

GCDHH NEWSLETTER



Fall 2023

Deaf Blind Access of the South



Group photo of DBAS campers and SSPs from the 2017 retreat

It is almost time for the 2023 DeafBlind Access of the South (DBAS) retreat. This years retreat will be from October 3rd - 8th at Camp Twin Lakes in Rutledge, GA.

We are excited for this year to be the first DBAS retreat since the merger between DBAS and GCDHH in 2022. Campers will get to take advantage of a rare opportunity to get together with other DeafBlind people and participate in activities like hiking, field trips, adapted games, and more. This year we have a total of 32 campers and 66 Support Service Providers (SSPs) in attendance. We can't wait for the retreat and will share pictures from the retreat once it is finished.

For more information on DeafBlind Access of the South, check out their [website](#) and their [Facebook](#).

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Did you know that we have multiple social media accounts? We post updates on community news, events, and more on our Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter, as well as videos about the center, Deaf Culture, and History on TikTok. Follow us to stay updated! [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [TikTok](#).



We've got a packed Fall season of local ASL events for you, your friends, and family to enjoy! Check out what we've got to offer this season!

- **October 7:** [ASL Day at the Georgia National Fair](#)
- **October 14:** [ASL Day at Six Flags over Georgia](#) (use code DEAFDAY)
- **October 19:** ASL Day at Zoo Atlanta
- **November 3:** Deaf Field Day at Valdosta
- **November 4:** Atlanta Area School for the Deaf Fall Festival

To keep up to date with our events every year, visit gcdhh.org/events and follow us on [Facebook!](#)

Camp Julienna 2023

Our longest running Deaf youth program, Camp Juliena recently concluded its 2023 camp this past July. We had an amazing time with our campers this year forming lasting relationships with their peers and teaching them valuable skills like communication and teamwork. Check out some pictures from this year's camp below and follow our Facebook for even more!



To keep up to date on updates for Camp Juliena 2024, visit gcdhh.org/campjuliena or shoot us an email at campjuliena@gcdhh.org.

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Registration Fee: \$20

NOVEMBER 18TH AND 19TH FROM 9AM-4PM

GEORGIA CENTER OF THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING
2296 HENDERSON MILL ROAD SUITE 115
ATLANTA, GA 3034

Interested? Register with
Ericka Capel SW, elipscomb@gcdhh.org

A pink flyer advertising GOABELE.

We are very excited to announce that GCDHH is adding a new youth program for Deaf and Hard of Hearing girls: GOABELE. GOABELE stands for Girls Only, Actions to Become Excellent Leaders in Everything. Through this program, young ladies will gain tools on leadership development, building self-confidence, life skills, and job exploration.

This program is open to Deaf and Hard of Hearing youth between ages 14-18 who are currently enrolled in middle or high school. If you are interested, please contact our Employment Specialist, Ericka Lipscomb-Capel at elipscomb@gcdhh.org.

Our Way Training Program



TRAINING PROGRAM

Our Way training program logo

If you or someone you know could benefit from these services, please contact our Employment Specialist/Social Worker **Erica Lipscomb-Capel**.

elipscomb@gcdhh.org
VP: 404-301-8694
404-292-5312



clients counting money



client doing inventory on a snack machine

International Week of Deaf People 2023

"A World Where Deaf People Everywhere Can Sign Anywhere!"

The World Federation of the Deaf (WFD) dedicated September 18 - 24 the 2023 International Week of Deaf People. There is an annual theme, and this year's was "a world where Deaf people everywhere can sign anywhere."

The week was an effort to bring awareness to the rights of Deaf children, Deaf people and all of those that use sign language. Every day through the week had its own daily theme in which the WFD encouraged organizations and entities to share information and connect with other in line with each theme.

This year's daily themes were:

- Declaration on the Rights of Deaf Children
- Building Capacity Across the Globe
- Realizing "Nothing Without Us"
- Putting Deaf People on the Agenda



INTERNATIONAL WEEK
OF DEAF PEOPLE

September 18 - 24 , 2023

- Achieving Sign Language Rights for All
- A World Where Deaf People Everywhere Can Sign Anywhere
- Building Inclusive Deaf Communities

For more information on the International Week of Deaf People 2023 and each daily theme, visit <https://wfdeaf.org/iwdeaf2023/>

ASL Night with the Atlanta Hawks



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ATL Hawks vs. HOU Rockets | Saturday, February 10th | 7:30pm

Join us for ASL Night at State Farm Arena as the Atlanta Hawks take on the Houston Rockets. Each ticket includes \$10 worth of food and beverage. Tickets can be purchased through the provided link below. A portion from each ticket purchased through this offer will benefit the Georgia Center of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.



