Scholarships awarded through NCSA

The first scholarships awarded through the National Cued Speech Association were presented during the opening ceremony of the 40th Anniversary Conference, July 20th.

**Esther Rimer** was awarded the R. Orin Cornett Memorial Scholarship ($1,000). This scholarship is named in memory of the inventor of Cued Speech, Dr. R. Orin Cornett, who dedicated his life to increasing language, communication and literacy among deaf/hard of hearing children.

Esther is a student at Wellesley College in Massachusetts. She is a native of South Carolina and became profoundly deaf at the age of 2 due to spinal meningitis. Esther’s mother began using Cued Speech when Esther was 3-4 years old after learning about it from an speech-language pathologist in Greenville, SC. Esther thrived and was mainstreamed throughout her public school years. She will graduate in spring ’07 with a major in anthropology, after which she hopes to be involved in some aspect of archaeology! This year Esther has been working as a teaching intern with the Deaf Children’s Literacy Project.

**Patrick Gildea** was awarded the Carol Shuler Memorial Scholarship ($500) Carol Shuler was a speech pathologist and a teacher of the deaf who embraced Cued Speech for its English access. She coached and supported families who chose to cue to their children. Carol’s legacy will continue with this scholarship.

Patrick was a member of the National Honor Society and won a number of academic awards. He is the recipient of many senior honors including Outstanding Achievement and Leadership Award, Science Department Award, and Assistant Principal’s Recognition Award. Patrick is also the recipient of The Harry F. Byrd Leadership Scholarship, Jefferson Scholar Finalist Scholarship, and an A. G. Bell / Bennion Family Scholarship. Patrick entered the University of Virginia this fall to pursue a major in the sciences.

Donations to NCSA to sustain and grow the endowment for these scholarships are welcome.

The scholarship winners were heralded with a projected announcement.

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The NCSA Board has several vacancies due to cross-country moves and other life demands. President Sarina Roffé is stepping down in April after 5 years of intensive leadership and work as the president. The nominating committee is eager for input and suggestions from the Cued Speech community for capable leaders to continue the NCSA’s growth. If you are interested in serving, or know someone you believe would be an excellent representative and leader, nominating committee chairperson Deanna Jordan is waiting for your call! Contact her at 847-698-0371 or Deanna.jordan@comcast.net.
President’s Message

Sarina Roffé

The past five years as President of the NCSA have truly been a high. We dreamed and yes, we definitely touched the skies.

In many ways, this was what Dr. R. Orin Cornett, the inventor of Cued Speech, did in 1966. He had a dream—for deaf children to achieve the same literacy results as their hearing peers. Dr. Cornett saw his dream, indeed his vision, during his lifetime. Today, we are seeing his dream realized in countless children across the United States and the world in a new generation of children. Many of the native cuers—guinea pigs, if you will—now have deaf children of their own with whom they are cueing. It’s amazing to watch these deaf cue adults carry the torch as ambassadors for Cued Speech.

Together, we have accomplished an amazing amount in the past few years. A federal grant, a new DVD, an improved web site, increased awareness among state and federal officials, influenced legislation, held a national conference, awarded the first Cornett Scholarships, sponsored cue camps, expanded CS training programs and much much more.

Most of all we have gotten our house in order. As the NCSA moves to the future, I can assure you we are in much better shape financially. Policies based on sound non-profit management have been set in place to secure our future and allow us to grow exponentially. The NCSA has been recognized for it s fiscal integrity with the Best of the Combined Federal Campaign Seal, an honor given to less than 2 percent of non-profit organizations.

By the time you read this, the NCSA will have hired its first Executive Director, a step toward growth that will place the NCSA on a more even plane with other deaf advocacy organizations. We will also have launched the R Orin Cornett Virtual Library—dedicated to housing Dr Cornett’s papers as well as research about Cued Speech.

Yet there is so much more to do. We have just formed the first NCSA Academic Advisory Council, which includes a star-studded list of academics and medical doctors who will provide counsel to the NCSA on a variety of issues. We are in the process of forming a World Cueing Alliance. The first meeting was held during the Towson Conference, where there were numerous international attendees. The goal of the World Cueing Alliance is to increase our visibility in our home countries by being part of a larger global organization.

