

ABOUT THE WORKSHOP

Navigating Your Child's Future is an important series of workshops designed to:

- ◆ ensure that parents of children with a hearing loss receive support and resources to maximize success for their children
- ◆ allow parents and extended family members an opportunity to network with other families facing similar situations

This one-day workshop is open to all adult family members of children with a hearing loss ages birth through 8th grade.

The workshop will be held at Ashland, Inc. in northwest Columbus from 9:30 am - 3:00 pm on Saturday, March 12, 2005. The registration fee of **\$10 per person** includes lunch and all materials.

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

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*.

Navigating Your Child's Future

March 12, 2005

9:30 am - 3:00 pm

Ashland, Inc.

Dublin, Ohio

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WORKSHOP HIGHLIGHTS

“If Not You, Who? How Parents Can Advocate for Their Deaf or Hard of Hearing Child”

Presenters for this workshop include:

- ◆ Opening Remarks: **Deborah D. Kopp**
Parent and advocate of children who are deaf or hard of hearing, an interpreter and a teacher of American Sign Language.
- ◆ Keynote Speaker: **Barbara Raimondo**
Director of Public Affairs for the American Society of Deaf Children and an advocate on issues of education, newborn hearing screening and other matters affecting children who are deaf or hard of hearing. She is also the mother of two children who are deaf.

This workshop will explore:

- ◆ WHY PARENT ADVOCACY IS IMPORTANT;
- ◆ APPROACHES TO ADVOCACY; AND
- ◆ SOME IMPORTANT PROVISIONS OF EDUCATION LAW

The workshop will be conducted in a give-and-take format, with audience participation encouraged.

AGENDA

- 9:30 - 10:00 Registration
- 10:00 - 10:30 Opening Remarks
Deborah D. Kopp, MEd
- 10:30 - 12:00 If not you, who?
Barbara Raimondo, J.D.
- 12:00 - 1:00 Lunch
- 1:00 - 2:45 Breakout Sessions
Parents will breakout based on their child's age into two groups for a more detailed question and answer session
- 2:45 - 3:00 Closing and Evaluation

CRITERIA

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

The workshop is open to all **parents, guardians and adult extended family members** (i.e. grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc.) of children with a hearing loss ages birth through eighth grade.

Both parents/guardians are encouraged to attend. Children are not permitted to attend the workshop. No supervision will be provided.

Completed registration form and \$10 fee must be returned by **March 1, 2005**.

Contact Deaf Initiatives for an application if one is not attached to this brochure.

HOW TO APPLY

Contact by phone or email:

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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 2006 and *On the Road to Your Future* - a biennial bus trip for high school students and their parent/guardian to visit two of the most prominent colleges for the deaf/hard of hearing population, scheduled for April 2005.