Purchase your tickets now using the link below!

For groups of 10 or more or for tickets to a different game, please contact Ryan Coller at ryan.coller@hawks.com or at 404-878-3714. *Ticket prices and availability are subject to change, so order your tickets today! Tickets are mobile only. **TICKETS WILL SELL OUT!**



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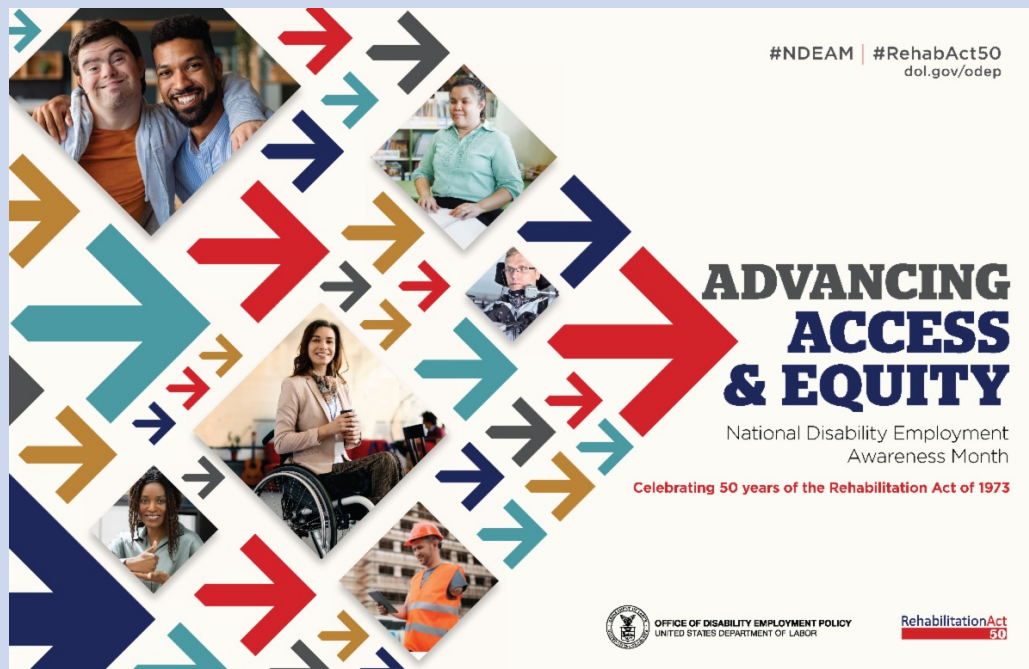
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National Disability Employment Awareness Month



Flyer with a white background and multicolored arrows advertising the NDEAM

Did you know that October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM)? Held every October, NDEAM is a fitting time to educate about disability employment issues and celebrate the many and varied contributions of America's workers with disabilities. The 2023 NDEAM theme is "Advancing Access and Equity."

Here at the Georgia Center of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, we celebrate the work and contributions of workers with disabilities year-round. Through our many educational employment programs with the youth, our partnership with the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency, and through our work training program: Our Way Training Program.

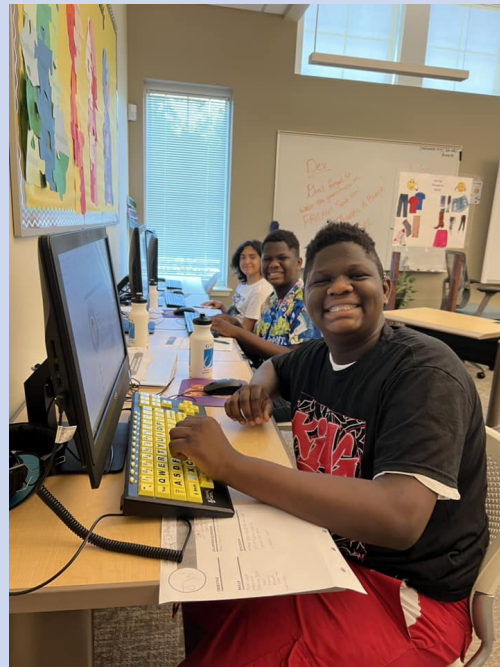
To learn more about the National Disability Employment Awareness Month and what you can do to promote it and follow its mission, visit

<https://www.whatcanyoudocampaign.org/celebrate-ndeam/>

Getting Ready for Opportunities in Work (GROW) 2023

Our very first GROW program this year was a huge success! Our incredible group of students joined us for a full week to stay in the dorms at the Georgia School for the Deaf in Cave Springs, GA to learn about Self-Advocacy, Work Readiness Training, Job Exploration, and Work Based Learning with their peers.

