



State of North Carolina—Department of Health and Human Services
Division of Services for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing

WILMINGTON REGIONAL CENTER

The Randall Building, 3340 Jaeckle Drive, Suite 104, Wilmington, NC 28403
** Second Quarter Calendar of Events **

910-251-5702 V or 1-800-205-9915 V
910-251-5767 TTY or 1-800-205-9916 TTY
866-926-3121 VP
Wilmington.rrc@dhhs.nc.gov
<http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dsdhh>

April—June 2012

Counties served by Wilmington Regional Center: Bladen, Brunswick, Carteret, Columbus, Duplin, Jones, New Hanover, Onslow, Pender, Robeson, Sampson and Scotland.



6 State Holiday. **Good Friday.** Regional Center **CLOSED**

11-15 Wilmington Azalea Festival. For more information go to www.ncazaleafestival.org

13 Silent Lunch. Independence Mall, Food Court, 3500 Oleander Drive, Wilmington. 12:00 noon—1:00 pm. For more information, contact Daisy Rivenbark at 910-795-2714 VP/VRS (Video phone/ Videophone Relay Service) or email: Daisy.Rivenbark@dhhs.nc.gov.

25 Administrative Professionals Day created in 1952 to recognize the importance and value of secretaries to business.



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5 NCRID Board of Directors meeting, Greensboro, NC. For additional information go to www.ncrid.org.

5 NC Black Deaf Advocacy (NCBDA) 10th Anniversary Celebration BBQ Cookout 11:30 am-6:00 pm Pullen Amusement Park Shelter #4, 520 Ashe Avenue, Raleigh. For more information contact James Richardson 336-218-6496 (VP/VRS) or email: jamesrichardson@tmo.blackberry.net or Maxine Richardson at maxinerichardson3@tmo.blackberry.net

5 **Mother's Day: a celebration honoring mothers and their influence on society.**



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- 16 Deaf Round Table: Parent Workshop presented by Nancy Kotz, MSW, LCSW, Conference Room, Wilmington Regional Center, 3340 Jaeckle Drive, Suite 104, Wilmington, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm. For more information contact Daisy Ribenbark at 910-795-2714 (VP/VRS) or email: Daisy.Rivenbark@dhhs.nc.gov.
- 18 NC Council for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing Quarterly meeting, 9 am—3 pm, NCSU, McKimmon Center, 1101 Gorman Street, Raleigh, NC. RSVP-May 14 Rene' Raeford 919-
- 28 State Holiday. **MEMORIAL DAY.** Regional Center CLOSED.



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- 2 Sand Dollar Association of the Deaf Southeastern of NC (SDAD): White Lake at Camp Clearwater, 2038 White Lake Drive, White Lake 10:00 am—6:00 pm. For more information contact Debra Wolf at email: sdadwolf@gmail.com or Una Caines at email: cutehgrandon@yahoo.com or Amy House at email: gatwsable72@yahoo.com
- 17 **Father's Day: a celebration honoring fathers and their influence on society.**
- 17-22 Sertoma Deaf Camp, Westfield, NC. Sertoma Deaf Camp is a coed camp for youth ages 8-16 who are deaf, hard of hearing or CODA (child of deaf adults). Camp week includes three age groups with special camp activities designed for fun and learning. For information Email: SertomaDeafCamp@gmail.com or call 301-620-2254.
- 22-23 NCRID Annual Conference, **Waves of Change and an Ocean of Opportunity**, Holiday Inn, Wilmington, NC. For registration and information, go to www.ncrid.org

Hello ... Hello! Its Me, Pam Poretti!



Most of you know me by now but did you know I have accepted a new position? Yes! I am excited to be the new Telecommunications Consultant at the WRC. Over the years I have enjoyed working with DSDHH as Hard of Hearing Services Specialist and as Regional Manager. I worked with Division of Services for the Blind as DeafBlind Specialist for eight years and have been involved in organizations in the community and across the state.



