

MCDHH 35th Anniversary Celebration



July 21st at 5:35 PM

Join MCDHH to kick off a year-long celebration of 35 years of service delivery, education and advocacy on behalf of the Commonwealth and the community.

The following awards will be presented: the *BJ Wood Trailblazer Award*, the *Lifetime Achievement Award* and the *Gail Sallop Interpreter Award*.

REGISTER HERE: <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07ei7wk4b389fcb3d4&llr=w4dxh6cab>

Watch the VLOG: <https://fb.watch/6hBXoxvCGs/>

Read the Transcript [here](#).



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<https://www.facebook.com/MCDHH.MA>



What is an Overdose and What Can You Do About It?

The purpose of this vlog is to provide education around overdoses due to opioid usage: why the topic is important, how to respond, how to recognize if a person has overdosed, and the different types of opioids.

VLOG: <https://fb.watch/6lJCAtNWk1/>

Transcript: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1O_1-4twGQpNb-UFfp7uYt9P7hgeVbDxm68x2he9H5I8/edit



Postage Increase—Starting 8/29/2021



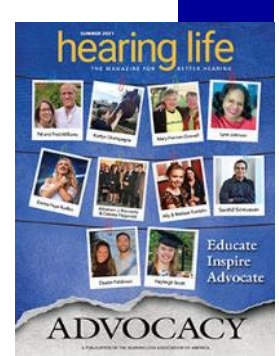
Starting August 29, 2021 the cost for first class stamps will go up from 55 cents to **58 cents**.

Why? Less letters are being mailed [a lot is done electronically now through email] so they need to make up the difference.

Hearing Life Summer 2021

Hearing Loss Association of America's Summer issue celebrates 13 people who work to educate, inspire and advocate for people with hearing loss. **This issue is fully online, and open to all.** *If you get mail copies, you will get your copy soon.*

<https://www.nxtbook.com/ygsreprints/HLAA/hearing-life-summer-2021/index.php?>



National Hurricane Center

Track the latest hurricanes: <https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>



CODA Movie



CODA is a 2021 American drama film about a hearing teenage girl who is a child of deaf adults. Written and directed by Sian Heder, the film stars Emilia Jones as the hearing girl, with Marlee Matlin and Troy Kotsur as her culturally Deaf parents and Daniel Durant as her Deaf brother. **[On Apple TV]**

Watch the trailer [here](#).



Zoom Guide

Don't know how to use Zoom? Ask CLW DHILS for a guide! Step-by-step instructions and pictures show how to:

- Download the Zoom app
- Join/Leave a meeting
- Gallery View vs. Speaker View
- Pin a screen



WANT A COPY? Contact Denise Paro at: dparo@centerlw.org or 508-556-1600 (VP)

NOTE: let us know which one(s) you want! (Computer/Cell Phone/iPad)



Looking for WooSox Tickets?

<https://www.milb.com/worcester>



MCDHH Job Announcement: *Screening and Evaluation Coordinator*



See the full job description at:

<https://massanf.taleo.net/careersection/ex/jobdetail.ftl?job=210005DR>

Questions?

Contact Karin Eddy (MCDHH Human Resources Liaison) at: karin.eddy3@mass.gov

Watch the VLOG: <https://youtu.be/u38opuKl3ms>

DCR Learn to Swim 2021

Registration dates are **specific to each session**. Any requests outside of those dates will **not** be accepted. [Register here!](#)

Session 1: 7/5-7/16 (registration is from 6/28-7/2)

Session 2: 7/19-7/30 (registration is from 7/12-7/16)

Session 3: 8/2-8/13 (registration is from 7/26-7/30)

MUST REGISTER!

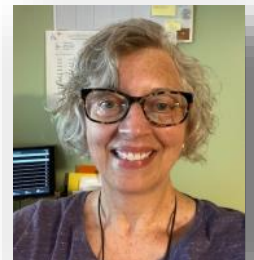
All classes are 30 minutes long and free statewide.

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Staff Updates

CLW is pleased to announce that Ellen Perkins was promoted from Hard of Hearing Skills Trainer to DHILS Assistant Manager/Hard of Hearing Skills Trainer as of June 21st! She brings 10 years of experience as a Hard of Hearing Skills Trainer and DHILS team member to her new role, and continues to be a great asset to both our DHILS team and CLW as a whole. Currently, she is on the MCDHH Statewide Advisory Council, as she has been for 8 years. Not only that, but she has provided many Hard of Hearing Awareness and Assistive Technology trainings to local agencies and organizations. We look forward to more fun, successful work with Ellen, as she continues providing services to Hard of Hearing consumers and working with our DHILS team.



Please join us in congratulating her on her new position!



Thank you Gabriela Rodriguez for joining our DHILS Team for the past 2 semesters as our Framingham State University ASL/English Interpreting intern. We appreciate your assistance with various projects, such as our Zoom Guide and researching immigration and much more! It was a pleasure getting to know you, work with you and watch you grow this past year! Congratulations on your recent graduation (May)!

