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SDHHS AGM

Saturday September 19, 2020 Regina, SK International Sign Language Week

September 21st- 25th, 2020

Our Offices are

Open!



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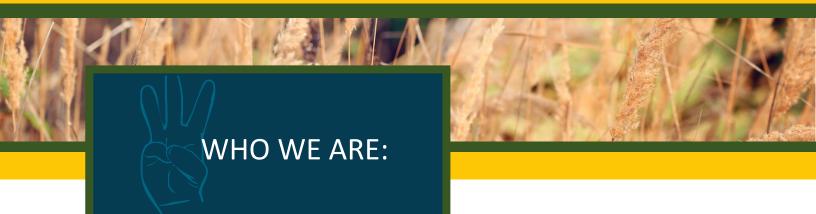
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Amazing resilience!

The d/Deaf and Hard of Hearing show amazing resilience in the face of adversity as they band together. While some have been making masks and selling them online, others have attended online classes, or provided online support to people who were isolated in their homes.

I am happy to introduce Rochelle Carty-Bauman as part of the SDHHS team. She comes to us from Ontario with an Education degree from Gallaudet University and will be functioning as a Sign Support Professional out of the Regina office. Please make her feel welcome. SDHHS is actively seeking an Interpreter for the Regina office, to help with the added workload of media and educational interpreting.

SDHHS Staff began a transformation of our services to maintain high-quality interpreting for anyone in our province who needs it. In addition, coordination with the Ministry of Health and the hospitals took place to provide immediate emergency online Interpreters and speech to text on iPads.

The 4C Preschool successfully continued classes remotely for the 2019-2020 school year. While it has been hard to say goodbye to our previous teacher Bree and our assistant teacher, Alyson, we are proud and happy to announce that Nicole Musey will take on the lead role as the teacher at the CCCC Preschool.

Through our Vocational Department, job search, resumes, skills training, and language acquisition are still happening, while proving much more challenging due to physical distancing.

In response to the need and want for online stories, we have added several ASL children's stories on the SDHHS YouTube channel. They are all created by Deaf Artists; go check them out.

What an amazing community! With so many d/Deaf and Hard of Hearing people supporting each other from technology to jobs, language acquisition to citizenship, this community leads the way and is very warm and welcoming.

Sincerely, Nairn Gillies





Good News! The SDHHS offices (Regina and Saskatoon) reopened on Monday, August 10th, 2020! SDHHS Staff had been working from home since March 18th, and we have slowly opened our offices making sure everyone feels safe and comfortable.

In both offices, we added safe guard partitions at the front desks and in the meeting rooms. There are stickers on the floor to remind all to remain 6 feet apart. Hand sanitizer and a temperature gun have been added to our office entry procedures as well. Each staff person is encouraged to wear a mask when they are out of their office, when meeting with customers and clients, or when there is more than one person in the area.

For individuals who want to visit SDHHS, we are only allowing one household at a time into the building. If you want to make an appointment with one of the staff, please e-mail or call ahead to minimize how many people are in the building at the same time.

The ASL Interpreters encourage you all to continue to make appointments for interpreting services. We will continue to do Video Remote Interpreting (VRI) if it is possible. Depending on the assignment, Interpreters can attend in-person; however, we are trying to maintain limited contact to ensure the health and safety of all.

SDHHS' 4C Preschool in Saskatoon will be opening on Monday, September 21st and will have their own procedures regarding masks and hand washing to protect the students and teachers. We are excited to see all the little faces joining us for our 3rd year of preschool!

SDHHS 2020 AGM will be happening on Saturday September 19th, 2020 at 10:00am. Seating is limited to 30 people as per Government guidelines & physical distancing regulations. Please contact our office to be put on the list to attend the 2020 AGM. We will e-mail the location once you are confirmed to attend. For more information, please contact our front desk.

Stay safe and we're in this together!



