



Blazing New Trails

American Society for Deaf Children National Conference

June 24 - 28, 2009

Hosted at the Oklahoma School for the Deaf

1100 Oklahoma, Sulphur, OK 73086

(580) 622-4900 or 888-685-3323 (V/TTY) (580) 622-4960 (Fax)

Dear Friend of Deaf Children and their Families:

The Oklahoma School for the Deaf (OSD) is excited to announce that it will be hosting the American Society for Deaf Children (ASDC) national conference next summer here at OSD in Sulphur, OK. The ASDC convention is held biennially for families of deaf children as an opportunity to access information to help them with education, parenting, communication and technology in raising a child with deafness. To make this a successful conference here in our great state of Oklahoma, we need a lot of help and support from our friends.

ASDC is a national organization whose purpose is to provide parents and professionals with valuable information about the variety of programs and services available for deaf and hard of hearing children. For parents who live in isolated areas, this convention is literally the main (and in some cases, the only) opportunity they have to meet other parents and professionals in the field of deafness and gain the support and knowledge they need.

We are actively seeking presentations for the conference, and you will find enclosed copies of the "Call for Papers" forms. The theme for the conference is "Blazing New Trails." We are looking for presentations along all areas of deafness that would assist and support families with deaf and hard of hearing children. We would like to focus on such topics as new trends in education, technology, new research, or other areas of advancements. Other topics that would benefit families and professionals are welcome to be submitted. Deadline for submissions is November 15, 2008. We will notify those who have applied by November 30, 2008 whether their submission has been accepted.

If you would like to attend the conference, there are registration forms for the conference included (refer to the presenter rates for information). Please feel free to make copies of the registration forms and share these with others who may be interested.

We are very excited to be hosting the ASDC conference and look forward to showing off our great state as we join together in "Blazing New Trails."

Sincerely,

Carolyne Paradiso,
Conference Co-Chair





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Potential Presentation Topics:

Workshops should support the conference theme, “Blazing New Trails,” which is focusing on new trends, research, education, or other areas of advancements. Workshops are approximately 60 minutes in length, including time for questions. Topics may involve issues such as:

- Communication
- Deaf Culture
- Diagnostics
- Discipline
- Early Intervention
- Educational Issues
- Employment
- Extended Family
- Family Dynamics
- Literacy
- Mental Health
- Parenting
- Services and Resources
- Sibling Issues
- Storytelling
- Technology
- The Extended Family
- Transition

These are just some ideas. You are welcome to include some of your own.

In such formats as:

Individual or group presentations

Panel discussions

Workshops

Submission Guidelines

1. Each session is a one hour block of time. Presentations can be made up of one or two sessions and must include time for questions and evaluations.
2. The presentation format may be:
 - a. Presentation – a lecture or presentation of information on a particular topic.
 - b. Workshop – an organized hands-on experience which provides the participants with a specific skill or application.
 - c. Panel – a group of 3-4 panelists presenting information/opinions on a specific topic or issue.
3. Written proposals should be completed on the attached forms. They include an abstract of 35-30 words (to be printed in the conference program), and a summary of 300-500 words (to be used by the program committee). Please complete all information on all of the forms.
4. Proposals must be postmarked and/or submitted by **November 15, 2008**. Notification of acceptance or rejection will be sent by November 30, 2008. Upon confirmation, you will receive additional information about the conference and additional forms to complete for finalizing the conference program and schedule.



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Presenter Rates for Conference

1. Presenters will not be charged the registration fee for the day of presentation, but will need to pay for meals individually on the day they present. Per diem meal rates for days that you are presenting are - Breakfast \$5.00, Lunch \$8.00, Dinner \$10.00.
2. Conference Registration fee rates for days that you are not presenting are \$60.50 per day for ASDC members; and \$75.00 per day for non-members. Meals are included in registration fee.
3. Presenters who are not attending the full conference with their families as members of ASDC are asked to stay off campus at a local hotel. (This will ensure adequate space for conference families). Included is a list of lodging options. Be sure to ask if there is a special ASDC rate (hosted by OSD).
 - ❖ Presenters, like full – time conference participants, may be asked to pay for some special activities.

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For more information and to mail completed packets:

To:
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Please type or print all information

Presenter's Name (first or solo presenter): _____

Presentation/Panel Title: _____

Target Audience: _____

Co-presenters Name: _____

Your Agency / Organization / Affiliation: _____

Your Title/Position: _____

Work Address (if applicable): _____

Home Address (please include): _____

Telephone: W _____ H _____ Cell _____

Pager: _____ Email: _____

Summer contact information (if different from above):

Needs for your presentation:

- Explain your interpreter needs:

- Explain your equipment needs:

- Biographical Sketch (Please include 30-50 words to be printed in the conference program - *use back of this page if necessary*).

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**** Please use this paper for co-presenters. Make additional copies as needed.
Please submit one page per co-presenter.***

Co-Presenter's Name: _____

Name of Lead Presenter: _____

Presentation/Panel Title: _____

Your Agency / Organization / Affiliation: _____

Your Title/Position: _____

Work Address (if applicable): _____

Home Address (please include): _____

Telephone: W _____ H _____ Cell _____

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** Panel or Presentation Abstract*

Title of Panel or Presentation: _____

Format (circle one): Presentation Panel Other (explain)

Program Abstract:

** Please describe your panel or presentation in 25-40 words (or less) as it should be printed in the conference program. Be sure to include relevant information about your target audience (infants, adolescents, grandparents, etc).*

To complete your application:

Please attach a detailed description (suggested length 300-500 words) of your proposed presentation/panel and mail the entire packet to:

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