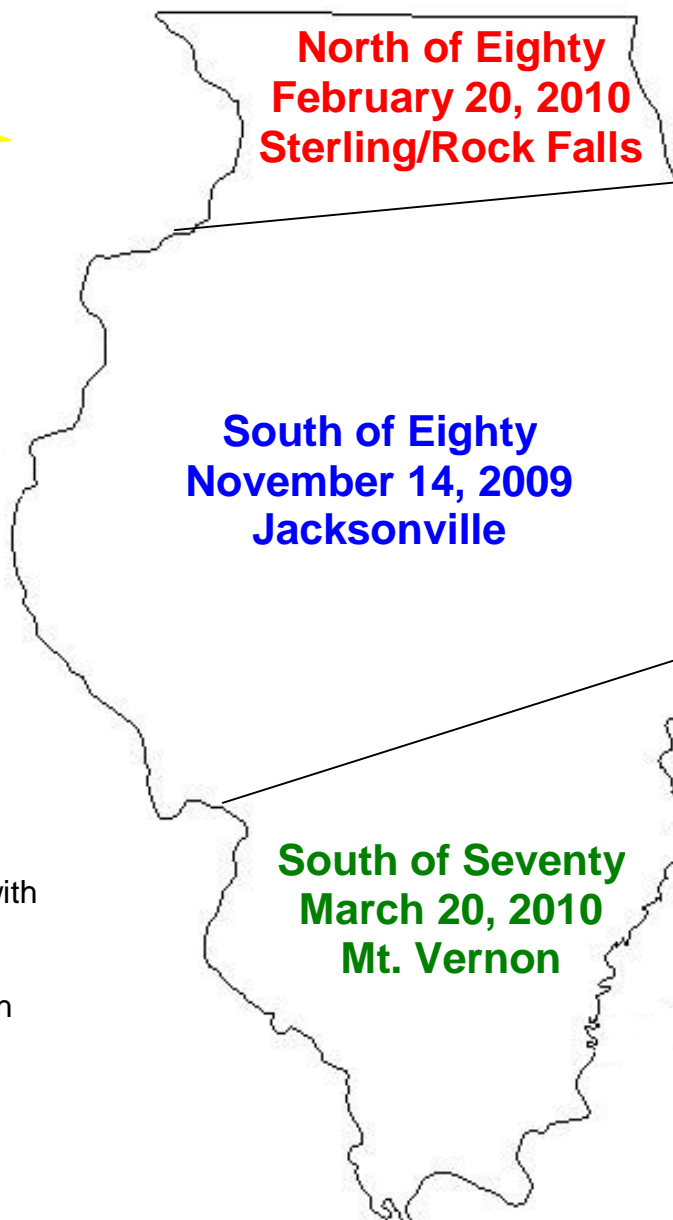


# *Conferences for Parents of Children with Hearing Loss*



## **Conference Topics:**

- \* Assistive Technology
- \* Communicating Effectively with Your Child's School
- \* Deaf Culture
- \* Opportunities to Network with Other Parents

**Professionals:**  
CPDUs and EI credits are available.

**Parents:**  
Financial assistance may be available to help with travel, lodging and/or childcare costs.

# Schedule

- 8:15 – 8:45           **Registration / Breakfast**
- 8:45 – 9:00           **Welcome**
- 9:00 – 9:30           **Keynote: “You ARE Your Child’s Most Important Advocate”**  
Stepping out of our comfort zone to advocate for our children in all areas – especially in these challenging economic times
- 9:30 –10:30           **Parent Introductions/Parking Lot**  
What brings you here? What do you want to learn today?
- 10:30 –10:45           **Break**
- 10:45 –11:45           **Assistive Technology**  
What devices can help your child at home and at school?
- 11:45 – 12:45           **Lunch and Networking**
- 12:45 – 1:45           **Do What I Say, Not What I Do: Tips for Effective Communication from Parents in the Trenches**  
Strategies for avoiding conflict and managing challenges when advocating for our children
- 1:45 – 2:00           **Break**
- 2:00 – 3:00           **Deaf Culture**  
Learn more about deaf culture and the experience of being deaf from deaf presenters
- 3:00 -- 3:15           **Break**
- 3:15 – 4:15           **Q&A, Networking and Wrap-Up**  
What have you learned? Where can you get the answers to unanswered questions?

**\*\* Session topics and times subject to change without notice \*\***

**Parents: Financial assistance** may be available to reimburse your expenses for childcare, travel or overnight accommodations. Some options are:

- \* **The ARC of Illinois Consumer Stipend Project** provides funding for families of children with developmental disabilities. Application deadline is 30 days before the event. For more information: <http://www.thearcofil.org/secure/reveal/admin/uploads/documents/ConsumerStipend%20Brochure2009.pdf>
- \* **STARNET** offers assistance to eligible families. Eligibility, application guidelines and amounts available vary by region. Application deadline is 15 days before the event. For more information: [www.wiu.edu/starnet](http://www.wiu.edu/starnet)
- \* Other options may be available as well.

For more information about opportunities for financial assistance, contact Mary or Sheri:

**North of 80 and South of 80**, please contact Mary Smith at 1-217-742-5252 or email [mk-smith@wiu.edu](mailto:mk-smith@wiu.edu).

**South of 70**, please contact Sheri Kraus at 1-618-825-3969 or email [skraus@stclair.k12.il.us](mailto:skraus@stclair.k12.il.us).

# Registration Form

**To register:**

- \* **by phone**, call toll-free: 1-877-339-2686 (V/TTY)
- \* **on line**, go to: [http://morgan.k12.il.us/isd/outreach\\_events.html](http://morgan.k12.il.us/isd/outreach_events.html)
- \* **by mail**, complete this form and mail to South of Eighty, C/O ISD/HVC, 125 Webster Avenue, Jacksonville, IL 62650

**MARK WHICH CONFERENCE YOU WILL ATTEND:**

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>North of Eighty</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>South of Eighty</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>South of Seventy</b>
February 20, 2010	November 14, 2009	March 20, 2010
Sterling/Rock Falls	Jacksonville	Mt. Vernon
Deadline : February 5, 2010	Deadline : October 30, 2009	Deadline : March 5, 2010

**Contact Person for your group/family:**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **IL ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**HOME PHONE:** (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ **CELL PHONE:** (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** Confirmation will be sent to the e-mail address above. Hard copies will be mailed only if no e-mail address is available.

**List all adults who will attend the conference (including main contact person above):**

<b>Name:</b>	<b>If you are a parent, list age(s) of children who are deaf or hard of hearing</b>	<b>If you are a professional, give number of children served who are deaf or hard of hearing</b>

**CHILD CARE IS NOT PROVIDED AT THE CONFERENCE.** Children must be 15 years of age or older to register and will be expected to be active participants attending with parents.  
 Please list all children (age 15+) who will attend the conference with your group:  
 1.  
 2.

**CONTINUED on next page. Be sure to complete and return both pages.**

**Please list ADA accommodations required by a member of your group** (i.e. Interpreter, FM System, etc.). Requests for accommodations must be received **3 weeks prior to the conference date**. Please be specific. Who needs what?

Many parents have expressed interest in networking with other parents after the conference. A directory of conference participants will be included in the conference booklet. Please indicate below if you are willing to be included in the directory:

Yes, I give permission to include my name, phone number, home and email address in the directory.

No, I do not give permission to include my name, phone number, home and email address in the directory.

*State of Illinois*  
Pat Quinn, Governor



*Department of Human Services*  
Carol L. Adams, Ph. D., Secretary

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