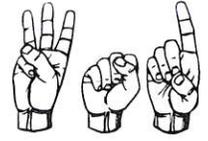




# Between Us...



... a monthly communication newsletter with and for our parents.

Date Vol. 31, No. 0

## Dates Of Special Interest

### April

28 Students return PM

### May

3 Student departure day

4 Prom

5 Students return PM

10 Student departure day

12 Students return PM

17 Student departure day

19 Students return PM

24 Student departure day

**Monday 27** Students return PM

31 Student departure day

### June

2 Students return PM

6 9:00 am Elementary Awards

1:00 pm High School Awards

7 9:00 am Middle School

Awards/Graduation

1:00 pm High School Graduation

Departure day for all students

## Message from the Director

Alex H. Slappey



Children and Tragedy  
A Frightening World

Recently we have had a series of very scary incidents. The Boston Marathon bombs, the explosion of the fertilizer plant in Texas, the Newtown shooting, and attempts to poison the President and a congressman. Then there's a belligerent North Korea threatening to hit American with nuclear bombs. All this in the last several months alone is on top of the East Coast hurricane, tornados in the South and Midwest, and a host of other natural disasters.

It can certainly be a frightening world, especially for our children who often don't know quite what to make of all this. I remember being in elementary school when I became aware of the cold war and nuclear weapons. Regular drills which consisted of taking shelter under our desks emphasized to us that a nuclear attack was a possibility. Of course those flimsy open sided wood desks were going to protect us from the power of a nuclear bomb, but at least it gave us a sense of security.

Security and comfort are what our kids need when a tragedy is splashed across the media. We adults have experience enough to know how to put these things in perspective, but our children don't and sometimes we need to help them.

Most of us will remember Fred Rogers of Mr. Rogers Neighborhood television fame. He offers some very good information on helping children deal with tragedies. You can access his wisdom and these practical suggestions at: [www.fredrogers.org/FRC/par-tragic-events.html](http://www.fredrogers.org/FRC/par-tragic-events.html).

Children may not show outward signs of being affected by these incidents, but some children hold their fears inside. It's always a good idea to talk to your children at times like this.

At WSD our Pupil Services Team recognizes these issues and is available to talk to our students and help them through these difficult situations.

We can't protect our children from being aware of these scary situations, but we can teach them the skills they need to manage their feelings and fears. The absence of fear does not make a person healthy. The ability to handle one's fears rationally does. That's what we want to teach our children.

"I learned that courage was not the absence of fear,  
but the triumph over it.  
The brave man is not one  
who does not feel afraid,  
but he who conquers that fear."

*Nelson Mandela*

BETWEEN US... This is a newsletter for parents of the students of the Wisconsin School for the Deaf. Approximately five issues are planned for the 2012-2013 school year. Parents are invited to send newsworthy items to the school office.

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# WSD Birthdays



## April

- 03 Emma Vollmar
- 05 Kaiden Messer
- 08 Erica Her
- 11 Ellie Lister
- 13 Madison Bongard
- 15 Lennon Morrissey
- 20 Jose Zepeda-Amador  
Paige Sheffield  
Lawson Vollmar
- 21 Halina Kangas
- 23 Riley Healy
- 24 Lillian Squires
- 25 Anna Dorst

## May

- 02 Hailey Przybylski
- 12 Tyler Burckhardt
- 14 Markiese Mims
- 15 Bradley Persson
- 18 Alexander Kubiske
- 28 Julian Chairez Jr
- 31 Kiara McBride

## June

- 02 Tanner Evans
- 03 Emily Koehn
- 07 Mia Eldred
- 10 Malia Christenson
- 13 Anthony Lange
- 15 Darion Henderson
- 27 Thomas Carroll Jr



# Special Olympics News

Special Olympics Track and Field  
Important Dates

Saturday May 4th Hometown Games Meet  
at Case High School, Racine, Wisconsin  
9:00 -4:00 No admission fee

Wednesday May 8th Mini Meet vs.  
Lakeland School at WSD 9:30 - 12:00  
Raindate May 22

June 6,7,8 State Tournament for those  
who qualify.

