

February 3, 2022



Empowering
Independence

CENTER FOR LIVING & WORKING, INC.
WHAT'S UP?



Deaf and Hard of Hearing Independent Living Services

Free grocery delivery with **Peapod**

Free grocery delivery is available for CLW Consumers and Staff through Center for Living & Working, Inc.'s new Peapod account!

Want free Peapod? Fill-out the delivery form at:
<https://www.centerlw.org/free-peapod-delivery/>



Peapod will contact you after to setup your account.

Newsletter Changes

Starting NOW, February 2022 we will:

- Send our newsletters monthly, post events on our *DHILS' Facebook* page and email COVID-19 updates.

CHANGES		
<i>What's Up</i> newsletter	• Emailed / Mailed	• Every month
CLW events	• Emailed / Mailed / Posted on DHILS' Facebook	• As needed
Community events	• Emailed / Posted on DHILS' Facebook	• As needed
COVID-19 updates	• Emailed ONLY	• As needed

Want to get our emails?

(Newsletters, press conferences, events, COVID-19 updates)

- Contact Denise Paro at: dparo@centerlw.org or 508-556-1600.

Like us on *Facebook* to see the latest events and news:

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



Happy Valentine's Day



COVID-19 Updates

Latest Massachusetts Data from the CDC



Access your Massachusetts Digital Vaccine Card

<https://www.mass.gov/massachusetts-vaccination-records>

Go to: <https://myvaxrecords.mass.gov/>

Access My Vaccination Records



COVID-19 SMART Health Card

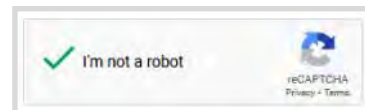
Request, view and print your vaccination records and your COVID-19 SMART Health Card from the official Massachusetts Immunization Information System (MIIS).

1) Click on "Find my vaccine record".

Find my vaccine record →

2) Type the information you gave when you got your vaccine.

• Check off "I'm not a robot" at the bottom!



• Click Submit

Submit

Your request has been received

3) If they find a match, they'll send you a link to a copy of your vaccination record.



4) Print your record **OR** show the QR code.



More information:

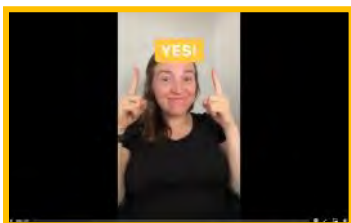
<https://www.mass.gov/massachusetts-vaccination-records>

New VLOGS

Twelve Freedoms of Healing in Grief - ASL by Ian Sanborn .
Grieving can be a complicated, messy, and uncertain process. There is no one right or wrong way to grieve, no time frame and no deadline.

VLOG: <https://fb.watch/aTSzx9rhWU/>

Click [here](#) for English version.



Health Signs Center
Got COVID, Still Need Booster?

<https://fb.watch/aTUsJoi5Eu/>

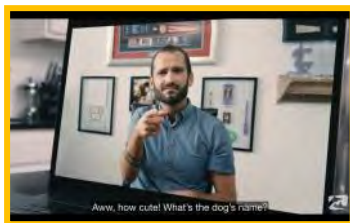
Affordable Connectivity Program: What You Need to Know
(American Sign Language)

https://youtu.be/76nLz_rKAaU



AACP PROGRAM — QUICK LINKS

ACP Application Link	www.ACPBenefit.org
Application Questions:	ACPSupport@usac.org or 1-877-384-2575
Request a Speaker	ACPspeakers@fcc.gov
ACP Outreach Toolkit	https://www.fcc.gov/acp-consumer-outreach-toolkit



National Deaf Therapy

<https://www.nationaldeaftherapy.com/>



MISSED A *WHAT'S UP* NEWSLETTER?

Past issues of newsletters are on our website!

VISIT: [HTTPS://WWW.CENTERLW.ORG/SERVICES/DEAF-HARD-OF-HEARING/](https://www.CENTERLW.ORG/SERVICES/DEAF-HARD-OF-HEARING/)

Interested in ***Aural Rehabilitation***?

