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Meet the New Commissioner of the Massachusetts Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing - Steven A. Florio

Learn about MCDHH and Commissioner Florio’s goals for the future. Ask questions.

*Please RSVP*
Frontdesk@deafinconline.org or (617) 505-4823 VP or (617) 254-4041 V

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This event will be presented in ASL. Interpreters will be provided. All are welcome.

If you need reasonable accommodations such as Deafblind interpreters, CART, or assistive listening devices, please contact us at least two weeks before the event.
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**Wondering when we are open and how to find us?**

**Boston Office Hours**

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**Save Our Selves: 4th Annual Juneteenth Celebration!**

Join us on a day dedicated to Deaf Black and Brown freedom fighters of human rights.

**What is Audism? Who were the first Black and Deaf people to graduate?** In this workshop/presentation, we will learn about Juneteenth through creativity and story telling through body language and ASL.

First workshop fully prioritized for Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Late Deafened, and DeafBlind in advocacy of communication access for expressive healing arts (combination of psychology and the creative process to promote emotional growth and healing).

**WHERE:** 215 Brighton Avenue, Allston, MA 02134

**WHEN:** Wednesday, June 19, 2019

**TIME:** 11:00 am – 12:00 pm
Wednesday, May 15, 2019 was an impactful day for DEAF, Inc for Annual Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Day at The State House.

Sandra Bass—Independent Living Specialist—went to the statehouse with community members including Devol Brown and Randy Dor. Here’s what she shared about their visit.

“I’ve had the pleasure of working with Devol to submit required documents for what seemed to be a bit of a long process to approve Devol for an apartment. That day, Devol Brown shared a story testimony and the success stories including the approved apartment underway!”

Sandra also spoke about the state house listening to community concerns about the term “hearing impaired” to “Hard of Hearing”. Senator Patrick M. O’Connor stood present with Randy Dor and his concerns. “There needs to be more educators, staff, equipment, and more job resources, including myself as an artist and for the rest of the DEAF, Inc. Community.”

Afterwards, they settled with conversation with an enthusiastic group photo in one of the court rooms. Randy Dor is holding the gavel Sen. O’Connor passed over.

MEETING AJOURNED!

“Truth, justice, liberty, and humanity will ultimately prevail.” - Fredrick Douglass
Visor Cards for Deaf, and Hard of Hearing drivers. Visit any of our DEAF, Inc. Offices to get yours.

**Driver Instructions:** Please review before using your Visor Card

**If the Police Stop You, Follow These Steps:**

1. Keep your Visor Card attached to your driver's side sun visor.
2. Open your driver's side window. At night, turn on your vehicle's inside light.
3. Place both hands near the top of the steering wheel. Do NOT reach around the car. Wait for the Officer.
4. Indicate that you are Deaf or hard of hearing, if you wish. Point to your Visor Card, slowly remove it from the sun visor and hand it to the Officer.
5. The Officer can use the Visor Card to instruct you on what to do next. The pictures can help both of you communicate better.

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It’s TICK SEASON!!! Protect Yourself from Ticks & Lyme Disease!

Ticks are tiny bugs. Found in shady, damp, brushy, wooded, or grassy areas (especially in tall grass). They can be found in many places including your own backyard, park, and neighborhood. They do not fly or jump, but they can grab you as you walk by or fall on you.

HOW TO PREVENT
- Outside stick to main paths and center of trails
- Wear light-colored, long-sleeved shirt, and long pants
- Wear socks over your pants
- Use bug/tick repellents with DEET

AFTER BEING OUTSIDE
Check yourself *and your pets!* for ticks
Ticks are tiny, so look for new "freckles"
Shower and feel for them, remove quickly if you find any.
- Inside and behind the ears
- Hair & along your hairline
- Back of your neck
- Armpits
- Groin
- Legs
- Behind your knees
- Between your toes

FIND A TICK?
Don’t panic. Use fine point tweezers to grip the tick close to skin, and pull straight out with steady pressure.
DO NOT use kerosene, petroleum jelly, nail polish, or hot match
DO write down date & location on your body you found tick.
DO save tick in a sealed bag.
DO contact your doctor if you develop a rash or other signs of illness (fever, headache, fatigue, or sore and aching muscles) following a few weeks after tick bite.

CHECK FOR TICKS EVERY DAY!
TickSmart "To-Do" List
- Spray all outdoor shoes with Permethrin
- Make sure pets are protected
- Have yard treated with effective tick killers
- Be vigilant about doing daily tick checks
- Send off kids' camp clothes to be treated

Feel for bumps & look for tiny brown spots, especially in these areas
Annual Red Sox Deaf and Hard of Hearing Night!
Wednesday, September 4, 2019
7:10 pm
Twins at Red Sox

Please join us for the 6th Annual Red Sox Deaf and Hard of Hearing Night!
This year the Deaf and Hard of hearing Night will be on Wednesday, September 4th.
- A pre-game social on the Sam Adam’s Deck prior to the game
- A ceremony recognizing members of the Deaf community on the field
- Interpreters provided for the pre-game ceremony
- The National Anthem signed by a Deaf guest
- Each ticket bought via the link below includes a $5 donation to be split between Deaf Inc. and Our Deaf Survivors Center!

Support DEAF, Inc. and Our Deaf Survivors Center by buying your tickets at:
https://groupmatics.events/event/Deafhoh2019

SECTION 89 - $35
Right field Upper Grandstand Tickets - $23

All tickets are first come first serve!

