

## Presenters

### BARBARA RAMONDO ~ KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Barbara Raimondo, Esq. serves as a consultant to the Conference of Educational Administrators of Schools and Programs for the Deaf, the Clerc Center at Gallaudet University, and other organizations. She previously has worked as a staff attorney at the National Association of the Deaf and director of advocacy for the American Society for Deaf Children. She recently completed her third term as president of the Maryland School for the Deaf. She is the author of "Accountability in the Education of Deaf Students Under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and No Child Left Behind" in the book "Testing Deaf Students in an Age of Accountability," among many other publications.

### OHIO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Bonnie Nelson, ODE, Office for Exceptional Children, will provide participants with data about deaf and hard of hearing students' performances on statewide assessments since IDEA required participation in 2000.

Wendy Stoica, ODE, Office of Assessment, is responsible for developing, administering and reporting test data to school districts. Her discussion will include how test questions must align with the Ohio Academic Content Standards. Additionally, she will address how all test questions are reviewed to represent the cultural, disability, and racial ethnicity within Ohio.

### BREAKOUT 1 - BIRTH THROUGH 2ND GRADE

In this session, parents of younger children will learn: "What parents can do at home now with their children. Learn from other's mistakes, benefit from what one family found to be successful." This will be an opportunity for participants to listen and ask questions of parents and educators focusing on specific examples of how to work collaboratively with our schools, what support is available, and what was not successful in one Ohio's 5th grader's family. Parents can also share ideas of other successful strategies that they experienced.

### BREAKOUT 2 - CHILDREN OF TESTING AGE

In this session, parents of testing age children will discover strategies from seasoned professionals and parents of successful older students. Learn creative ways to help students study and be ready for standardized tests. Parents will discuss how to weave important components into their daily life to improve outcomes. Partnering with educators by motivated, involved parents like you should yield outstanding results for your child!

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*Accountability in the  
Education of Deaf and Hard  
of Hearing Students*

# Navigating Your Child's Future



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## November 7, 2009

A very special opportunity for parents with  
children who are deaf or hard of hearing  
from ages birth through 12th grade.

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# Registration Form

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Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and relationship of other adults who will attend:

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## Accommodations

Interpreters will be provided throughout the workshop.

Do you have any special needs/accommodations? No Yes

If Yes, Please Describe

## About Your Child(ren):

Please provide information about your child(ren)

Children's Names                      Age      Deaf/HoH

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## Payment Information:

Parent/Family    \$10 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Educator            \$15 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_     Visa       MasterCard

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Please tear and mail this completed registration form to:

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Please include your registration fee (\$10 for families and \$15 for educators) made payable to Deaf Initiatives by October 15th.

For questions or more information, please contact us at:

**1 (800) 985-3323 or email theDEAFund@aol.com.**

# 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 success for their children;
- ◆ allow parents and extended family members an opportunity to network with other families who are facing similar situations.

## Testing in an age of Accountability

- ◆ This first in a series of workshops is for parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, extended family, guardians, and educators working with children from ages birth to 12th grade who are deaf or hard of hearing regardless of communication mode.
- ◆ The workshop will be held at CSCC's Workforce Development Center in Columbus.

**Childcare is NOT provided for this workshop.**

## For Parents

- ◆ Put into context how IDEA amid NCLB affect your child's relationship to standardized testing.
- ◆ Learn from seasoned parents first hand tips in avoiding pit falls and achieving success.
- ◆ Discover educator's insights for academic achievement.

## For Educators

- ◆ Put into context how IDEA and NCLB relate to your students with a hearing loss.
- ◆ Participate in conversations with parents who aim to achieve collaboration between home and school.
- ◆ Work in partnership with your colleagues on successful classroom strategies.

**This workshop is limited to the first 25 educators. Earn .3 CEU's.**

## Tentative Agenda

### November 7, 2009

- 8:30 - 9:00 Registration
- 9:00 - 9:15 Welcome / Introductions
- 9:15 - 10:00 Key-note speaker ~ Barbara Raimondo  
*"Accountability in Education"*
- 10:00 - 10:30 ODE Perspective
- 10:30 - 10:45 Snack and break
- 10:45 - 11:30 Breakout groups
  - 1 - Birth through 2nd grade
  - 2 - Children of testing age
- 11:30 - 12:15 Panel Discussion
- 12:15 - 12:30 Wrap-up and Evaluations

## Testing and Accountability

*Testing Deaf Students in an Age of Accountability*, edited by Robert C. Johnson and Ross E. Mitchell, explores the relationship between state educational standardized testing and our deaf or hard of hearing students.

The first workshop in this series examines accountability under the legislation that created IEP's/IDEA and No Child Left Behind/NCLB. Our keynote speaker, Barbara Raimondo, authored the first chapter in this book and addresses current trends of testing and students with a hearing loss. The Ohio Department of Education shares perspectives of state testing in Ohio. Dynamic breakout sessions focus on techniques families can implement now for future success. Finally, interact with a panel of parents, educators, ODE professionals, deaf young adults, and our keynote speaker to answer your questions regarding testing and your child.

Join us on November 7<sup>th</sup> for this powerful workshop and learn how parents and educators can work in a collaborative effort for testing success at any age.