

Who Can Attend the Family Learning Experience?



Any Ohio family with a deaf or hard of hearing child ages birth to 8th grade can attend the Family Learning Weekend. This includes parents or guardians, siblings and adult extended family members.

I am Unable to Attend the Entire Weekend, is there Another Option?

Families who are unable to attend Friday through Sunday are welcome to attend the Saturday session from 9:30 am - 4:00 pm, which includes Navigating Your Child's Future.



What is the Cost?

The registration fee to attend is \$25/family for the entire weekend and \$10/family for Saturday only. There is no additional cost for meals, materials, childcare and activities. Families can be housed in dormitories on the OSD campus free of charge, or stay at a nearby hotel at their own expense. **Limited space available for free lodging, apply early!*

What Time Do We Start and Finish?

Registration begins at 4:00 pm on Friday, March 17. Families will leave after lunch on Sunday, March 19.

Tentative Agenda



Friday, March 17

4:00 - 6:00 pm Registration
5:00 - 6:15 Dinner / Welcome
6:30 - 8:00 Workshop and activities

Saturday, March 18

7:30 - 9:15 am Breakfast / Ice-Breaker
9:30 - 4:00 pm Parents: Navigating Your Child's Future workshop* (see below)
Children: structured activities
Lunch provided from 12:00-1:00
4:00 - 5:00 Children's Performance
5:00 - 6:00 Dinner
6:00 - 9:00 Carnival

Sunday, March 19

7:30 - 8:30 am Breakfast
8:30 - 10:30 Panel/Presentation
10:30 - 12:00 Wrap-up
12:00 - 1:00pm Lunch

*Navigating Your Child's Future:

"Family Dynamics...Beyond Communication" explores:

- Family Boundaries;
- Rules and Structure; and
- How hearing loss is just one factor in how families function.

The Keynote Speaker is Rudy Gawlik, a licensed clinical social worker in Maryland with more than twenty-five years experience working in the deaf and hard of hearing community. He has been licensed to provide therapy to individuals and families since 1984. Rudy has also presented a number of workshops on family dynamics to parent infant programs as well as to family education programs, child development programs, and parent organizations.



Family Learning Experience

March 17-19, 2006

in collaboration with



Navigating Your Child's Future

March 18, 2006

A Special Opportunity for Families with Deaf & Hard of Hearing Children Ages Birth to 8th Grade

Hosted by:



Center for Outreach Services at Ohio School for the Deaf

The mission of the Center for Outreach Services is to share and promote best practices among all educational partners serving deaf, deaf-blind and hard-of-hearing learners in Ohio



The mission of Deaf Initiatives is to provide initiatives that strengthen the potential of youth who are deaf or hard of hearing

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What is Family Learning Experience?

Family Learning Experience (FLE), presented by The Center for Outreach Services, is a unique way for families with a young deaf or hard of hearing child to learn about deafness, share their experiences with other families, learn about resources, and gain new skills in a warm, caring atmosphere.

Activities are planned with the needs of the families of deaf and hard of hearing children in mind. Families have a chance to get answers to their questions and concerns from a variety of professionals.

Children and their siblings will participate in fun and educational activities throughout the weekend.

What is Navigating Your Child's Future?

Navigating Your Child's Future (NYCF), presented by Deaf Initiatives, 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 throughout Ohio who are facing similar situations

NYCF is sponsored by **The Colony Fund at The Columbus Foundation**.

How Do We Register?



Fill out the attached Registration form and mail it to:

Julia Thompson, Project Coordinator
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Columbus, Ohio 43209

(800) 985-3323 V/TTY

(614) 238-3322 Fax

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Please submit your completed registration form no later than **March 1, 2006**. The Cost to attend is \$25/family for the weekend or \$10/family for Saturday only. Please include your check made payable to Deaf Initiatives, or call Julia with a VISA or MasterCard number at (800) 985-3323 v/tty.



Where is it?

The Family Learning Experience and Navigating Your Child's Future are located on the campus of the Ohio School for the Deaf at 500 Morse Road near the I-71/Morse Rd. exit in Columbus, OH. A registration packet, including map, will be sent to each registered family.

Registration Form

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: (_____) _____

Email: _____

Name and relationship of other adults who will attend:

We will attend the entire weekend Mar 17-19

We will attend Saturday, Mar 18 only

Cost to attend is \$25/family for the weekend or \$10/family for Saturday only. Registration due March 1.

Children's Names	Age	Hearing Status
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_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

We need to stay on campus in a dormitory

We will stay nearby at a hotel or with friends/family.

We will commute from home.

**Sign Language Interpreters will be provided for all events*