I am enjoying this new challenge in the fast and changing field of telecommunication technology. I want you to please share your knowledge and experience with different types of equipment, video phone services, smart phones, amplified phones, hearing aids and alerting devices. What works best for you? What problems are you having with your technology?

You can reach me at:

- 910-251-5702 / 800-205-9915 (Voice)
- 910-726-2031 (VP)
- email me at pam.poretti@dhhs.nc.gov



Let's get connected!



Wilmington Regional Center

VVRS Access Phone Numbers

The video phone at the Wilmington Regional Center is available for you use to make personal or business calls. To call to the Wilmington Regional Center or individual staff members, dial the following numbers:

Wilmington Regional Center:	910-202-4241
Daisy Rivenbark, Deaf Services Specialist:	910-795-2714
Mary Crump, Interpreter Services Specialist:	910-338-5522
Kyle Kiser, Community Accessibility Consultant:	910-202-4429
Pam Poretti, Telecommunications Consultant:	910-726-2031

INFORMATION SESSIONS are meetings for Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Deaf-Blind and Speech Impaired citizens of North Carolina and their families to learn more about DSDHH services. These sessions are required for people who need equipment in order to use the telephone and want to apply through the Equipment Distribution Service. Qualified applicants can apply for one hearing aid OR an amplified or CapTel phone OR other types of equipment at no cost.

SPACE IS LIMITED AND PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED. Call 800-205-9915 or 910-251-5702 (Voice), 800-205-9916 or 910-251-5767 (TTY), or 910-202-4241 (VP) for additional information and to reserve your seat.

Bladen County, Bladen County Public Library, 11 North Cypress Street, Elizabethtown

Time: 10:00 am—12:00 noon

Dates: April 5th, May 3rd, June 7th

Brunswick County, Environmental Health Dept. Board Room, Government Complex Bldg. A, Bolivia

Time: 9:30 am—11:30 am

Dates: April 11th, No Mtg for May, June 13th

Carteret County, Carteret County Leon Mann Sr. Center, 3820 Galantis Drive, Morehead City

Time: 10:00 am—12:00 noon

Dates: April 17th, No Mtg for May, June 19th

Columbus County, Cooperative Extension, 45 Government Complex Road, Suite A, Whiteville

Time: 10:00 am—12:00 noon

Dates: April 18th, May 16th, June 20th

Duplin County, Beulaville Public Library, 807 E. Broad Street, Beulaville

Time: 2:00 pm—4:00 pm

Dates: April 24th, May 22nd, June 26th

New Hanover County, Children's Developmental Services Agency - Conference Room, 3311 Burnt Mill Drive, Wilmington

Time: 10:00 am—12:00 noon

Dates: April 19th, May 17th, June 21st

Onslow/Jones Counties, Onslow County Senior Center, 4024 Richlands Hwy / Hwy 258, Jacksonville

Time: 9:30 am—11:30 am

Dates: April 25th, May 23rd, June 27th

Pender County, Pender Adult Services, 901 S. Walker Street, Burgaw

Time: 1:30 pm—3:30 pm

Dates: April 9th, May 14th, June 11th

Robeson County, 455 Caton Road, Lumberton

Time: 10:30 pm—12:30 pm

Dates: April 12th, May 10th, June 14th

Sampson County, Sampson Department of Aging, 405 County Complex Road, Clinton

Time: 10:00 am—12:00 noon

Dates: April 3rd, May 1st, June 5th

Scotland County, Scotland County Memorial Library, 312 West Church Street, Laurinburg

Time: 10:00 am—12:00 noon

Dates: April 16th, May 21st, June 18th

Do You Need Two (2) Hearing Aids?
Does the high cost of hearing aids prohibit you from being able to purchase two (2)?
Do you need a resource to help you get two (2) hearing aids?

DSDHH may be able to assist NC residents who need ONE hearing aid for telecommunication over a telephone. However, many times a hard of hearing individual DOES NOT need hearing aids for phone use or they require TWO (2) hearing aids.