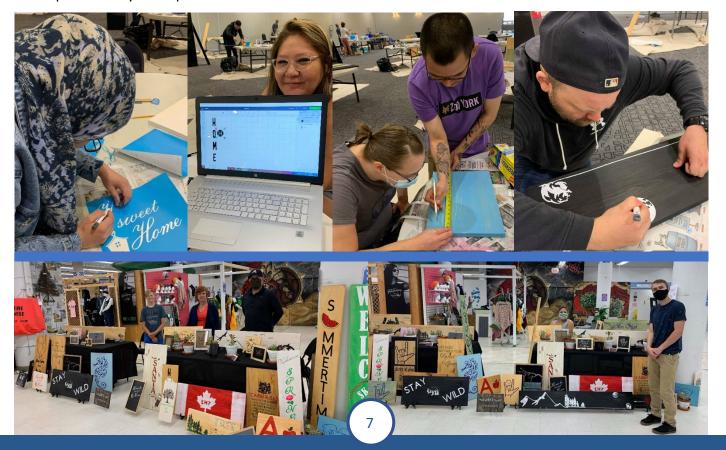
VOCATIONAL WORKER

Monday, August 17th, 2020, the Vocational Department at SDHHS hosted a week-long workshop that we called: *Business Set Up, from Start to Selling*! There were presentations from SquareOne and the Ontario Cultural Society of the Deaf about how to become a business owner, how to market your business, and find your niche! We then worked hard all week to learn a new software design program, create stencils, learn new terminology, learn math skills, paint, seal, and selling at the Centennial Market on the Saturday and Sunday, August 22nd and 23rd.

It was amazing to see the support from the community and the happiness on people's faces when they purchased the items that were made. Thanks to all who came to support these hard working d/Deaf and Hard of Hearing Makers!

We will be hosting this same workshop again in Saskatoon starting Monday, September 21st. The Makers will be at the Riverlanding *Street Stall Saturdays* on Saturday, September 26th, 2020 to sell all the new creations from the Saskatoon workshop. Come out and see what new items are for sale!

Sincerely,
Patricia Spicer & Jody Thompson



Early Childhood & Family Services

Fall is approaching and on Wednesday, September 23rd, 2020, it is International Sign Language Day! It is truly inspiring to see our Deaf Community growing especially with the little ones and families that want to learn Sign Language.

Since Patti and Robyn started working at SDHHS, they have been teaching ASL to d/Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Deaf Autistic children, kids who are delayed in language development, to kids with Down Syndrome, and some with cochlear implants. Every child and family they work with has a special story and we love knowing all of them. There has been an increase in recognition of the work that is happening at SDHHS by Audiologists, who have been referring children and families to our ECFS program to help with literacy and language acquisition. For people who are wondering, we are still accepting clients. Patti and Robyn would be happy to tell you more about our programs.

SDHHS has been providing Deaf ASL Interpreters every Saturday since June 13th, to the Saskatoon Public Library for their online story time. If you are curious to see the children's stories, please go to <u>Saskatoon Public Library Facebook page</u>, or find them on <u>YouTube</u>.

During the summertime, parents were asking how to sign while reading the books to their child.

Here are some tips that may help you:

 You do not need to sign word for word, you can sign the concept of what is happening on that page.

- Ask your child to find what you have in the room that matches the pictures in the book. For example: If there's a door in the book, you can ask your child where the door is in the room and point out that it is the same!
- Act out what the story character is doing. For example, "The boy looks excited holding the ball." Then you act like a boy holding the ball feeling excited!



Here are the examples in a video from the AASD Accessible Materials Project on youtube: Pig and the Pug Parent Resource. For more information, please visit this site: "15 Principles for Reading to Deaf Children" or make an appointment with Patti or Robyn to meet through Zoom or in-person at SDHHS!

Have a wonderful Fall season! Robyn and Patti



SDHHS New Staff!

We have a new staff member, Rochelle Carty-Bauman, in the Regina SDHHS office. Please feel free to give her a warm welcome to Saskatchewan. We are thrilled to have this team growing!

Hello everyone!

My name is Rochelle Carty-Bauman from Brampton, Ontario. My parents are Deaf and I have no siblings! I heartily attended E.C. Drury School for the Deaf in Milton, Ontario. I attended the one and only Deaf university in the world, Gallaudet University, in Washington, DC and graduated with an Elementary Education degree. I am currently a new resident in Saskatchewan. I work as a Sign Support Professional here at SDHHS! I am looking forward to bringing my experience and knowledge to build, grow and educate here!

Now, who loves some quirky facts? I shaved my hair and my hair became so curly when it grew back! No regrets! I have six pairs of Vans shoes and am tempted to buy more in other colours! Plus, I can't do cartwheels. (Too hard!) One more thing, please share your favourite local places to eat! I am such a foodie!

Looking forward to meeting you.

Rochelle





The program, Children Communicating Connecting, and in Community (4C) Preschool for Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Children of Deaf Adults is now in its third year. As we enter the school year, it may be somewhat different from previous years.

My name is Nicole Musey and I am your new 4C Preschool Teacher. I am profoundly Deaf and a fluent ASL signer. This will be my first year of teaching since graduating with BA in Education from Gallaudet University in May 2019. I never thought that I would be facing a pandemic like this, but I am moving forward with a positive attitude!