They attended workshops, practiced giving presentations, did collaborative hands-on activities, and went on field trips to learn about employment skills, expectations, and opportunities with our wonderful counselors.





We will be hosting another GROW program in 2024. If you or someone you know may be interested, please check out our website: gcdhh.org/grow and/or email our Employment Specialist, Ericka Lipscomb-Capel: elipscomb@gcdhh.org We can't wait to make 2024 even bigger and better than 2023!

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VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

Did you know that GCDHH partners with Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency (GVRA) to provide Drivers Education test prep sessions?

During sessions, students can focus on learning:

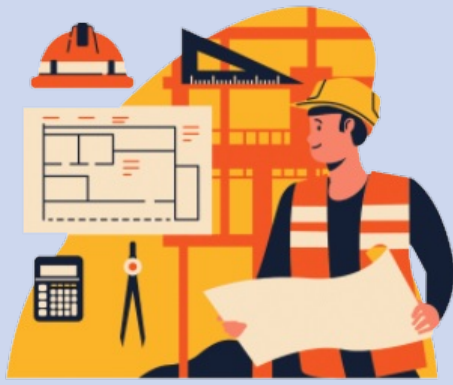
- Road Rules
- Road Signs
- English Translation of test materials

With these sessions, students will be set up for success. We have a high percentage rate of students that pass the test post-class.

If you are interested in acquiring these services, please contact:

Ericka Lipscomb-Capel: elipscomp@gcdhh.org

Interested in employment? GCDHH and GVRA has got you covered. The



phases in the employment process include Intake, job development and placement, workplace readiness, and self-advocacy. Additionally, a job coach is provided for comprehension and communication access. If you are looking for employment support – reach out to us!

Ericka Lipscomb-Capel
elipscomb@gcdhh.org

ASL CLASS



Registration Now Available!

ASL Classes for January 2024 are now available! We offer classes from beginner to advanced with both online and in-person options. The deadline to register is January 6, 2023. Below is the schedule for upcoming classes:

Virtual

Tuesdays
(Jan 9 - Feb 27)

ASL I: 6pm - 8pm EST
ASL II: 6pm - 8pm EST

Register

Thursdays
(Jan 11 - Feb 29)

ASL I: 6pm - 8pm EST

Register

Saturdays
(Jan 6 - Feb 24)

ASL I: 10am - 12pm EST

Register

In-Person

Saturday ASL 1
(Jan 6 - Feb 24)

10am - 12pm EST
12:30pm - 2:30pm EST

Register

Saturday ASL 2
(Jan 6 - Feb 24)

10am - 12pm EST

Register

Conversational ASL
(Jan 6 - Feb 24)

2pm - 4pm EST

Register

The textbook is highly recommended for all ASL units- **A Basic Course in American Sign Language (Second Edition)**. This can be ordered via Amazon.

GCDHH offers ASL classes for children younger than 14 years old with 8 - one hour sessions. We also offer private ASL classes one-on-one for a separate fee.

If you have questions, please email Lara Whitfield: Lwhitfield@gcdhh.org

[Visit our website](#)

Did you know you can sign up your workplace for American Sign Language Classes?

GCDHH offers customized ASL classes for businesses and workplaces. With a flat rate (prices are negotiable), your company can pick the hours and multiple dates for ASL classes. You and your co-workers will take sessions and practice together on learning a new language. If interested, you can bring this available course to the attention of your management and contact us at Lwhitfield@gcdhh.org.

Your company can make a difference in language accessibility for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community!

[Fill out Questionnaire](#)

GCDHH has its own interpreting service!

Whether it's in-person or virtual interpreting, we will make the process easy for you. Contact us for more questions or to book an interpreter:

requests@gcdhh.org

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