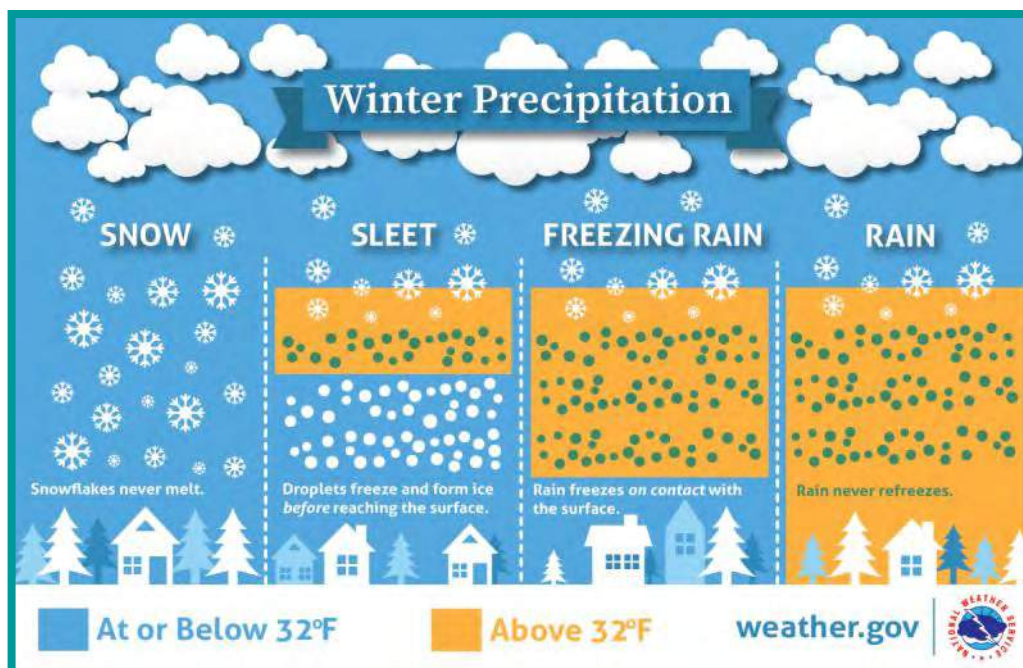


The student clinic at Boston University/Sargent College is accepting applications for **in-person** sessions. *[Strict rules apply including: clear masks, PCR testing weekly, distancing etc.]*

Website: <https://www.bu.edu/sargent/clinical-practice/clinical-education-centers/speech-language-hearing-center/aural-rehabilitation-services/>

Contact Jennifer Bentley, Au.D. if interested: bentley1@bu.edu

Winter Safety



**CLW IS HOSTING A SOCK DRIVE
UNTIL FEBRUARY 14TH
SOCKS ARE ONE OF THE *MOST REQUESTED*
ITEMS IN SHELTERS.**

***CLW IS ACCEPTING NEW ADULT SOCKS TO DONATE.
PLEASE CALL 508-7 55-1101 TO ARRANGE
DONATION DROP-OFFS!***



Securing today
and tomorrow

How to Get Help from Social Security

Social Security is here to help. We want you to know how to get the service you need and to be prepared so we can help you as quickly and safely as possible.



Go online to SSA.gov. Our website is the best way for most people to get help.



If you cannot use our website call our National 800 Number (1-800-772-1213) or your local Social Security office for help.



We will schedule an **appointment** for you, **if necessary**, to serve you by phone or in person.

What to Know if You Must Visit an Office:

- **You must have an appointment** to visit an office.
- **Masks are required** for all office visitors and employees, regardless of vaccination status.
- **Visitor capacity is limited** to follow physical distancing requirements. This means **you may need to wait outside**, so plan for cold or bad weather.
- We ask that you **come alone unless you require help with your visit**. If you require help, we can only permit one person to accompany you.

We appreciate your patience and understanding.

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2021 MSAD Awards

MSAD President Stephanie Hakulin recognized the current MSAD board for their work during the 2019 to 2021 term of office and announced the following award winners for 2021!

The Laurent Clerc Award - Elbert Joseph (advocating for access in theatres)

Recognizes a Deaf or hearing volunteer who has provided services to the community at the state, local and national level.

The Thomas H. Gallaudet Service Award - Lena

Dumont (many years of service to the dDeafDB Community)

Recognizes a hearing individual who contributes in some way to the benefit of Deaf and hard of hearing people at the local, state, or national level.

The William B. Swett Award - Mass General Hospital Interpreting Services (fully accessible to dDeafDB patients)

Recognizes a statewide or local organization that is actively involved in service toward the betterment of Deaf and hard of hearing people in their communities.