University of Wisconsin Stevens Point  
Times to be announced



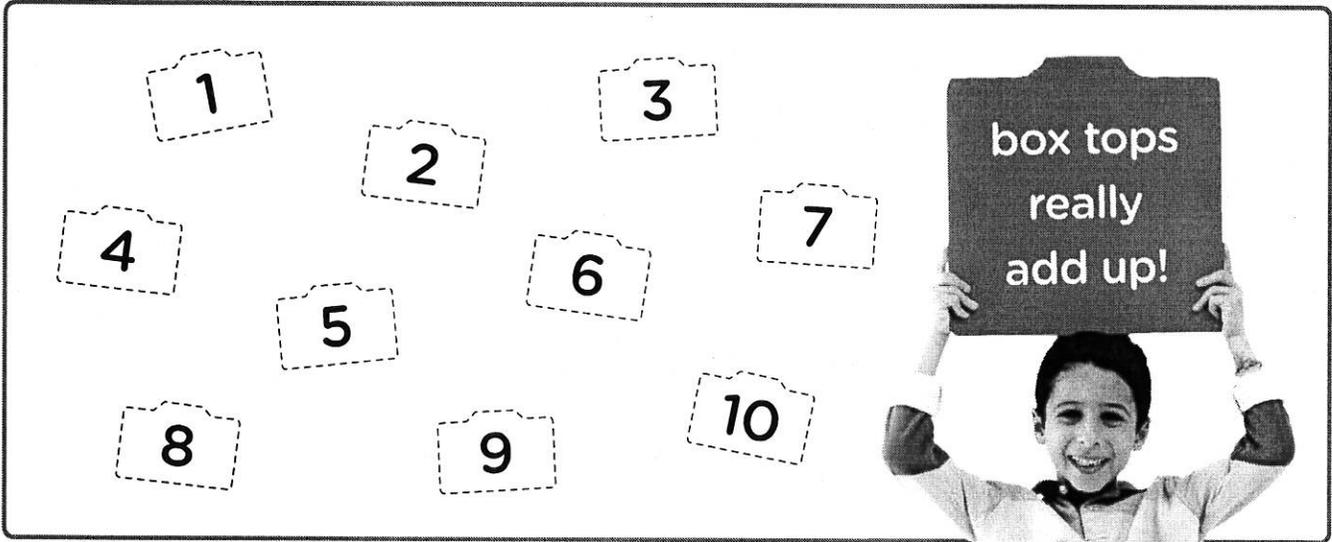
BoxTops for Education

A big thank to the Vollmar, Rawlings, and Koehn families for sending Boxtops to school. Also, to Ms. R. Cleveland who has been saving for WSD. Our goal for the 2012 -2013 school year was \$221.00. We have surpassed that by earning \$399.20. Thanks again to all families, friends, and staff who continue to save Boxtops for WSD.



# thank you for collecting box tops!

Attach your Box Tops coupons here - each is worth 10¢ for your school.  
To see more ways to earn cash for your school, go to [btfe.com](http://btfe.com).