We wish you the best with your interpreting journey and all you do – keep in touch!

**JULY IS
BIPOC
MENTAL
HEALTH
MONTH**

@mentalhealthamerica

What does BIPOC mean?

Black, Indigenous, and other People of Color

Learn more about:

- Mental health supports
- Policy issues
- Racial trauma
- BIPOC Communities & COVID-19

Learn more at mhanational.org/july.

BIPOC AND LGBTQ+ MENTAL HEALTH



41.8%
OF THE U.S. POPULATION
ARE PEOPLE OF COLOR
AND

13.5%
WERE BORN IN A
DIFFERENT COUNTRY¹

4.5% OF THE U.S. POPULATION IDENTIFIES AS LGBTQ+²

SCREENING IS A FREE, ANONYMOUS, AND CONFIDENTIAL WAY TO DETERMINE IF A PERSON IS EXPERIENCING SYMPTOMS OF A MENTAL HEALTH CONDITION. RESULTS CAN BE USED TO START A CONVERSATION ABOUT YOUR MENTAL HEALTH. VISIT [MHASCREENING.ORG](https://mhascreening.org) TO GET STARTED.



COVID-19 Resources/Data

We will add more sites as needed.

Vaccine Information	https://www.mass.gov/covid-19-vaccine
Vaccine Appointments	https://vaxfinder.mass.gov/
COVID-19 Testing	www.mass.gov/covid-19-testing
US COVID-19 Cases and Deaths <i>by State</i>	https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#cases_casesper100klast7days
MA Travel Order	https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-travel-order
MA Response Reporting	https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-response-reporting

NOTE: See separate *SE Resources* page for more information or contact your Skills Trainer with questions.

Questions about this Newsletter?

Need a website address from your printed newsletter? Contact your Skills Trainer!

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Ellen Perkins	DHILS Assistant Manager/Hard of Hearing Skills Trainer	508-502-7576 (Voice); 508-762-1354 (VP)
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Kim White	Staff Interpreter	508-755-1042 x5042; 508-283-1036 (VP)
VACANT	Deaf Skills Trainer (Full-time)	
VACANT	Deaf Skills Trainer (Part-time)	

Contact Us!

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Deaf and Hard of Hearing Independent Living Services Department

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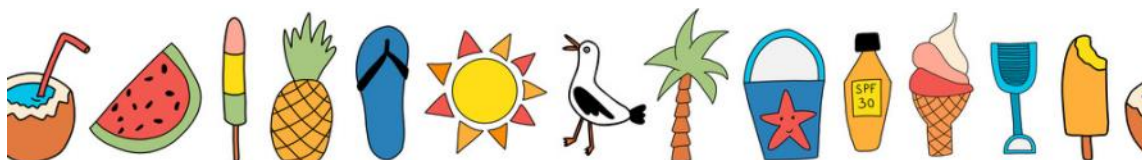
www.CenterLW.org



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DHILS Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/469192334303776>





Research Volunteers needed for study investigating accessibility in emergency departments

Who qualifies?

Any person who has received care in an **emergency department** in the past 18 months and lives with a **disability** such as:

- Visual Impairment
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- Physical Disability
- Autism
- Intellectual and developmental disability (IDD)

What is the study?

This study is investigating the **accessibility of emergency departments** for people living with disabilities by hearing the perspectives of patients

What will participants do?

Participants will participate in a **one-on-one interview** (held virtually) with a study team member to discuss their experiences going to the emergency department. Participants will be eligible to receive a gift card as compensation for their participation.

Interested in participating?

Please visit [this link](#) to confirm your interest and eligibility and our team will contact you promptly. Alternatively, call Harrison Carmichael at **(508) 245-8797** to complete the survey over the phone.

Please contact UMassDisabilityStudy@gmail.com with any questions



CLW's DHILS
Invites you to join us for

Know Your Options: Life Insurance

PRESENTED BY
Kenneth Sorrentino, *Deaf Insurance Agent*

Date: Wednesday, July 21st, 2021

Time: 1:00 pm — 2:30 pm

Place: Online via Zoom



LEARN ABOUT LIFE INSURANCE, INCLUDING:

What does it do?

Is there more than one kind?

How do I get it?



ALL CURRENT CONSUMERS WHO RSVP AND STAY FOR THE WHOLE PRESENTATION VIA ZOOM, WILL RECEIVE A WALMART E-GIFT CARD!



ASL Interpreters will be provided! CART Requested!



*For any other Communication Access, please contact us **by July 6, 2021.***

Please RSVP so we can send you the Zoom link!

RSVP BY: JULY 16TH, 2021

REGISTER ONLINE HERE: <https://forms.gle/hXpafTTz3GfpS45m8>



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