August 2023 Newsletter

This August, make the most of your summer by doing something that feels good inside. Courtney believes that we make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give. Be generous, be happy, and treat others with kindness.

From the Executive Director

Hello again!

It was so good to see you again today!

Where did the summer go? It went by so fast with DEAF, Inc hosting many cool events. I hope you took the time to join us for our paint nights, our yoga events, the DBCAN BBQ, and our plant events!

It has been a fun summer! I have some exciting news I want to share with you all. Soon, on August 9th, we will be hosting our “Farewell 215” party. This is for all of us to reminisce about the memories that were made at 215 Brighton Ave and share our good moments together! We hope that you can come to this event.

We also want you to share your firsts at 215, such as your first job, first exposure to Deaf culture, first ASL class, and many more. We know this event is important to many of you and to us too!

At the event, what will happen there? We will host a live auction so you can bid on different things and donate to DEAF, Inc. We will take photos of each other and give away some items. More information will be shared later.

The event will take place from 2-7 pm on August 9th. We will share specific details on timing of the program later in the upcoming weeks. You are welcomed to

Click here to watch in ASL
wear a mask.

As always, thank you for your support and I cannot wait to see and touch you on August 9th!

Thank you!
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**AGENCY NEWS**

**JOB OPENINGS**

DBCAN Provider

Local American Sign Language (ASL) Instructors

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**We are Hosting a Farewell Party Tomorrow Before Moving to Our Watertown Office!**

An end of an era, but the beginning of a new chapter! Join us as we commemorate our incredible 45 years at 215. Let's celebrate our achievements and our impact on the Deaf community.
Tomorrow, on August 9, 2023, from 2 pm to 7 pm, we are hosting our farewell party at our closing Allston Office, 215 Brighton Ave, Allston, Massachusetts.

**RSVP for this event**

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**Celebrating 33 Years of the Americans with Disabilities Act**

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Click to watch the video

Honoring the 33rd anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act at ADA Day 2023 was an absolute privilege. On Tuesday, we were honored to meet Boston Mayor Michelle Wu and gain insights into the progress under her leadership. The event united a vibrant community, offering music, t-shirts, and a resource fair. Huge thanks to all who contributed to the success of this incredible day at Boston City Hall Plaza!

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**DEAF, INC. EVENTS**

**Happy Plants, Healthy You with Jude Haverington**

September 7, 2023 | 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm EST

215 Brighton Ave, Allston

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 plus giveaways! Limited seats available so register soon!

Reserve your seat

Why is Mental Health Important?
September 15, 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.
Let's meet at Kelly's Roast Beef and enjoy the hot weather! You can go swimming, or sit under the pavilion and enjoy lunch from Kelly's!

Touch you there!

Please look out for DBCAN's announcement in your emails for the meeting point location. Freedom Trail in Boston is a 2.5 miles historical route! Come and enjoy the history!

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Touch you there!
Happy Fall!!! Come enjoy apple picking with us!! They have picnic tables, food, drinks, and games for you to enjoy! Bring cash for any shopping or food/drinks and apple picking too!

Touch you there!

BASH HOUR

WHERE?
Belkin Lookout Farm
89 Pleasant St, Natick, MA 01760

WHEN?
September 20, 2023
10:30 AM – 2:00 PM

Come and enjoy the corn maze and other things! Bring cash in case for food and drinks!

Touch you there!

BASH HOUR

WHERE?
Davis Farmland
145 Redstone Hill Rd, Sterling MA 01564

WHEN?
October 21, 2023
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Come and enjoy the corn maze and other things! Bring cash in case for food and drinks!

Touch you there!

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.

For August, we decided to put it on hold due to the outrageous traffic of the Summer Tunnel's closure. A lot of us will be stuck in traffic sitting and sitting, so let's wait till after Labor Day!

September 6, 2023
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm EST & 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm EST

October 4, 2023
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm EST & 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm EST

November 1, 2023
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm EST & 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm EST

December 6, 2023
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm EST & 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

MASSHEALTH REDETERMINATION

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!

Click to watch the ASL video
For Members with Disabilities

Do you have...

- Masshealth
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

Then you are all set to go! NO blue envelope needed.

If you moved recently, please email frontdesk@deafinconline.org

For Non-Citizen Members
Are you a non-US Citizen?
• Legally living in USA
• Undocumented living in USA
Check to make sure that your address is correct!

You will get a blue envelope. **Important, please respond!**

MassHealth will **NEVER** report you to DHS, USCIS, or ICE

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Citizenship
CAN YOU PASS THESE QUESTIONS ON THE U.S. CITIZENSHIP TEST?

ONE COLOR IN THE AMERICAN FLAG
A. Purple  B. Green
C. Yellow  D. Blue

NAME ONE PART OF THE U.S. CONGRESS
A. President  B. Senate
C. Laws  D. Washington, D.C.

NUMBER OF ORIGINAL STATES
A. 3  B. 13
C. 50  D. 100

SUPREME LAW OF THE LAND
A. President  B. U.S. Constitution
C. Star-Spangled Banner  D. Declaration of Independence

NUMBER OF YEARS IN A U.S. PRESIDENT'S TERM
A. 2  B. 4
C. 9  D. 100
# ASL Program

## FALL 2023 ASL SEMESTER
Registration Closes September 5!

### ASL Classes Fall Semester 2023

**Tuesdays, September 12 - November 14 (6pm - 8 pm EST)**

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**Thursdays, September 14 - November 16 (6 pm - 8 pm EST)**

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*Prerequisite: Must have completed ASL 1 (Slow) - Unit 1 - 2

**Saturdays, September 16 - November 18 (10 am - 12 pm EST)**

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Registration will close at 12:00 pm (noon) EST on September 5th

[Enroll Now](www.deafinsite.org/services/asl/classes)

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*Click to view the answer key*
Any Questions? Feedback?

Please contact the front desk at 617-505-4823 or frontdesk@deafinconline.org.

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