

# THE WISCONSIN COMMUNICATOR

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## Want To Help?

If you are looking for a way to become involved and help improve things for deaf and hard of hearing children and their families in WI drop us a line.

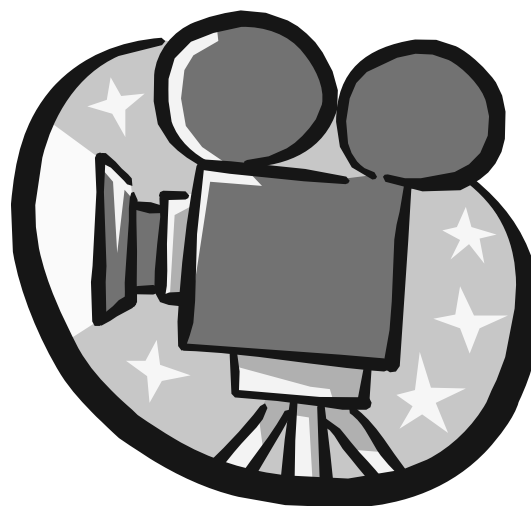
We are always looking for people to volunteer their time and talents. Some possible ideas are serving on the H&V Board, event planning, fund raising and marketing.

So whether you have a lot of time or just little, whether you know how you would like to be involved or if you don't please contact us at 920-437-7370 or via email at [handsandvoiceswi@yahoo.com](mailto:handsandvoiceswi@yahoo.com). We would love to discuss the possibilities!

## THE CAPTIONED MEDIA PROGRAM

As you may already know The Captioned Media Program (CMP) has over 1,000 titles now available via internet streaming. Internet Streaming allows you to view captioned media in "real-time" at your convenience. It also allows those of you who prefer the DVD or VHS format to preview the titles before borrowing them.

The Captioned Media Program is a free-loan open-caption media collection for use by deaf or hard of hearing individuals, their teachers, parents, and other whose use of CMP benefits at least one deaf or hard of hearing individual. The Wisconsin Library of this national program provides parents, students, and teacher with access to a resource of more than 5,000 open-captioned videotapes, DVD's, CD-Rom's, and



streaming ( viewing on your computer ) .

The CMP website is located at [www.captionedmedia.org](http://www.captionedmedia.org) . On the website, one can find access to the complete CMP catalog along with searching capabilities and access to online ordering.

The Captioned Media Program has some materials

captioned in Spanish. For a complete listing and description of the materials available visit the website and visit the section "CMP EN Espanol".

If you would like to know more about Hands & Voices you can check out "We are Hands & Voices" available through internet streaming at CMP.

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## CONFERENCE FOR DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING ADOLESCENTS: LEAVING NO ONE BEHIND!

The Gallaudet University Regional Center, in collaboration with the University of Arkansas Rehabilitation and Resource Center for Persons who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing are

planning a conference to focus on the educational experience of deaf or hard of hearing adolescents. It will be held Sept 18-20, 2006 in Memphis, TN.

For more information visit their website at [www.flagler.edu/about\\_f/gallaudet.html](http://www.flagler.edu/about_f/gallaudet.html)  
H&V is a sponsor of the event.

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# Parent Support and Advocacy for Children who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing

## Our Mission:

Wisconsin Families for Hands & Voices is dedicated to supporting families with children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing without a bias around communication modes or methodology. We are a parent-driven, non-profit organization providing families with the resources, networks, and information they need to improve communication access and educational outcomes for their children.

Our outreach activities, parent/professional collaboration, and advocacy efforts are focused on enabling Deaf and Hard of Hearing children to reach their highest potential.

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## PARENTS IN PARTNERSHIP AND PARENTS AS LEADERS TRAININGS

The Parents in Partnership and Parents as Leaders are leadership programs that offer training opportunities for parent who have children or youth with special needs, ages 0-21. Funded by DPI IDEA Discretionary Grant and the Wisconsin Statewide Parent-Educator Initiative (WSPEI) in collaboration with other state agencies. These trainings are for parents who want to develop better working relationships with educators, human service providers and medical staff in developing programs for children and youth with disabilities. Parents will meet over five separate weekends with other parents, state agency personnel, and other statewide leaders. There will be time for questions, answers, and open discussion. Parents will also have time to share their own stories, ob-

tain useful information, and strengthen leadership skills.

Topic areas may include policy making, citizen participation, transition, and school/community inclusion of youth with special needs. Participants will share information about resources, advocacy and conflict management. The focus of each session will be based on the group's needs.

There is no cost to participate, only a commitment to attend all five weekends. For PIP/PALS programs involving an overnight stay, one motel room, per family, is provided for the overnight stay. A Friday evening dinner, and Saturday breakfast and lunch will be provided for each participant

free of charge. A stipend is available to all families to help cover a portion of childcare and travel expense.

There will be nine regional trainings running concurrently throughout the state during the 2006-2007 school year. They can be found on the DPI website at [www.dpi.wi.gov/sped/parent](http://www.dpi.wi.gov/sped/parent).

If you are a parent, foster parent, grandparent, or guardian of a child or youth, age 0-21 who has a disability, and you want to be part of this partnership call 877-844-4925. If you have further questions contact Martha DeYoung, Parent in Partnership Coordinator 608-742-8814, Ext. 225 or email [deyoung@cesa5.k12.wi.us](mailto:deyoung@cesa5.k12.wi.us).