At DSDHH, the **Hard of Hearing Services Specialist** maintains an up-to-date list of provider / services that may be a better fit to your individual needs than those offered by DSDHH. A quick call to 800-205-9915 can help determine which services are best for you.



MAY IS BETTER HEARING & SPEECH MONTH



This annual event provides opportunities to raise awareness about communication disorders and to promote treatment that can improve the quality of life for those who experience problems with hearing, understanding, or speaking. In honor of BHSM the Wilmington Regional provides the following events:

FREE HEARING SCREENINGS: These non-diagnostic screenings are for people interested in knowing more about their hearing and have not been diagnosed with a hearing loss. ***SCREENINGS are not the same as hearing test.*** Persons who want to have a hearing “test” should see a hearing care provider. **SCREENINGS ARE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.** Call 800-205-9915

May 15 (Tues): Morehead City, Leon Mann Center, 3820 Galantis Dr.; 10 a.m. – 12:50 p.m.

May 17 (Thurs): Wilmington Regional Center, 3340 Jaeckle Dr., **Suite 105**, 9 a.m. – 2:50 p.m.

May 22 (Tues.): Beulaville Library, 807 E Broad St., 10:00 a.m. - Noon



Hearing Loss Association Convention

If you’ve ever wondered about products, technology, support services, advocacy groups, and agencies for people who are hard of hearing and what are they doing, **GET READY TO FIND OUT!!!** The **Hearing Loss Association of America** is waiting for you. **All roads lead to the Rhode Island Convention Center, One Sabin Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02903** for the annual convention, **June 22-24**. The Conference Hotel is the Westin Providence

For additional information: <http://www.hearingloss.org/content/convention/>



“Got your Visor Card?”

The visor card program is designed as a quick communication tool for traffic stops or other interactions with police or other law enforcement.

- NC drivers with a verified hearing disability and current driver’s license are eligible for a visor card.
- One **free** visor and wallet card is available for each driver

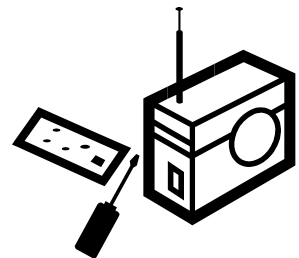
For more information, please contact Kyle Kiser, Community Accessibility Consultant at Wilmington Regional Center, 910-251-5702 or VP / 910-202-4429 or Kyle.Kiser@dhhs.nc.gov

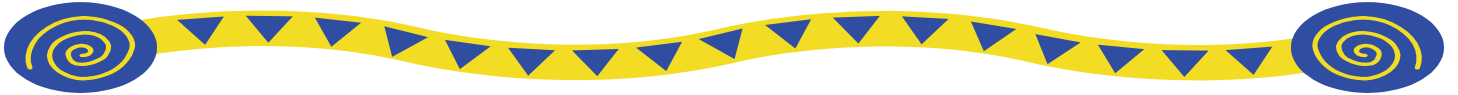


Don’t Touch It!

When your weather alert radio arrives, it has already been programmed for your specific county area. No programming is needed.

Just plug in your weather alert radio and it’s ready to go.





Captioned Live Events

Mayfair Cinema 16 Movie Theatre in Wilmington, NC
is now showing Open Captioned (OC) Films.
900 Town Center Drive, Wilmington, NC 28405

Rear Window Captioning (RWC) - is a system that movie theaters are now purchasing to improve the accessibility for their Deaf and hard of hearing consumers. It is a captioning system that is adjustable with a Lucite panel that attaches to the viewer's seat and reflects the captions from a light-emitting diode (LED) panel in the back of the theatre.

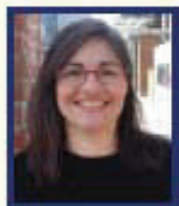
If you have a I-Phone or Smartphone, you can download an application from www.captionfish.com to see what movies are going to be captioned in your area.