For reasonable accommodations
Please call or email, Gennifer Davidson
Group Sales | The Boston Red Sox
4 Yawkey Way | Boston, MA 02215
Office: 617.226.6285 | Mobile: 617.620.5095
www.redsox.com/groups

Text To 911
Now Available

Sate 911 Department Says
“Call if you can, text if you can’t”

Emergency call 911
1st Best VP, TTY, Voice
2nd Best Text

Affordable Housing
The housing process
What you need to know

Wednesday, June 5, 2019
1pm-3pm
DEAF, Inc. Boston Office
Independent Living Program Classes & Workshops

**Boston Office**

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**Deaf Parents Support Group (DPSG)**

Twice a month on Wednesday
10:00AM—12:00PM
DEAF, Inc. Boston office

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*For more information contact group leader Sandra Bass: SBass@deafinconline.org
** All Classes and Workshops are at the Boston Office unless noted otherwise.

**ASL Department News**

DEAF, Inc is looking for ASL teachers! The teacher will provide weekly ASL instruction from 6 pm - 8 pm for a session for adult learners in American Sign Language using the Signing Naturally curriculum materials. Positions available in Boston, Lawrence, and New Bedford.

Find more information on our website at www.deafinconline.org/locations/jobs

Are you an ASL tutor? Contact asl@deafinconline.org to be added to our resource list.

Are you interested in classes? Check out our website www.deafinconline.org/services/asl/schedule for more information. Email asl@deafinconline.org to be added to our mailing list and be the first to know about class availability and other events!
# DEAF, Inc. Calendar of Events

## June 2019

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### Looking for new opportunities??
Are you motivated to be part of DEAF, Inc.'s amazing team? Interested in working with accessible services?

**JOIN US!**

- **American Sign Language Instructor**  
  Teaches ASL at adult evening classes  
  Boston, Lawrence, & New Bedford locations

- **DBCAN Provider**  
  Provides direct services to DeafBlind  
  Hours and locations vary

- **Independent Living Specialist (Hard of Hearing/Late-Deafened)**  
  Provides independent living services primarily to people experiencing mild to moderate hearing loss  
  Salem—14 hours a week

- **Development Director**  
  Responsible for creating and implementing fundraising and development operations.  
  Boston — 25 hours a week contract

- **ASL Social Event Mentor**  
  Interacts with ASL learners at events  
  Boston — up to 3 hours a month contract

*Interested in Applying? Email a cover letter, resume, and 3 reference letters to Ann Thompson at thompson@deafinc.org. More information on our website: www.deafinc.org/jobs*

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Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Late-Deafened Resources

DEAF, Inc. can help you get equipment for you and your home. Things like hearing aids, pocket-talkers, TV listening systems, visual fire alarms, doorbells, and alarms to wake up. If you would like to learn more about which device is right for you, or know where to get this and other equipment, or if you need financial assistance, contact us.

Contact your IL specialist for help in applying OR If you are a community member contact: Noemi Paz Independent Living Program Administrative Assistant: npaz@deafinconline.org; (617) 206-3292 VP; (617) 254-4041 V

SUPPORT/SOCIAL GROUPS

DEAF
DEAF SENIORS OF AMERICA WWW.DEAFSENIORSOFAMERICA.ORG
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF WWW.NAD.ORG
DEAF WOMEN UNITED WWW.DWU.ORG
MA STATE ASSOC. OF THE DEAF WWW.MSASSDEAF.ORG

HEARING LOSS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA (HLA)
NATIONAL: WWW.HEARINGLOSS.ORG

Local Chapters:
Boston, MA http://www.hearinglossboston.org
Meet at Watertown Free Public Library, 123 Main St. Watertown
Contact: Betsy Anderson: betucansea@gmail.com

North Of Boston Chapter (3rd Wednesday of the Month at 11am)
Meet at Lucius Beebe Memorial Library (2nd Fl. Treasurer’s Room), 345 Main St. Wakefield, MA
Contact: JoAnn Lacock at ilpisces@aol.com 603-216-2381

Plymouth, MA (BI-MONTHLY) WWW.HEARINGLOSSPLYMOUTH.ORG
MEETS AT PLYMOUTH PUBLIC LIBRARY, 132 SOUTH STREET, PLYMOUTH, MA
Contact: Sandy Spekman at sspekman@gmail.com

Central Massachusetts Chapter https://hearinglosscentralma.wordpress.com/
Meet at Northborough Public Library, 24 Main St, Northboro
Contact: info@hearinglosscentralma.org for more information

ASSOCIATION OF LATE DEAFENED ADULTS (ALDA)
NATIONAL: WWW.ALDA.ORG
CONTACT: INFO@ALDA.ORG

BOSTON CHAPTER WWW.ALDABOSTON.ORG
CONTACT: FRANCINE STIEGLITZ AT FSTIEGLI@BU.EDU

ALDA SEACOAST NH
CONTACT: LAURA SINCLAIR AT ALDASEACOASTNH@GMAIL.COM

Cochlear Implant Groups

Bionic Ear Association

Med-EI
HearPeers Community—online support
http://www.medel.com/us/show/index/id/557/titel/HearPeers

MINUTEMAN IMPLANT CLUB WWW.NECISUPPORT.ORG
Contact: Terri Charles at terri_charles@verizon.net

ONLINE GROUPS

**New** A Virtual Hearing Loss Community
From HLAA, the Ida Institute, and the Mayo Clinic on Mayo Clinic Connect
You can join online, ask questions, start a conversation and connect with folks with hearing loss! https://connect.mayoclinic.org/groups/
Register, then look for the Hearing Loss group

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Upcoming July Event

**Asset Building Annual Summit**

Stay Tuned....

Stay Tuned for news about DEAF, Inc.’s

**Annual Fall Community Dinner**

October 19, 2019

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