

19th DHHS Deaf/Hard of Hearing/Late Deafened Conference:

You Can't Go Home Again

Accepting and Embracing Change

June 29, 2007

Colby College, Waterville, ME

8:30 **Registration, coffee & snacks, displays and networking**

9:00 **Welcome:** *Meryl C. S. Troop, Language Access and Deaf Services*
Noël Bonam, Director, Maine Office of Multicultural Affairs

9:30 **Accepting and Embracing Change:**

John Shattuck, Director, Division of Deafness, Dept. of Labor
Larry Taub, Ph.D., Superintendent of the Maine State
Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

10:45 **Break & Welcome back to your seats YOGA**

11:15 **Updates & new services:**

Maine Center on Deafness, Community Counseling Center &...

12:15 **Lunch, Displays, Networking**

1:30 **Concurrent workshop sessions** (choose one)

◆ **Interpreters:** Signed and Spoken Languages

Interpreting in Child Protective Situations

DHHS Child Protective; Guardian ad Litem; Victor Vigna,
Certified Interpreting; Greg Bernstein, AAG

◆ **Deaf:** *(ASL, no interpreters)*

Moving forward after the Heyday of DPN

• **Oral Hearing Loss:** *(C-Print & interpreters)*

Moving forward after a hearing loss: *Kristine Dach, CCC*

◆ **Elder Care Service Providers:**

Hearing Loss in Elders – The Laws, The Practical, The Resources

Amy Sneirson, Civil Rights Director @ Maine Center on Deafness

Debbie DiDominicus, Southern Maine Agency on Aging

Leslie Bray, Family Caregiver @ Senior Spectrum

• **Education:** Changes in Early Intervention: Implications for
Deaf and HoH Children 0-5: – *Karen Hopkins, ECFS, Louise*

Packness, SLP-CCC, Romy Spitz,    

4:00 **Evaluations, CEUs, and Adjourn**

Directions: Take Interstate 95 to Exit 127 Waterville/Oakland (formerly Exit 33). Turn toward Waterville (east) on Kennedy Memorial Drive (Rt. 137) and follow the blue signs to Colby. After nine-tenths of a mile on Kennedy Memorial Drive you will turn left onto First Rangeway, opposite Inland Hospital. Proceed 1.1 miles on First Rangeway, to the first stop sign, and turn left onto Mayflower Hill Drive. In a half mile you will arrive on campus. Follow signs to conference.
http://www.colby.edu/college_cs/visitor_center/directions.cfm

Sponsors: Colby College; Maine DHHS Offices of Multicultural Affairs, Mental Health, and Elder Services; Maine DOL Division of Deafness; Sorenson; Mobius Inc; Maine Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf; Community Counseling Center; Maine Educational Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing; Certified Interpreting

Free thanks to DHHS Mental Health & MeRID!

Includes light breakfast, lunch, materials and CEUs. **You MUST pre-register!** No Walk-ins, **please**. If you register, do attend, as you will be counted in the food order.

CEUs for Social Workers, Substance Abuse Counselors, and Teachers applied for; Maine Interpreter Licensees and MHRT/C students will be awarded certificates of attendance for 6 Contact Hours. MeRID is an approved RID CMP sponsor for Continuing Education Activities. This workshop is offered for .6 CEUs Professional Studies at the some – extensive knowledge level.



Communication Access: Sign Language-English interpretation will be in morning sessions and at selected afternoon sessions. C-Print Services (typed English projected onto a screen) in morning sessions and at the Oral Hearing Loss session in the afternoon. Afternoon 'Deaf' session in ASL only until the break, when Oral Hearing Loss and Deaf sessions combine. **Assistive Listening Devices** available for loan at the registration table.

For your comfort, please dress in comfortable layers – there is air conditioning. Massage for \$1/minute and free **Yoga** for those who wish.

Fliers, Brochures, Job Announcements, etc can be placed on a shared information table – bring them along.

Bring old hearing aids & assistive listening devices

– donate them to be refurbished and re-used by people who can't afford hearing help.

Thank you!



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Name _____ **Agency** _____

Address _____

Phone _____ **v/tty? Email** _____

Afternoon Workshop choice (circle one):

Interpreters Deaf Hearing Loss Elder Services Education

Special accommodation?



Mail to: Karen Blake, DHHS Greenlaw 3rd Floor
11 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0011

FAX: 287-4052

Email: Karen.blake@maine.gov

If you're emailing, be sure to say which afternoon workshop session!

There will be no confirmation sent – we will only contact you if there is a question or problem with your registration.

Questions, comments, concerns:

Meryl Troop, DHHS Language Access and Deaf Services Coordinator.

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