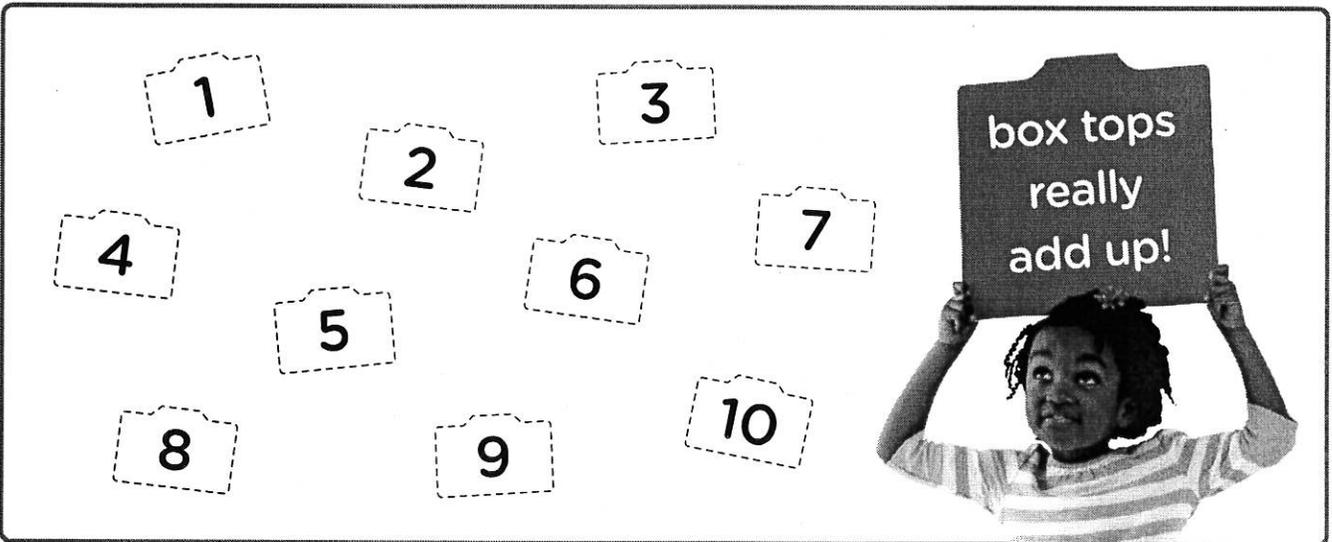
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It's time again to make plans for the Annual Senior Picnic! **Seniors and their parents, the Senior Class Advisors as well as the WSD Administration, PST, and representing dorm staff** are welcome to attend the picnic which is held at the WSD Superintendent/Director's home, the evening before graduation. I will make the picnic goodies and so I need to know how many people will be attending to be sure to purchase and prepare enough. Please contact me directly if you or a family member has food allergies or is vegetarian/vegan or have other dietary restrictions so arrangements can be made. This is not a mandatory school activity and is not funded by WSD. Students may choose not to attend. This is a private invitation and is not connected with the school except for the staff and students involved.



### PICNIC FARE

- Hamburgers, hot dogs, brats w/condiments and buns
- Chips and dip
- Fresh veggies and dip
- Homemade baked beans
- Macaroni or potato salad
- Fruit salad
- Frosted brownies
- Iced tea, water, diet and regular soda
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• **PLACE:** The Slapppy Home  
• 2128 Horseshoe Ln.  
• Delavan, WI. 53115  
• (GPS address or call WSD for directions)

• **DATE:** 6/6/13

• **TIME:** 5:30 for dinner to 7:00 pm ish

• The reception for the Graduation Speaker begins at 7:00 pm. Students are not invited to the reception. Wine and beer will be served for the reception; parents and off-duty staff are welcome to attend.

• **RSVP:** polly.slappyy@wsd.k12.wi.us or 262-728-7131 and leave a message so I can return your call when I am available.



Hello Everyone,

For the WSD Art Show this year, we are running a contest to boost attendance. The names in the category with the highest percentage will be entered into a drawing for a prize! So... Come One, Come All... to see the extra-ordinary work of our students.

We are also offering a Scavenger Hunt activity and an Eye Spy Game for the elementary and MS grades. Papers will be provided in the Round Room. Please bring a pencil.

To further entice you, we are offering refreshments at various times on Thursday, May, 2<sup>nd</sup> according to grade levels. Please try to adhere to the time frames so that enough refreshments are available for each group. Staff and visitors may enjoy the refreshments during any time slot that they are here. Enjoy!

Teachers, please supervise your students. Sign the guest book to ensure your attendance is counted towards the drawing!

Thank you!!

Susan and Becky

Grade Level	Period Attending Art Show
Pre-K	1
Kindergarten	2
1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	3
2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> Grades	4
10 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup> Grades	5
9 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup> Grades	6
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	7
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	8
MS	9
Anyone	10

# WSD ANNUAL SPRING ART SHOW

Featuring WSD's Student Artists



**April 22 – May 3**

**Round Room**

## **Attendance Competition Rules:**

1. Sign the guest book only once per person
2. Include your category with your signature

### Categories:

- a. Grade levels pre-K - 12
- b. School Staff (Teachers & EAs)
- c. Dorm Staff
- d. PST & Support Staff, Office Staff, Health Center, Administration and other staff
- e. Parents
- f. Evening ASL Classes and other visitors