Please visit the Movie Theatre Accessibility website at
<http://www.regmovies.com/nowshowing/opencaptionedshowtimes.aspx>





G. "BUMMY" BURSTEIN
LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE



Melissa S. Draganac-Hawk is a first-generation American of deaf immigrant of Peruvian parents. She has more than 15 years of leadership experience within the deaf community. For nearly a decade, she was heavily involved with Deaf Women United (DWU), serving as a board member of DWU from 2003 to 2007 and as the organization's executive director from 2007 to 2009. Currently, she is the president of the National Council of Hispano Deaf and Hard of Hearing and an appointed board member of the National Association of the Deaf.



Storyteller Evon Black is a nationally acclaimed performer, workshop leader, keynote presenter, and motivational speaker. Her infectious enthusiasm and dynamic energy revitalizes audiences and empowers participants everywhere. During her undergraduate days at Gallaudet University, Ms. Black was elected Vice-President of the Student Body Government, the first black deaf student to hold one of the organization's elected positions since its inception in 1868. Graduating with a B.A. in psychology, she went on to receive her M.A. in Educational Technology. She began performing in 1986, using her storytelling to elevate audience's understanding and acceptance of other cultures. In addition to her talent for teaching and performing, Ms. Black primarily worked for more than 22 years in the area of deaf student development, serving as Senior Admissions counselor at the National Technical Institute for the Deaf, and currently, as the Statewide Coordinator of Technology Services for Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Deaf-Blind Services under the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services.



Deaf Women's Leadership Seminar

April 14 - 15, 2012
Greensboro, North Carolina

The Deaf Women's Leadership Seminar is offered for one professional studies credit. This training provides deaf women with an invigorating environment for self-awareness, exploration, actualization, and leadership development. Training modules are offered by nationally recognized deaf female leaders who engage the participants in learning how to effectively advocate for their causes and develop the skills necessary to achieve results. Topics include self-awareness, leadership styles, communication, conflict resolution, and more!

- Knowledge of own leadership style and variables for maximizing leadership impact
- Professional communication and conflict resolution skills
- Certificate of attendance and participation

Course Number: PST 602-EXT3

Credits: 1

Tuition: \$30 processing fee

Date: Saturday, April 14, 2012 and Sunday, April 15, 2012

Time: Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Sunday, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Location: Greensboro Regional Center, 122 N. Elm St., Greensboro, NC 27401

Registration Deadline: March 30, 2012

Instructors: Melissa Draganac-Hawk and Evon Black

For more information or to register: Visit our website at gurc.gallaudet.edu.

***Meals:** Saturday: 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. (breakfast), 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. (lunch) and 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. (dinner)
Sunday: 7:00 a.m. - 7:45 a.m. (breakfast) and 12 - 1 p.m. (lunch)

**Meals are sponsored by G. "Bummy" Burstein Leadership Institute.*



North Carolina Black Deaf Advocates

Present

10th Anniversary Celebration



BBQ Cookout



Saturday, May 5th, 2012

11:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Pullen Amusement Park – Shelter #4

520 Ashe Avenue,

Raleigh, NC 27606



Admissions:

\$12:00 – Adult (Age 13 and up)

\$5.00 – Children (Age 6- 12)

Free – under age 5



Social, Games , Drawing Prize, Dancing and more...

For more information contact:

James Richardson , Vice President – jamesrichardson@tmo.blackberry.net

Maxine Richardson, Secretary – maxinerichardson3@tmo.blackberry.net

VP: 336-218-6496

From Greensboro to Raleigh: Take I-40 East, exit 289 to merge onto Wade Avenue toward I-440/US-1 North, take the I-440 South exit toward I-40 E/Hillsborough St/Sanford, merge onto I-440 South, exit Western Blvd toward NC State University/Downtown, turn left onto Ashe Ave. See park on the left side.