I will do everything that I can to ensure that parents feel safe sending their kids to the 4C Preschool. We have delayed the start date to September 21st, to ensure that we can reopen the program slowly and safely. We have followed the school's policies but we will go above that with added cleaning and sanitizing procedures. We will try to be prepared for unpredictable events. During these uncertain times, it is important that we are flexible and can accommodate students' needs.

At the 4C Preschool, we will have various themes. Our first theme will be Saskatoon. I chose this theme because I want to expand the young students' world, which may have been limited during the COVID19 lockdown. It is also a good opportunity to explore the beautiful outdoors before the winter comes!

P.S. it is not too late for your child to join the 4C Preschool! Please contact the front desk at the SDHHS office in Saskatoon or me if you are interested in registering your child at the 4C Preschool.

Best wishes to everyone!

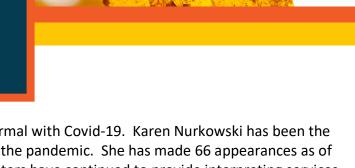
Nicole Musey
Preschool Teacher











The interpreting team has adjusted to the new normal with Covid-19. Karen Nurkowski has been the primary Interpreter for the Legislative updates on the pandemic. She has made 66 appearances as of September 14th! Aside from the updates, Interpreters have continued to provide interpreting services through video remote interpreting. We have used various platforms to make those connections. These include Zoom, FaceTime, Facebook Messenger, Skype, WebEx and WhatsApp and perhaps a few more that we cannot recall. The main hospitals still have an SDHHS iPad with a quick link to an Interpreter as well as the AVA app which is a voice to text app. As a reminder, the after hour emergency numbers are:

SASKATOON:

Text: 306-514-7644 Skype: sdhhs911 FaceTime: 306-514-7644 Phone: 306-514-7644

REGINA:

Phone: 306-352-3323

When calling this number after hours, you will be provided with a direct number to contact the Emergency Interpreter.

Thank you to SDHHS (Kami and Nairn) for purchasing and providing us with personal protective equipment in the event that we need to attend an interpreting assignment in-person. Depending on the situation, Interpreters may be able to attend in-person, provided that there is enough space for physical distancing and/or people are wearing masks. With ASL having a lot of non-manual markers, it is best to have plenty of physical distancing and have the Deaf person and Interpreter remove their masks so that important information can be conveyed. Interpreters will use a clear protective shield to reduce any spread of germs. SDHHS appreciates the patience the community has had as we navigate these new times.

The office continues to actively look to hire an Interpreter in the Regina office. Once the position is filled, we will then move on to hire an Interpreter for the Saskatoon office. Please share this with friends and family to encourage qualified Interpreters to apply.

Stay safe, stay healthy, wash your hands often and physically distance!



International Sign Language Day September 23rd, 2020

"International Sign Language Day is a unique opportunity to support and protect the linguistic identity and cultural diversity of all d/Deaf people and other sign language users. According to the World Federation of the Deaf, there are approximately 72 million d/Deaf people worldwide. More than 80% of them live in developing countries. Collectively, they use more than 300 different sign languages." (Union Nation, 2020)

World Federation of the Deaf Website: www.wfdeaf.org

International Week of the Deaf 2020 Page link: http://wfdeaf.org/get-involved/wfd-events/international-week-deaf/internationalweekofthedeaf/

"All infants benefit from learning ASL as it encourages early language acquisition" It's an opportunity to watch your baby think and learn. (Deaf Niche, 2019)



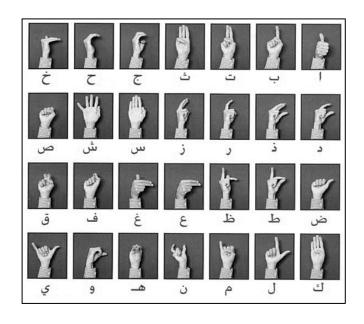
"Animals can communicate using ASL even dogs can be trained with ASL; it's super handy!" (Deaf Niche, 2019)

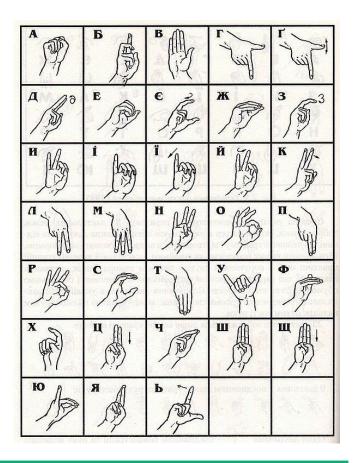


"We have over 300 different sign languages in the world! Sign languages, like spoken languages, developed naturally out of groups of people interacting with each other." (Matheson, 2017)

Arabic Sign Language Alphabet

Ukrainian Sign Language Alphabet





"Sign languages have their own grammar." We don't look mad each time when our eyebrows are down! We are asking the questions or describing how we feel or how things look like! (Okrent, 2015)



"We have our ASL slangs/idioms! Some words can't translate from ASL that don't have an equivalent in English. We created our own words for these slangs/idioms!"