The opportunities are endless, as high as the sky will take us. It is my dream that I will soon be able to pass the torch on to a new leader, someone who understands non-profit management and can take the NCSA to even greater heights. My goal is to step down as president after our April 2007 Board meeting and work with the new president and executive director to guide the NCSA. It’s been a great five years. Thanks for the honor.

“We never know how high we are till we are called to rise.
And then, if we are true to plan our statures touch the skies.”

—Emily Dickenson
Deaf Children’s Literacy Project for workplace contributions to NCSA

The monies NCSA receives through workplace campaigns is critical to sustaining and growing our information services, family support and outreach, scholarships for cue camps, training and certification of instructors, and new initiatives.

Please pass along the NEW Code #9268 for our “Deaf Children’s Literacy Project / Combined Federal Campaign” to federal employees, such as postal workers, military, federal judges, and Gallaudet employees, and share with others the hope and success that Cued Speech provides for families and individuals.

In the past five years, the number of charities competing for attention through the Combined Federal Campaign has multiplied exponentially, meaning a decrease in the funds we have received. Your personal assistance in mentioning “Deaf Children’s Literacy Project” and encouraging others to consider designating all or part of their workplace pledge is needed and greatly appreciated.

We can provide you with postcard-size reminders to share; just call or email the NCSA office (800-459-3529; info@cuedspeech.org) with the quantity you want and your name and mailing address.

For workplaces with United Way:
If “Deaf Children’s Literacy Project” is not listed, contact the local United Way office to learn if and how one may designate funds to National Cued Speech Association / Deaf Children’s Literacy Project. NCSA’s tax-exempt ID number is 52-1263121. If you need our assistance for documentation or other information, please call or email the NCSA office!

40th Anniversary Conference A Success!

A variety of activities over three days kept approximately 250 people busy greeting friends, meeting cuers from around the world, sharing in discussions over meals, learning from presentations, courses and exhibitors, enjoying entertainment, shopping the silent auction and bookstore, and honoring pioneers and achievers.

Children and teens enjoyed field trips, crafts and special parties. Cue adults had a barbeque; dads had beer and pizza, moms had a luncheon. International guests met with the NCSA board for breakfast and lunch to begin the establishment of a World Cueing Alliance.

The 40th Anniversary Gala was a crush of elegantly dressed friends and honorees. Some of the fun is shown in pictures throughout this issue. Pictures and descriptions of all the awardees, event pictures, comments and presentation slides can be viewed at the NCSA website, www.cuedspeech.org.

More pictures of the 40th Anniversary Gala continue on page 4.
Dr. Charles “Chuck” Berlin performs a hands-on demonstration during his short course.

Conference attendees listen intently to opening night speakers.

Flanking the newly-revealed portrait of Dr. Cornett are NCSA President Sarina Roffé, Dr. Cornett’s son Robert, and artist Russ Bogdan.

The Deaf Cuers Barbeque was lively!

Earl Fleetwood and Melanie Metzger arrived at the Gala with their son.

Pictured with Sarina Roffé, NCSA President, are Leadership Awardees (l-r) Earl Fleetwood, Melanie Metzger, Joseph Weiss, Barbara Williams-Scott, Ronald and Mary Ann Lachman, Mary Elsie Daisey (Henegar), and Amy Crumrine.
Cued Speech in the News!

Cue Camps were discussed with other camps in an article “Summer Camps for Children with Communication Disorders” published March 27, 2006 in the magazine ADVANCE, which is sent to 55,000 speech-language pathologists and audiologists. NCSA’s Program Director Amy Ruberl was quoted extensively and two cueing students from the Montgomery County MD Public Schools were featured prominently on the magazine’s cover.

The Daily Comet of Thibodaux, Louisiana, published articles May 30th and June 16th by staff writer David Jacobs: “Camp helps families learn Cued Speech” and “Right on cue: Hearing-impaired students sharpen skills at Nicholls State University camp.” Cuers featured in the articles were Alice Himel, Monica, Katelyn and Kaleb Bowen, Tate Tullier and Barbara LeBlanc.

“Celebrating 40 years of Cued Speech” by Pamela Beck was published in the ASHA LEADER June 13th. A sidebar, “Cued Speech in action” featured cueing speech-language pathologists Jackie Blankenship of West Virginia and Jill Burress of New York with two of their clients.

