to attend. Children are not permitted to attend the workshop, hotel facilities, or meals. No supervision will be provided.

Resident of the State of Ohio

Participation in workshop

Parent(s)/guardian must attend entire workshop

Completed registration form and fee must be returned by **February 1, 2002**. Contact Deaf Initiatives for an application.