



Presents:

**September
24-26, 2010**

making 
A difference
with
Your **future**



An exciting and informative workshop designed to help parents and guide students in their journey from high school to work or post-secondary education. Join us for this exciting transition workshop provided for Ohio students who are deaf or hard of hearing entering grades 9, 10, 11, or 12 and their parents/guardian.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE WITH YOUR FUTURE

Deaf Initiatives will host the **seventh** biennial *Making a Difference with Your Future* workshop on September 24-26, 2010. This hugely successful event, which has attracted over 180 families since 1998, is a collaborative effort with the Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission, the Ohio Department of Education, the National Technical Institute for the Deaf, Gallaudet University, Advocate for Kids, Dorothy E Ann Fund along with several other nonprofit agencies. The workshop offers various educational and work sessions, as well as opportunities for socialization for both the youth and their families. At the conclusion of the workshop, students are equipped with career “road maps” for the future. Parents will be better prepared to assist their children in making academic and extra-curricular decisions, which affect their child’s future.

Making a Difference with Your Future is a three-day educational event designed to help deaf or hard of hearing youth move from high school to post-secondary education, jobs, and careers by providing many unique opportunities to explore their interests and abilities. During the 3-day weekend event, students learn to set career goals based on their interests and abilities, and experience specific planning exercises to make a path to reach those career goals. College educators, professionals, career counselors, and young adults who are “Alumni” from past MDYF events provide guidance to families. To increase the effectiveness and excitement of this weekend event, Deaf Initiatives plans to add optional guided tours of The Ohio State University, Columbus State Community College, and a local trade school. This event will expand the weekend by providing access to local college admissions and financial aid personnel, views of classrooms, access to students in a short and social format, and tours of campus highlights.

ABOUT THE WORKSHOP

Making a Difference with Your Future is a workshop for Ohio students who are deaf or hard of hearing entering grades 9, 10, 11 or 12 in September of 2010 and their parents/guardian.

This workshop offers a creative, fun, and productive environment for students and parents, who want to plan for life after high school,

The workshop, held at the Columbus Airport Marriott, from **September 24 - 26, 2010** includes **all meals and accommodations at no charge**. A \$50 refundable deposit is required to hold the hotel room. Certain criteria apply for selection to attend the workshop.

More than 20 nonprofit organizations, groups, and businesses have joined forces to plan this exciting workshop for deaf and hard of hearing youth.

To learn more about the details of *Making a Difference with Your Future* go to www.deafinitiatives.org.

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WORKSHOP HIGHLIGHTS

Starting at 5:00 pm on Friday, September 24 and running through Sunday, September 26 at Noon, the workshop focuses on: the students' self-awareness, development, career awareness, and how to begin preparing for the future. First time ever - optional college/technical school tour Friday, during the day, to visit three local venues.

The workshop addresses transition from school to work or post-secondary education, helping parents, and students identify the best path to success. The workshop topics and highlights will include:

- ◆ Self Awareness Activities
- ◆ D.E.A.F. Awards Program
- ◆ Dynamic Keynote Speakers
- ◆ Career Awareness Exercises
- ◆ Career Fair with Professionals



- ◆ Access to Resources
- ◆ Successful Role Models
- ◆ Learn Transition Process
- ◆ Network with Other Families
- ◆ Develop a Plan for the Future

CRITERIA

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

- **Grade Level of Student** - Entering grades 9, 10, 11, or 12 in fall of 2010.
- **Parental/Guardian Participation** - at least one parent/guardian must attend.
- **Resident of Ohio at the time of the workshop.**
- **Participation in the workshop** - Student and parent(s)/guardian must attend entire workshop, including Friday and Saturday night stay over at the hotel.
- **Date of Application** - Return Application form by June 1, 2010.

**Deadline Extended
to August 15th**

HOW TO APPLY

Contact Deaf Initiatives (614) 238-3323 * (800) 985-3323 * (614) 238-3322 Fax

TheDEAFund@aol.com * www.deafinitiatives.org

Mail your application with a deposit of \$50.00 (refunded at registration) to:

Deaf Initiatives, Inc. * 563 S Dawson Avenue * Columbus, OH 43209

Registration Application is due by June 1, 2010

Registration Application



ABOUT THE STUDENT

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Age (as of 9/24/10): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: (____) _____ V - VP - TTY (circle one) Sex: Male Female (circle one)

Home School District: _____ District of Attendance: _____

Name of High School: _____ Grade Entering Fall of 2010: _____

Tee-Shirt size: S M L XL 2X 3X (circle one)

Preferred mode of communication

____ Speech and Lip-reading only ____ American Sign Language ____ Signed English

____ Assistive Listening Devices (Please Describe): _____

____ Other (Please Describe): _____

ABOUT THE PARENT(S) / GUARDIAN(S)

Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s) _____

Day Phone: (____) _____ Cell Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

Mom's Information

Day Phone: (____) _____ Cell Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

Dad's Information

Who will attend the workshop with the student? (If applicable, both parents/guardians are preferred.)

(Check all that apply) ____ Mother ____ Father ____ Guardian _____

If parent/guardian is deaf or hard of hearing, please indicate type of interpreter needed:

(Check One) ____ American Sign Language ____ Signed English ____ Oral/Lip-reading

ACCOMMODATIONS

Please describe any current medical needs (medication, allergies, seizures, etc.) or any special needs (vegetarian, no down pillows on bed, etc) of the student/parent. (Please describe)

The hotel is 100% non-smoking, a small outdoor area is set aside for smokers. **There is only one hotel room available per family. Siblings are not eligible to attend the workshop or to stay at the hotel.**

PAYMENT

Include payment of \$50, check or credit card (Visa or Master Card), with your application. Payment returned to you at registration unless you cancel with less than one week notice or do not attend the workshop.

Check # _____ or Credit Card # _____ - _____ - _____ - _____ Exp Date: ____ / ____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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ABOUT DEAF INITIATIVES

Founded in 1998, Deaf Initiatives is a 501(3)(c) nonprofit organization that supports and improves the educational effectiveness and work skills potential for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing. Deaf Initiatives fulfills the mission to provide initiatives that strengthen the potential of youth who are deaf or hard of hearing by providing educational and advocacy programs to help deaf and hard of hearing youth and their families pursue education and career opportunities.

By embracing a model of prevention and providing resources and valuable, unbiased information, Deaf Initiatives strives to create a culture of ongoing achievement and high expectations for youth with a hearing loss. The agency also provides education and support for families who play a critical role in the development process. Each initiative contains an outreach component to locate and engage youth and their families.

- *Navigating Your Child's Future* **educates** the parents of young children.
- *Independence I\$ Your Future* **establishes** independence of middle school students.
- *Making a Difference with Your Future* **equips** high school teens with a road map of the future.
- *On the Road to Your Future* **encourages** college attendance with a bus trip to NTID and Gallaudet.
- *Experiencing Your Future* allows college students to **experience** careers with a 10-week co-op placement.
- *Keepsake Theme Quilts* **employs** adults and blends the development of both employment and vocational skills.

Deaf Initiatives aims to ensure that all Ohio youth who are deaf or hard of hearing, and their families, have access to resources, professionals, and activities that will help guide them into becoming successful and contributing members of our society.