"Trubitz" means it has happened and I am not making it up!

"Kissfist" means "That's cute, I love it!"

"Train gone sorry" means if people were chatting then you come in late which you miss the conversation. They would say "train gone sorry." In English, we say "missed the boat." "Cow-it" means something is taking too long!

"Finish touch" means you physically visited a place, not literally touched it with your hand.

By Matt and Kay Daigle (www.thatdeafguy.com)













Keep your eyes on the SDHHS Facebook page September 21st – 25th, 2020. There will be some daily post and prizes!

Hatch Tags:

#DeafAwarenessMonth

#InternationalDeafAwarenessMonth

#IWDeaf

Virtual Deaf Workshops!

International Week of the Deaf Workshops happening outside of Saskatchewan:



More Information:

https://www.wavefrontcentre.ca/iwd-virtual-celebration/



More Information:

https://dcaf.bobrumball.org/







Who Broke The Teapot?! Signed by: Adam Stratychuk https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zRyLgWXUJqc



I Can't Believe You SAID that! Signed by: Bree Sproule https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jthyDxVxyjo



Pig the Pug
Signed by: Nicole Musey
https://youtu.be/gPoO0M69cP0



The Dancing Fly
Signed by: Bree Sproule
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qt-DEPToDYE



Stephanie's Ponytail
Signed by: Adam Stratychuk
https://youtu.be/LOeN-Wud2Wk

Emergency Room Accessibility





If you enter an
Emergency Room and require an ASL
Interpreter, SDHHS is available 24/7

Facetime: 306-514-7644 or Skype: sdhhs911

SDHHS placed iPads with a direct Facetime link to an ASL Interpreter and a link to

AVA (a voice to text app) in the following Saskatchewan hospitals:

Regina - Pasqua Hospital - Regina General Hospital **Saskatoon** - St. Paul's Hospital - City Hospital -

Royal University Hospital

Prince Albert - Victoria Hospital

For all other, non-emergency Interpreting requests, please contact SDHHS at email: saskatoon@sdhhs.com phone: 306-665-6575 text: 306-229-2010

MASKS- THE STRUGGLE IS REAL



Saskatchewan resident, Gale Estell, knows firsthand how frustrating it is to communicate while wearing masks. Her recent experience with Saskatchewan Health Authority was less than ideal. Gale relies on lip-reading and/or sign language to access communication and in an environment that dons masks it makes it impossible to do.

The article in the Saskatoon Star Phoenix covers her experience and frustration of a trip to the Emergency Department. Six hospitals in Saskatchewan have been provided with iPads that have a one-button emergency access to Interpreters from SDHHS. Each iPad also has a quick connect button to the AVA app which converts speech to text in real time.

The following is the link to the full article: https://thestarphoenix.com/news/local-news/navigating-the-pandemic-more-difficult-for-deaf-

<u>people?fbclid=IwAR3z8k42eT5fymIyd57FtjjCpH3SEkO</u> <u>Ut SvJGlpycKfTeGXPY6otVFI3sw</u>



2020 AGM

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2020 10:00AM - 12:00PM (NO LUNCH)

RAMADA HOTEL

1818 VICTORIA AVENUE, REGINA SK SEATING IS LIMITED TO 30 PEOPLE AS PER GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES & PHYSICAL DISTANCING REGULATIONS

CONTACT SDHHS TO BE PUT ON THE LIST TO ATTEND THE 2020 AGM.

EMAIL: SASKATOON@SDHHS.COM

CALL: 1-800-667-6575 TEXT: 306-229-2010

CLEAR MASKS FOR SALE



CONTACT THE OFFICE IF INTERESTED

Saskatoon

Phone: 306-665-6575 Text: 306-229-2010 saskatoon@sdhhs.com



Regina

Phone: 306-352-3323 regina@sdhhs.com

S8 / MASK



SDHHS is currently **SOLD OUT** of these masks. We do have an order on the way to our offices. If you would like your name on the waitlist to be contacted when the new shipment of masks arrive, please call or email and let us know!