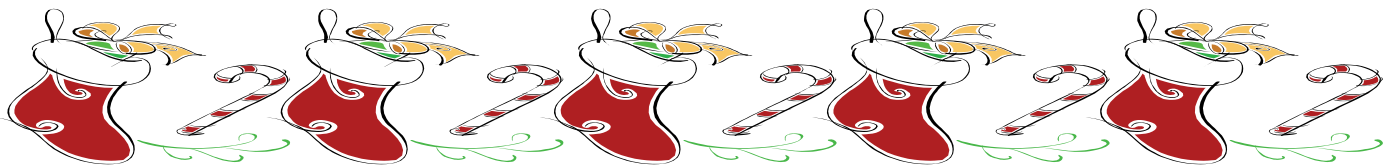
From Wilson to Raleigh: Take 64 W, merge onto I-440 E, merge I-40 W, Exit 298B for S. Saunders St. N toward Raleigh/Downtown, turn right onto S. Saunders St. W, slight right onto McDowell St., take the Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., and turn right onto Ashe Ave. See park on the left side.

HURRICANE SEASON IS HERE!!!



ARE YOU REALLY READY?

Please contact Kyle Kiser, Community Accessibility Consultant, at the Wilmington Regional Center for an Emergency Safety Audit Checklist Packet! This packet will include a guide for you and your families on how to better prepare yourself during an evaluation of a hurricane. Remember, Hurricanes are dangerous and unpredictable. Also check out www.ncready.org to see emergency preparedness in American Sign Language! For more information, please contact Kyle Kiser at: 910-251-5702 or 1-800-205-9915 Voice, 910-202-4429 VP, or email at Kyle.Kiser@dhhs.nc.gov

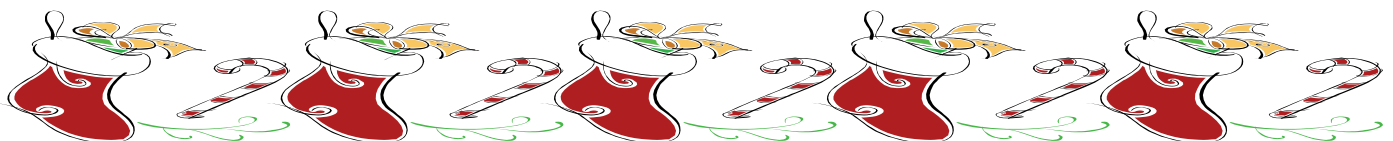


**SAVE THE DATE!!
December 8, 2012**

SAND DOLLAR ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF SE NC

**HOLIDAY CHEER AT MYRTLE BEACH, SC
1501 s. Ocean Blvd. Myrtle Beach, SC**

For more information, contact Abby Hawley 910-795-0710 (VRS/VP) or Email: sdadhawley@gmail.com or Debra Wolf 910-247-9604 (VRS/VP) or Email: sdadwolf@gmail.com



Spring Camp Cheerio May 18th-20th 2012



Located in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina, the weekend is held at Camp Cheerio, a family camp with board, lodging, and recreational activities for all ages. The weekend is designed for individuals and families interested in learning strategies for spoken language and sharing experiences as they relate to hearing impairment. Cued Speech Classes will also be offered during the weekend.

During this camp weekend, children are placed in age-appropriate classes where they participate in activities such as crafts, games, hiking, canoeing, archery, a hillside waterslide, and more. While the children are in their classes, parents attend educational sessions such as Cued Speech classes, advocacy training, technology updates, and issues on raising a child who is deaf or hard of hearing. Also, we will be hosting our second annual Canoe Trip on the New River for the Teens Program with the assistance of Teen Program Coordinators and Cheerio Staff.

Several of the professional presentations include Johnnie Sexton, Kris Martin, Patricia A. Roush, and Holly Teagle.

Late afternoons will be a time of sharing with parents and professionals as well as time to enjoy the activities and facilities of Camp Cheerio. We will have a Dance in the gym on Friday night and on Saturday night we will have a magic show and Ice Cream Social/ Slide Show and Bonfire (weather permitting).

The 2012 Spring Camp Cheerio brochure is now out! To view the brochure and register for Spring Camp Cheerio, [Cheerio Brochure 2012 Online Version](#)

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