The Golden Hand Award - Lori Siedman (passionate advocate for dDeafDB rights)

Created by National Association of the Deaf to recognize local and statewide outstanding and innovative service efforts. The program seeks to identify individuals, organizations or agencies, actively involved in service towards the betterment of Deaf people in their communities.

The Carolyn Ball Award - Ivelisse Velez (promotes volunteering & leadership as a team player)
MSAD President, Stephanie Hakulin, recognizes a Deaf or hard of hearing person who has been involved either in a paid or voluntary position in MSAD affairs and has contributed countless hours to the benefit of MSAD.



VLOG: <https://youtu.be/BYz8LMj3CbE>

Congratulations!

New Executive Director at ODSC

Heather Daley has been named Executive Director at *Our Deaf Survivors Center, Inc. (ODSC)*. Heather will utilize her passions and skillset to further her guiding principle that all survivors of violence should have equitable access and opportunity to thrive. Heather holds a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Rochester Institute of Technology (R.I.T.) in Rochester, New York. After graduating, she decided to take a year off to travel and see the world. While living in Europe, she worked as an administrative officer at the *European Union of the Deaf (EUD)* for several years. She returned to the United States and found her passion in the field of domestic violence/sexual violence while working as a hotline advocate at *Abused Deaf Women's Advocacy Services (ADWAS)* for four and half years.



Heather Daley

Daley is excited to bring her knowledge and skills to ODSC. "I want to help create new and better relationships with law enforcement, judicial system, partners, and donors to make sure all Deaf, Deaf-Blind, and Hard of Hearing survivors in our community are protected from violence," said Daley. "Domestic and sexual violence are issues that impact the Deaf community in many ways and require the support of the Deaf community."

See more information at: www.odscunity.org

Welcome — *New DHILS Intern!*

My name is Sam Cuddy and I'm excited to be joining the CLW team for this semester! I completed my BA in First Peoples Studies and Sociology from **Concordia University** in Montreal. I'm currently a student at **Northern Essex Community College**, in my second semester of studying American Sign Language. I'm originally from Toronto, Canada, and moved to Worcester just five months ago.



With all my free time during the past two years, I decided I wanted to learn a new skill, and started looking into ASL. I quickly found that watching *YouTube* videos was **not** the best way to learn! I decided to go back to school in a new environment for a fresh start. I'm looking forward to learning and growing during this experience!

Research Study

Deaf YES: Center for Deaf Empowerment and Recovery

Are you a D/deaf or hard of hearing person who has ideas on how hearing doctors, nurses, dentists, or researchers can better work with the deaf community?

Watch VLOG: <https://fb.watch/aUoaXKiwfu/>

Want to join? Complete this brief survey to see if you qualify:
<https://tinyurl.com/signherestudy>





Right?!

DO YOU WISH HEARING HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS & RESEARCHERS WERE MORE KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT THE DEAF COMMUNITY?

PARTICIPATE IN A GROUP DISCUSSION TO **DEVELOP NEW EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS!**

WHO?

- Deaf Community Members
- Deaf Professionals (ex: healthcare providers, researchers)
- Experience with Informed Consent
- Age 18+

WHAT?

- 2-hour focus group on Zoom
- Give feedback on training video: *How to Conduct Informed Consent with Deaf Individuals*



- Complete a survey
- \$150 gift card
- Your info will be kept private

HOW?

- Take a brief survey to see if you qualify: tinyurl.com/signherestudy
- Contact us: Melissa.Anderson@umassmed.edu
VP: 774-670-4486





He'll Let's dig into our first lesson.

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MCDHH Staffing News



MCDHH welcomes new team members!

Welcome **Caitlin Parton Esq.**, as MCDHH's new **General Counsel**. Caitlin will provide legal direction and supervision relating to all of the regulations, laws, legal decisions, and administrative determinations which impact MCDHH operations. She will also be responsible for reviewing and, if necessary, revamping MCDHH programmatic policies, as well as overseeing contracts drafting, and the creation of interagency service agreements.



In addition to her extensive work experience and impressive credentials, Caitlin has also served on the Board of Directors of the Disability Rights Bar Association, the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Bar Association, and was previously a member of the MCDHH Statewide Advisory Council. She is also a nationally sought-after speaker.

Caitlin is a highly regarded attorney with immense legal skills. She is deeply committed to advocating for the rights of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing people of the Commonwealth.



