

# 2016-2017 Training Calendar

## Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services (DHHS)

### Free DIVERSITY Trainings

September 21, 2016, 9:30-11:30 AM

#### ***Introduction to Deaf Culture***

Learn more about the vibrant Deaf Community, its history, values, norms and traditions. Participants will also be exposed to language and communication challenges that impact persons who are deaf in family settings, on the job and in everyday life. Helpful communication strategies and technology will be identified.

December 6, 2016, 9:30-11:30 AM

#### ***Hearing Loss in the Workplace***

This presentation is for everyone! Hearing loss is the third most prevalent chronic health condition facing older adults. Join us as we watch the TPT video of "Hearing Loss Matters." At the conclusion of the video, we will discuss some steps that can be taken to help reduce the negative impacts of untreated hearing loss.

October 2016- **New Training Opportunity!\***

#### ***Hearing Loss 101***

**First come, first served.** During the month of October, DHHS will offer **one** training seminar at a non-profit human service agency. This training will overview information on the great diversity found among people who are Culturally Deaf, "little d" deaf, late-deafened, Deafblind and hard of hearing.

\*Stipulations apply; call 651/431-5964 to see if **your agency** meets the criteria for a **FREE** training at **your** facility.

January, 2017- **New Training Opportunity!\***

#### ***Hearing Loss 101***

**First come, first served.** During the month of January, DHHS will offer **one** training seminar at a non-profit human service agency. This training will overview information on the great diversity found among people who are Culturally Deaf, "little d" deaf, late-deafened, Deafblind and hard of hearing.

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November 15, 2016, 9:30-12:00 noon

#### ***Survival Sign Language***

Learn basic survival signs used on the job and become familiar with some of the characteristics of American Sign Language. Gain an understanding of the importance of gestures, mimes, and reading facial expressions and body language. Come, learn and practice with one another!

February 22, 2017, 9:30-11:30 AM

#### ***Mental Health Services in the Deaf Community***

Learn about the unique mental health needs that are often found in the Deaf Community including communication and cultural concerns. Also learn why it's so important to work with a specialized mental health interpreter.

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March 16, 2017, 9:30-12:00 noon

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Learn basic survival signs used on the job and become familiar with some of the characteristics of American Sign Language. Gain an understanding of the importance of gestures, mimes, and reading facial expressions and body language. Come, learn and practice with one another!

#### ***DeafBlindness: Living in Helen Keller's Shadow***

Ever wondered what DeafBlindness entails? How many people live like Helen Keller? Come to do some myth busting and get answers! This presentation will cover types of combined dual vision and hearing loss, symptoms, causes, and resources, as well as tips and tricks on communicating despite the diversity of DeafBlind persons! If time permits, test-drive some popular technology in our equipment demonstration lab.

April, 2017- **New Training Opportunity!\***

#### ***Hearing Loss 101***

First come, first served. During the month of April, DHHS will offer one training seminar at a non-profit human service agency. This training will overview information on the great diversity found among people who are Culturally Deaf, "little d" deaf, late-deafened, Deafblind and hard of hearing.

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#### **Registration Information:**

**Phone:** (651) 431-5940 (or use your preferred Telecommunications Relay Service)

**Email:** [dhhs.metro@state.mn.us](mailto:dhhs.metro@state.mn.us)

Please provide the following information when registering:

-Name

Phone number

-Email address

Employer & Job Title

-Title & Date of training

State employees and partnering agencies are invited to attend and can register through the [DHS Central Office Learning Center](#).

**NOTE:** All trainings will be held at Golden Rule Building,

May, 2017- **New Training Opportunity!\***

#### ***Hearing Loss 101***

**First come, first served.** During the month of May, DHHS will offer **one** training seminar at a non-profit human service agency. This training will overview information on the great diversity found among people who are Culturally Deaf, "little d" deaf, late-deafened, Deafblind and hard of hearing.

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#### **Accommodations**

If you need a sign language interpreter, CART Services, assistive listening device (ALD) or other accommodation, you must notify DHHS at least two weeks prior to the training session. This information is in accessible formats for individuals with disabilities by calling (651) 431-5940 or by using your preferred Telecommunications Relay Service.

**Little known fact:** DHHS Metro staff are also available to provide **FREE** consultation to agencies to help them serve individuals with hearing loss more effectively.

June 6, 2017, 1:00-3:30 PM