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AWESOMELY

DEAF

My super powers do not include lip-reading through your mask, ... (yet)

WE GOT THIS BE PATIENT

USE A MOBILE PHONE OR PEN AND PAPER TO COMMUNICATE WITH ME

FLASH CARD

Sometimes we need to have a sense of humour during the crazy Covid-19 times. SDHHS has two laminated flash cards available for D/HH individuals at no cost.

E-mail

saskatoon@sdhhs.com
if you're interested in
 having one or both
 of them!

I AM ROCKING THIS

HARD OF HEARING

As things stand, my super powers do not include lip-reading through your mask

KEEP CALM BE PATIENT

USE A MOBILE PHONE OR PEN AND PAPER TO COMMUNICATE WITH ME

Announcing new CAV Connect Program

Canada Administrator of VRS (CAV) is pleased to launch the new CAV Connect program!

Community connection has always been an important part of CAV's mission, and it is particularly challenging during the COVID-19 outbreak when our communities can no longer gather for in-person social events, sporting activities, meetings, or conferences.



However, one positive outcome is we are all becoming more comfortable connecting with each other via video. The program is called "CAV Connect".

If you look closely, you see the logo is inspired by CAV's commitment to both ASL and LSQ communities. In fact, it is a bilingual logo that shows how VRS is signed in ASL and LSQ!

We are pleased to announce that we have a new Outreach team!



Pamela Witcher, Manager (Gatineau, QC); Diane Underschultz, Community Relations, Assistant Manager (Edmonton AB); Jo-Anne Bryan (Ottawa, ON), Bree Sproule (Kelowna, BC) and Patrick Lazure (Montreal, QC), Community Outreach Specialists; and Bryan Johnson (St. John's, NL), Outreach Technical Support Consultant.

CAV's Outreach Team will be hosting various webinars, webcasts, and special topic sessions such as:

- How-To step by step
- How to use Canada VRS
- How does 9-1-1 works
- New App for PC and Mac
- And many more!

Please follow the calendar on our website to learn more about the CAV Connect Program, event topics, dates, and how to register.

There are many ways to connect with Canada VRS Join us!





Canadian Administrator of VRS (CAV), Inc (2020). Announcing new CAV Connect Program [Deaf Community CAV-ACS News]. Retrieved from https://srvcanadavrs.ca/en/deaf-community/

Interested in learning American Sign Language (ASL)?

SDHHS is happy to announce that we have Nicole Musey, Caroline Bergbusch and Twyla Chartrand teaching ASL online via Zoom!



ASL Classes are FULL for the Fall 2020 term. Please call, text, or email SDHHS to be put on the waitlist for Spring 2021 ASL Classes!



ASL 101: \$210.00 ASL 201: \$210.00

Textbook & DVD \$115.00

Some interesting videos to watch





By: CSD Library, YouTube

https://youtu.be/UeVFKX67UYA



Deaf Pioneers in Saskatchewan

By: Dawn Jani Birley, YouTube

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oOVQWicKpPU&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=lwAR3z8k42eT5fymlyd57FtjjCpH3SEkOUt SvJGlpycKfTeGXPY6otVFI3sw



Time for a recap - Apple Event. In ASL!

By: Apple

https://www.apple.com/ca/apple-events/september-2020/





Masks can pose challenges for people who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Saskatoon advocate says.

May 22, 2020

Link: https://saskatoon.ctvnews.ca/mobile/masks-can-pose-challenges-for-people-who-are-deaf-and-hard-of-hearing-saskatoon-advocate-says-

1.4951165?fbclid=IwAR3z8k42eT5fvmIvd57FtiiCpH3SEkOUt SvJGI



SDHHS offering solutions to Deaf and Hard of Hearing community during pandemic

May 22, 2020

https://saskatoon.ctvnews.ca/mobile/masks-can-pose-challenges-for-people-who-are-deaf-and-hard-of-hearing-saskatoon-advocate-says-

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Services connect Deaf and Hard of Hearing patients to providers

August 13, 2020

https://www.saskhealthauthority.ca/news/stories/Pages/202 0/August/Services-connect-deaf-and-hard-of-hearingpatients-to-

<u>providers.aspx?fbclid=IwAR3z8k42eT5fymlyd57FtjjCpH3SEkO</u> <u>Ut SvJGlpycKfTeGXPY6otVFI3sw</u>



Iconic B.C. Interpreter teaching UBVC's fist ASL course

September 8, 2020

https://www.citynews1130.com/video/2020/09/08/iconic-b-c-interpreter-teaching-ubcs-first-asl-course/?fbclid=IwAR3z8k42eT5fymIyd57FtjjCpH3SEkOUt SvJG lpycKfTeGXPY6otVFI3sw

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