



PARENTS' THOUGHTS ABOUT THE INSTITUTE

" I learned things I never knew before. It was, in my opinion, a very good experience. These are all people (to whom) I will always be grateful for the way they treated me and my children. I believe a lot of good things will stay with us and we learned a lot to be able to help our children in the future."

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"This was a wonderful and absolutely overwhelming experience. I have learned so much about deafness while here at ISD and have a new appreciation for the deaf."

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"Very well worth our time. Like others I wasn't sure what to expect but I can tell you it exceeded my expectations. All parents of deaf or hard of hearing children should attend."

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This week was great, helpful and educational in so many ways. It was wonderful that this week is available!"



HOW DO I GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE INSTITUTE?

Contact: University of Illinois at Chicago
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DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE A HEARING LOSS?

Do you have questions about Communication Options, Language Development, Amplification, Social-Emotional Development and School Programs?

Your questions can be answered in one place!



INSTITUTE FOR PARENTS OF PRESCHOOL CHILDREN WHO ARE DEAF OR HARD OF HEARING

June 12-17, 2016

**SPECIALIZED
CARE FOR
CHILDREN**





MISSION STATEMENT:

Institute provides information and support to families, so that they can make informed decisions on behalf of their child who is deaf or hard of hearing. The Institute was summarized by one parent as: "An incredibly useful week to ... prepare my child for a life of learning."

WHAT IS THE INSTITUTE?

The Institute is a one-week program (Sun – Fri) for parents of children (through age five) who have a significant hearing loss. The Institute is held during June on the campus of the Illinois School for the Deaf in Jacksonville, Illinois. Parents learn about hearing loss. They also learn about their child's individual strengths and needs. Parents will meet other parents of children who are deaf or hard of hearing.

WHERE IS THE INSTITUTE?

The Institute is held at the Illinois School for the Deaf in Jacksonville, Illinois. Jacksonville is 30 miles west of Springfield on Interstate 72.



WHAT ABOUT SIBLINGS?

Brothers and sisters, through age seven, can come to Institute. They will go to activities for their age group at The Nursery School on the ISD campus. Siblings also stay with their families in the dorms and go to recreational activities.

WHAT DOES IT COST?

There is no cost for families who come to Institute. Meals and housing are provided at no charge on the campus of the Illinois School for the Deaf. This week is free!

WHO WORKS AT THE INSTITUTE?

Professionals from all over Illinois come to the Institute. They come from hospitals, schools, colleges, private centers, ISD, DSCC and DPH.

WHAT DO PARENTS DO?

Parents attend daily lectures by experts. They learn about children with hearing loss. They also meet in small groups to discuss concerns. Parents meet with professional staff to review evaluations for their child.

Lecture topics include:

- child development
- language development
- types of hearing loss
- parent rights
- communication choices
- school programming
- hearing aids, cochlear implants
- Deaf Culture

WHAT DO CHILDREN DO?

Each morning the children go to classrooms overseen by experienced teachers of children who are deaf or hard of hearing. Children are given hearing, vision, psychological, speech, language and educational evaluations. Children have the chance to play with other children who have a hearing loss.

WHO SPONSORS THE INSTITUTE?

- The Institute receives support from:
- *Department of Human Services
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