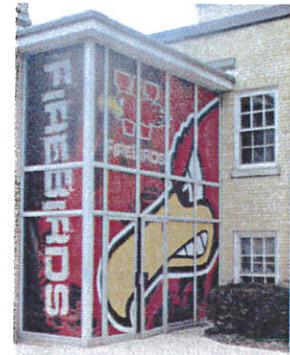


2. Category with the highest % will have a drawing for a prize!

# WISCONSIN SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF Firebirds



We would like to ask you to share this information with your organization, colleagues, community, group, family, and friends via any form of Social Media that WSD Athletics offer. Our firebirds Athletics have an official Twitter and Instagram page and the account name is **WSDeafAthletics** and make sure you follow us! Please be sure to **LIKE** on our Wisconsin School for the Deaf Facebook page!



The Wisconsin Firebirds is proud to announce our new Firebirds graphic art design on the window of Hannan Hall Stairway. The logo is everything that a Firebirds is supposed to be, powerful, aggressive, determined! Athletic Director Matthew Eby said in a statement. The new "visual identity" for WSD was part of Deaf culture when you walk around on campus.

The Firebirds Athletics Department has announced the two recipients (one male, one female) of the Firebirds **Student-Athlete of the Month** award for the month of February, Firebirds Girls' Basketball Junior **Lyssa Matsche (Oshkosh)** and Boys Basketball Junior **Tanner Evans (Madison)** were selected for their extraordinary performances.

**Lyssa Matsche** has shown great motivation to be part of the team. She loves to practice and willing to work hard. After some hard work out her face would turn red and sweat but always show her big smile. Lyssa also work very well with her team and coaches.

Both coaches are pleased to select **Tanner Evans** for March Athlete of the Month. He has been displayed an outstanding effort to reach his abilities with long distance run during the Track & Field practices. Tanner was very motivated and eager to compete 800m, 1600m and 3200m run on the month of April & May meets.



Another significant event of WSD Athletics was when **Kori Koss** finished out the season in great fashion by breaking the school single-season points with 379 and season average records with 21.1. Her numbers could have been higher save for the fact that she played so unselfishly throughout the year. She brought incredible energy, resiliency, and a selfless style of play to the gym every night and could be counted on to give 110% whenever she was on the floor. Congratulations to Kori!

This is the seventh Firebirds of the Month awards for the 2012-13 athletic programs of this year. Each month the Firebirds Athletics Department will continue to recognize two standout Student-Athletes (one male, one female) from their respective sports. Previous winners includes Girls Basketball Junior **Kori Koss** (Green Bay) and Special Olympics **Alex Kubiske** (Delavan) for the Month of February, Girls Basketball Junior **Anna Dorst** (Campbellsport) and Special Olympics basketball **Michael Schulze**(Richland Center) for the Month of January. Sophomore Girls' basketball **Lyssa Matsche** (Oshkosh) and Boys' basketball Sophomore **Damon Hopp** (Green Bay) for the month of December. Special Olympics Bowler, **Kadedra Jackson** (Racine) and **Anthony Jacoby** (Genoa City) for the month of November. Volleyball Junior **Kori Koss** (Green Bay) and Boy's football running back **Jose Zepeda-Amador** (Green Bay) for the month of October, and volleyball sophomore **Elizabeth Besaw** (Appleton) and football freshman quarterback **Zachary Henry** (Albany) for the month of September.

**WSD SPIRIT STORE**  
Get geared up for the  
2012/2013 school year

**Dozens of New Items!**

WSD offers a merchandise store on the schools website, you can purchase online at [www.wsdfirebirds.com](http://www.wsdfirebirds.com). This website also offers sports news, stories and general information of our Firebirds Athletics.

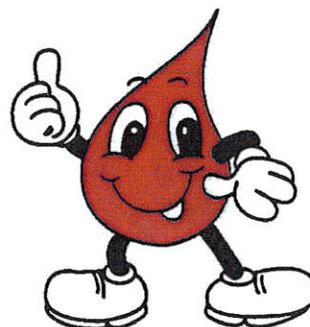
SUPPORT OUR FIREBIRDS TEAMS!