Crystal Eusebio has joined MCDHH as the new **Screening and Evaluation Coordinator**.

Ms. Eusebio will report to the Director of Communication Access Services (CAS) Cat Dvar.

Recently, Ms. Eusebio has worked as an Assistant Director of the Boston University's Student Activities Office and as an ASL Sign Language Instructor. Ms. Eusebio has also worked as the Chief of Operations for ASL Mentors and as a Sign Language Tutor through Northern Essex Community College.

In her role at MCDHH, Crystal will be responsible for overseeing the operation of the Screening Programs, scheduling and providing trainings for prospective evaluators for all interpreter quality assurance programs, scoring screening results, and communicating with candidates. In this role the coordinator will also develop and maintain new portions of the Screening Program as necessary, and will play an integral part in MCDHH's efforts to redesign the Screening in partnership with the community.



WRTA Worcester Area Busses Are FREE Until 2023!

Thank you Worcester Zero-Fare Coalition for your outstanding advocacy efforts to extend FREE fares until 2023!

Updated *Therapists for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Directory*

Click here: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mRNQIKYYNjM4vYpRX7OECQkiW-PQlu62/view?usp=sharing>





CLW DHILS
Invites you to join us for



2022 DHILS Consumer **ZOOM Chats**

1:00 - 2:00 PM

Tuesday, February 22

RSVP BY: February 18

Tuesday, March 22

RSVP BY: March 18

Tuesday, April 26

RSVP BY: April 22

Tuesday, May 24

RSVP BY: May 20

Tuesday, June 28

RSVP BY: June 24



ZOOM CHAT ASL VLOG:

<https://youtu.be/OBdXcnYlhBo>

**Want a Zoom Guide for a Computer/
Cell Phone/iPad?**

Learn how to:

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



Contact Denise Paro

508-762-1164 (VP)

Email: dparo@centerlw.org

RSVP to get the Zoom link!
Zoom links emailed
Tuesday mornings.

RSVP HERE: <https://forms.gle/fm3J1gPihpzcDK1A>



Questions? Contact Denise Paro
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Hybrid: 1 - 2 days
in office

Join the CLW DHILS Team as a: **DEAF SKILLS TRAINER**

This job is great for you, if you love to:

- Empower and work with consumers on personal goals
- Advocate for Deaf/Hard of Hearing individuals on local/state levels
- Provide:
 - 1:1 independent living skills training and peer support to consumers
 - information & referral
 - guidance and leadership
- Problem solve
- Work independently and with the team
- Work with individuals with diverse disabilities and cultures

Qualifications:

Education

- High School or equivalent (GED) required; Bachelor Degree in health/human services, preferred; years of relevant experience may be substituted for Bachelor Degree;

Experience

- ASL Fluent
- 2 years minimum of relevant experience working in Deaf/Hard of Hearing services OR involvement with the Deaf/Hard of Hearing community required;
- Microsoft Office and database management

GREAT BENEFITS

- Medical
- Dental
- 403(b) Retirement

PAID:

- Life Insurance
- Short Term Disability (STD)
- Long Term Disability (LTD)
- Parking
- 13 Holidays
- Vacation
- Sick Time
- Mileage Reimbursement

\$17.35/hour / 40 hours/week / Mon - Fri

**Apply
Now**

INTERESTED OR HAVE QUESTIONS?

Email Deb Olson at: dolson@centerlw.org

APPLY and SEE MORE INFO HERE:

[Full-Time Deaf Skills Trainer Position](#)

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JOB OPENINGS: **ASL INSTRUCTORS**

**SPRING 2022
COMMUNITY EVENING CLASSES
LEVELS 1 & 2
IN-PERSON OR ONLINE VIA ZOOM**

**Apply
Now!**

Interested or have questions?

Email your resume to Joan Philip at:

jphilip@centerlw.org



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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 by State	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
Governor's Press Office	https://www.mass.gov/orgs/governors-press-office

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

Questions about this Newsletter?

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

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Catherine Brown	<i>Deaf Skills Trainer (Part-time)</i>	508-762-1021 (VP)
Rosemary Moreira	<i>Deaf Skills Trainer (Full-time)</i>	508-762-1166 (VP)
Kim White	<i>Staff Interpreter</i>	508-755-1042 (Voice); 508-283-1036 (VP)
VACANT	<i>Deaf Skills Trainer (Full-time)</i>	

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