This July, make the most of the summer month by pursuing the hobbies you love, spending extra time with the furry friends in your life, and of course your family and loved ones. As Marie believes, compassion and kindness for others and our planet will go a long way.

Hello!

I hope you are enjoying the weather and appreciating what nature has to offer. Today, I want to talk about why DEAF, Inc. is important to our community. DEAF, Inc. has a legacy of over 45 years serving Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Deaf-Blind, and Late-Deafened adults.

DEAF, Inc. is always looking to create new possibilities and expand existing programs to support our community. For example, we want to continue providing services where immigrants who are older adults can become US citizens. We also want to provide more programs targeted to young adults too.

Another service we want to expand on is services for our senior citizens who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, DeafBlind, and Late-Deafened. Many of our senior citizens need these services. There are many different possible ways we can get funding. However, we need your support.
We always continue finding ways to get funding, such as finding federal and state grants, and private donations. We need your support as well! I hope you will consider donating to DEAF, Inc. Your donation amount can be small or big, it does not matter! Go ahead, donate and support DEAF, Inc. Any donation is always appreciated!

We thank you for your continued support of our community. It would not be possible for DEAF, Inc. to be here without your support. Thank you for being here, your support, and bringing your best for our agency.

I am looking forward to seeing your contributions online!

Thank you!
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AGENCY NEWS

JOB OPENINGS

DBCAN Provider

Local American Sign Language (ASL) Instructors

Happy Juneteenth!
Watch this interview with DEAF, Inc. Board Member April Smith and Community Engagement Coordinator Nayo Franck, where they discuss the history and importance of the federally recognized holiday Juneteenth, which occurs every year on June 19.

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**Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness Night at Fenway Park: Red Sox vs. Tampa Bay Rays**

Click to watch the video
Our community members had a wonderful time at Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness Night at Fenway Park, which took place on June 3. We watched the Red Sox play against the Tampa Bay Rays, and in classic Titletown fashion, the Red Sox emerged victorious with a score of 8-5.

This event had a great turnout and the Red Sox will donate $5 per ticket sold from this game to DEAF, Inc. and Our Deaf Survivors Center, Inc.

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**Pride Festivals**

We went to several Pride Festivals in the month of June, to show our support for the LGBTQIA+ community and to spread awareness about DEAF, Inc.'s services and offerings. **New Bedford Pride Festival**, on June 3, **Boston Pride Festival**, on June 10, and **North Shore Pride Festival**, on June 24, were packed festival where locals celebrated together, browsed many booths, and enjoyed performances.
Burlington Health Fair

Nayo, our Community Engagement Coordinator, visited the Burlington Health Fair on May 20, and shared important information to local community members about DEAF, Inc.’s services and offerings.

Celebration of Senior Citizens
DEAF, INC. EVENTS

Why is Mental Health Important?
July 28, 2023 | 11:00 am - 1:00 pm EST

Explore the importance of mental health from 11 am to 1 pm EST at our workshop "Why is Mental Health Important?". Join us at the Thomas Crane Public Library in Quincy, MA, or from the comfort of your home via Zoom.

Hosted with Massachusetts Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (MCDHH) and North Suffolk Community Services (NSCS), we are advocating for mental health awareness and well-being. Let's make a difference together.

Happy Plants, Healthy You with Jude Haverington
June 27, 2023 | 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm EST
888 Purchase St., Bay 1, New Bedford, MA

Devon and Margarida, two of our Advocates, visited the Celebration of Senior Citizens on June 16, and shared important information to local community members about DEAF, Inc.'s services and offerings.
In this interactive workshop, we will cover the following:

- How plants support our mental and physical health
- How to care for houseplants and succulents
- Propagation (creating new plants from stem cuttings)

Brown thumbs and green thumbs are welcome. All participants will receive TWO plants to take home. Only 15 spots each event so register soon!

Reserve your seat

DeafBlind Community Access Network (DBCAN)

DBCAN BBQ Event

DBCAN hosted a fabulous BBQ event on June 17. Even if it rained all day long, everyone really enjoyed their time socializing. The food was great and we had
35 people in attendance. We also want to thank the people who helped out with cooking and cleaning up afterwards. We truly appreciate it!