Best regards,

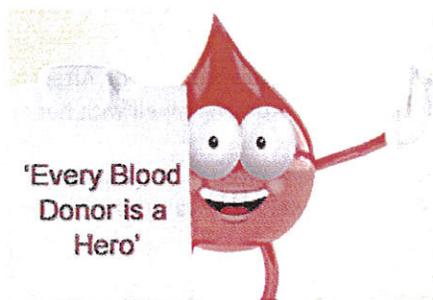
Matthew Eby, Athletic Director

News from the Health Center ~

# Blood Drive



Our Blood Drive on Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> was a success!!!  
We collected 33 units of blood and 3 double red cell donations!



**Thank you, DONORS!!!  
You have saved lives!**

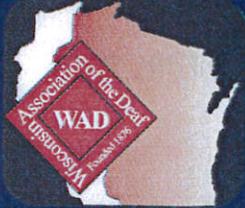
Also, thank you to the awesome Student Body Council students for their assistance with the Blood Drive. Received many positive comments for their superb job! Kudos go to:

**Anna Dorst – Alejandro Evangelista – Mitchell Perry – Nessa Guza**

**Lyssa Matsche – Alex Kubiske – Malia Christenson – Anthony Lange**



**FREE Training!**



Not sure how to work with  
Interpreters?



Tired of missing info on TV  
because of no captions?

Aurora Medical Center  
36500 Aurora Drive  
Summit, WI

Draper Hall

Please RSVP by April 17!  
E-mail Denise Johnson at:  
[djohnson@independencefirst.org](mailto:djohnson@independencefirst.org)

**SUNDAY**

**April 21, 2013**

**8:30 AM – 5:30 PM**

## **UNDERSTAND YOUR RIGHTS**

WITH CAPTIONING, RELAY AND INTERPRETERS!

**8:30 – 12:30** – Jack Cassell will talk about closed captioning rules and what you should watch for. Learn about IP Relay, VRS and Captioned Telephone updates. Also understand how to file complaints for captioning and relay services!

**1:30 – 5:30** – Denise Johnson & Amber Mullett will talk about how to use an Interpreter, and how to file complaints with the Department of Safety & Professional Services.

**FREE LUNCH** included.

Please RSVP with us at [djohnson@independencefirst.org](mailto:djohnson@independencefirst.org)

The workshop will be in ASL (no voice interpretation). For accommodations, please e-mail Denise by April 12.  
You must attend either portion of the workshop for the free lunch.  
Another training opportunity will be available in northeastern Wisconsin in May.



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April 8th, 2013

Dear To Whom It May Concern,

Greetings! I'm Shawnee Thomas, the new face in the Office for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (ODHH) since October 8th, 2012. The purpose of this letter is to briefly introduce myself as the new Deaf and Hard of Hearing Specialist in the Northern region. The main office for ODHH is located in Madison, WI. It's good news that the Department of Health Services has finally located an office for me so consumers and agencies (such as yours) can contact me directly when needing help with finding necessary resources and with questions and any concerns that may arise. The new satellite office is now locating in Wausau.

I am currently updating all the resources in this region and wanted you to know that you are one of the main resources that are essential to the Deaf, hard of hearing and deafblind consumers. My first step is to familiarize myself with all the resources your agency provides and how we can collaborate together. I would like to set up an appointment with you in person, if possible, or over the phone to discuss our mutual interest in helping the Deaf, hard of hearing, and deafblind consumers in our region. At the same time I would like to take the opportunity to tell you about ODHH's latest services and the free trainings we offer.

As your new Northern Regional Coordinator, I believe that working together we can provide a better quality of services to Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deafblind consumers. You may contact me through email at the address below until I have everything ready in the office and I will be more than happy to set up a time to come visit you at your agency. As soon as I have brochure ready, I will make sure you receive that information as well. I look forward to meeting you and bringing our organizations closer together to help consumers in our area.