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**Private Tour of DEAF, Inc.'s New Office**

DBCAN provided a private tour of DEAF, Inc.'s new office in Watertown, MA. DeafBlind consumers and providers came by to check out the new office. We all enjoyed the tour, food, and socializing with each other.

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**DBCAN EVENTS**

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**BASH HOUR**

**WHERE?**
Fenway Golf
112 Allen St.
East Longmeadow, MA
WHEN?
Tuesday, July 18, 2023
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Come and play mini golf with us! When we are done, we can have ice cream or anything you are in the mood for afterwards.

See you there!

For BASH HOUR events, we currently are working on establishing exact dates for August and September. Keep looking out for our next BASH hour event.

Support Groups for DeafBlind and Providers

For anyone who needs an interpreter for any group meeting, please email Jonathan and/or Courtney at dbcan@deafinconline.org to request an interpreter at least 1-2 weeks before the date.

DeafBlind Support Groups

Held virtually every first Wednesday of each month.

To enter zoom, please click here.

July 2023
BREAK

August 2, 2023
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm EST
Provider Support Groups
Held virtually every second Wednesday every two months.

To enter zoom, please click here.

August 8, 2023
6 pm - 7 pm EST

Advocacy, Resources, and Education Services

Our Paint Nights are a Huge Success!

Click to watch the video

Thanks to Massachusetts COVID-19 Community Grants, all of our Paint Nights was a
huge success! We had an amazing time unleashing our creativity and learning to paint a beautiful beach scenery with the Deaf talented artist and educator, Takiyah Harris.

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**Yoga That 101 Allston Office**

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Thanks to Massachusetts COVID-19 Community Grants, we hosted a Yoga event with certified Deaf Yoga instructors Crystal Eusebio and Holly Pearson, the founders of Yoga That!, which aims to make Yoga accessible and inclusive for all. We enjoyed learning more about Yoga, its styles, breaths, and sequences.

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**Visual Gestural Communication (VGC)**
In the diverse spectrum of Deaf communication, Visual Gestural Communication (VGC) stands out as a potent tool. With six memorable sessions led by Arkady Belozovsky Empowerment, we have broadened our perspectives and enriched our capabilities. Thank you, Arkady, for this knowledge-packed journey.

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**Wellness Series: Your Journey to Well-Being Starts Here**

We are thrilled to roll out our new Wellness Series, your guide to emotional, mental, and physical well-being.

The Wellness Series is a five-part segment offering abundant insights and actionable advice, paired with community events designed to boost your well-being.

We are deeply grateful to the Massachusetts Community COVID-19 Grants for their generous support in launching this Wellness Series.

Their contribution has enabled us to develop accessible resources in ASL for our community members.

Learn more about the categories of videos and events you can look forward to.
Health and COVID-19 Resources

MASSHEALTH REDETERMINATION
How to Keep your Health Care Coverage

Time is running out! In April 2023, the coverage protections that have kept you covered since March 2020 will end. Act now to secure uninterrupted coverage! Check your eligibility at https://masshealthrenew.org/ today!

ASL Program

SUMMER 2023 ONLINE ASL SEMESTER
Registration Closes July 3!
## Slow Paced Courses

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## Fast Paced Courses

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**Registration will close at 12:00 pm (noon) EST on Monday, July 3**

**Enroll Now!**

[www.deafinonline.org/services/asl/classes](http://www.deafinonline.org/services/asl/classes)

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**FACE-TO-FACE ASL CLASS**

Join us **IN PERSON** at 215 Brighton Ave. for an immersive ASL 1 class led by Ronald Bergenheim, an experienced ASL instructor at DEAF, Inc. Ronald, an
American Sign Language (ASL)
Come learn ASL 1 together on site!

**Date:** July 8, 15, 22, 29, and Aug. 5 (Every Saturday)
**Time:** 10 am to 12 pm EST
**Location:** 215 Brighton Ave, Allston, MA
**Cost:** $150

Join us IN PERSON at 215 Brighton Ave for an immersive ASL 1 class led by Ronald Bergener, an experienced ASL instructor at DEAF, Inc. Ronald, an Advocate, Skills Trainer, and Massachusetts native, will guide you through the basics of ASL at a slow pace.

Once you complete this class, you can continue your learning journey with ASL 2 (slow).

Enroll Now

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