Sincerely yours,

Shawnee Thomas,  
Deaf and Hard of Hearing Specialist  
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Shawnee.Thomas@dhs.wisconsin.gov

## WHAT KINDS OF "SERVICE ACCOMMODATIONS AND AUXILIARY AIDS" MUST BE PROVIDED TO PEOPLE WITH HEARING LOSS?

The Department of Justice lists these examples of auxiliary aids and services:

- Qualified Interpreters
  - Note Takers
  - Computer-Aided Transcription Services (also known as CART)
  - Written Materials
  - Telephone Handset Amplifiers
  - Assistive Listening Systems and Devices
  - Telephones Compatible with Hearing Aids
  - Open and Closed Captions
  - Telecommunication Devices for the Deaf (TDDs)
  - Videotext Displays
- \* People with hearing loss use many different ways to communicate. New methods or equipment may become available as technology changes.

## DID YOU KNOW THAT THE FOLLOWING LAWS PROTECT EQUAL COMMUNICATION ACCESS?

- Section 504 and Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
- Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the ADA Amendment Act
- Various Wisconsin Statutes

## SOME SYMBOLS OF AUXILIARY AIDS OR ACCOMMODATIONS:



Hearing Loop Installed



Sign Language Interpreter



Closed Captions

## WHAT IS COMMUNICATION ACCESS REAL-TIME TRANSLATION (CART)?



CART (also known as Computer-Aided Transcription Services) is the instant translation of the spoken word into English text.

Primarily used by people who are hard of hearing and deaf who may prefer English or do not use American Sign Language.

## TO CONTACT ODHH

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PO Box 7851

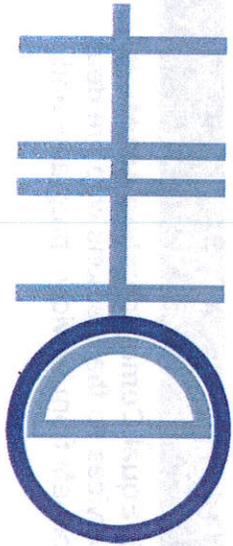
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Office for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

## Promoting Equal Communication Access and Accommodations

### MISSION:

To ensure that the variety of life's choices and equal opportunities are available to all deaf, deaf-blind and hard of hearing people.



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OF HEALTH SERVICES

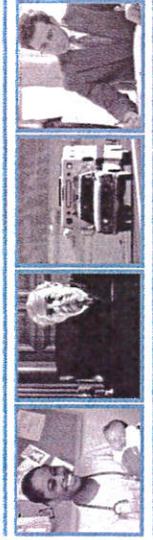
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# PROMOTING EQUAL COMMUNICATION ACCESS AND ACCOMMODATIONS

## WHAT CAN ODHH DO FOR YOU?

The Office for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (ODHH) provides:

- Information and Referral
- Training and Consultation



## ODHH SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

Deaf & Hard of Hearing Specialists (in 5 Regions)

Statewide Deaf Disability Benefit Specialist

Wisconsin Interpreting and Translating Assessment (WITA)

Telecommunication Assistance Program (TAP)

Service Fund

ODHHNet

## TRAINING AND CONSULTATION

ODHH staff provides free in-service trainings, presentations and consultations. ODHH staff can advise and assist in making services accessible to the deaf, deaf-blind and hard of hearing communities.



## INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

ODHH works to promote equal communication access in the following systems:

- Legal
- Medical
- Emergency Care
- Emergency Response
- Mental Health
- Educational
- Long-Term Care
- Government
- Employment
- Vocational
- Private and Public Commercial

ODHH staff provides information about the following (including but not limited to):

- Available Services
- Available Technologies for Accessibility
- Community Services
- Working With People Who Are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf-Blind
- Laws Relating to the Rights of People With Hearing Loss

### DID YOU KNOW?

Sign language interpreters working in Wisconsin must be licensed by the Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS) or the Department of Public Instruction (DPI). Interpreters working in settings outside of K-12 education are required to have the DSPS license. This license allows for educational and religious setting exemptions, for more information please go to [www.dsps.wi.gov](http://www.dsps.wi.gov) or [www.dpi.wi.gov](http://www.dpi.wi.gov).

## WHAT IS EQUAL COMMUNICATION ACCESS?

Required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), **Equal Communication Access** is communication made possible by auxiliary aids and services so that persons who are deaf, deaf-blind and hard of hearing can participate in and benefit from services, programs and other opportunities.