“Celebration Summer”, another article by Pam Beck describing the 40th anniversary events and cue camps of 2006, was published in the spring newsletter of the National Student Speech-Language Hearing Association.

Amy Ruberl was interviewed June 15th on Bill Marquis’ Chicago radio program on WKKD-AM/WMCW-AM “Health Radio” (1600/1580 AM) about Cued Speech, NCSA, and Camp Chi-Cue-Go in Williams Bay, Wisconsin.

The Chicago Daily Herald featured Cued Speech and Camp Chi-Cue-Go on page 1 of the July 31st, Health & Fitness section, authored by Susan Stevens. Thank you to Lynn Sanders of Park Avenue Productions for arranging the radio and newspaper coverage!

The Associated Press disseminated a story “Conference to take new approach on deaf literacy” written by Brett Zongker. The July 20th article includes comments from Amy Crumrine, Carol LaSasso, and Robert Cornett.

SIGNews, a national monthly newspaper, included a half-page article in August by David Rosenbaum, “First Conference for Cued Speech Users.” Five of the deaf adult cuers were featured in color pictures.

The Baltimore Sun featured Cued Speech with a front page article September 6th “A different cue for the deaf” written by Gadi Dechter. The article includes comments by cuers Zainab Alkebsi, Allison Kaftan, Jeff Majors, Hilary Franklin, Sarina Roffé, and Jean Krause. The article also includes detractors of Cued Speech, whose statements are rebutted by the cuers. It was followed by a letter to the editor by cueing father/grandfather, Barry Scher. The Baltimore Sun also included the new nine-minute video “Breaking the Code: Unlocking the Cue-riculum” on its website. That video is now available for anyone wishing to view it at youtube.com; search “Cued Speech”.

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“Cued Speech Across Cultures” by Pamela Beck was published both in English and in Spanish in the October 2006 issue of Volta Voices, the magazine of the Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. The article describes Cued Speech use in Quebec (French), Spain and Finland.

A power-point presentation “Cued Speech: Past and Present” is online at www.deafed.net for use by anyone. It is part of a new virtual library created by Association of College Educators for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (ACE-DHH). This site also posts Cued Speech jobs and events.

Join the thousands of visitors to YouTube.com (search: cued speech) who have viewed the highly-rated ten-minute video “Breaking the Code: Unlocking the Cue-riculum”. The film was created this summer by Jennifer Bien and Alina Mills, who used historic and new footage. The video is now available on DVD through the NCSA office and the Discovery bookstore.
New Board Members

Shane Feldman joined the NCSA Board of Directors this summer as the at-large director for fundraising. Shane is the Marketing and Communication Coordinator for the National Association of the Deaf. He was NAD’s Editor/Writer from 2001 to 2004, overseeing the association’s magazine, NADmag, along with other publications, including the website and electronic news lists. His role has expanded to include marketing campaigns and coordinating NAD communications. Shane graduated from the National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID) with a degree in Professional and Technical Communication. He and his wife, Julie Tibbitt Feldman, have an 18-month old daughter, Sabine. “My wife and I look forward to taking her to cue camp in the future. She’s hearing, but that won’t stop us from teaching her all communication methods.”

Marshall Dietz has returned to the NCSA Board after a respite of a decade or more. Marshall is filling the post of treasurer, succeeding Joan Christenson who has become the Midwest Regional Director. Marshall is father of Jennifer Collinson, who is a cue adult. Marshall is a staff member at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill.

Academic Advisory Council

The NCSA Board of Directors is pleased to announce the formation of an Academic Advisory Council composed of individuals with doctorate degrees and involvement with Cued Speech. Council members will advise and assist the association in matters related to their respective fields.

The members and their affiliations include: Jesus Alegria, Universite Libre de Bruxelles; Donald Bear, University of Nevada; Charles I. Berlin, University of South Florida; Francoise Chambon, Scientific Committee of Association of LPC. France; Polly Earl, University of Maine; Rafael Santana Hernandez, University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria; Judy Separd-Kegl, University of Maine; Kazimiera Krakowiak, Catholic University of Lublin; Kristie Ketchum, Fairfax County Virginia Public Schools: Jean Krause, University of South Florida; Preeti Kochar; Carol LaSasso, Gallaudet University; Jacqueline Leybaert, Universite Libre de Bruxelles; Melanie Metzger, Gallaudet University; Ignacio Moreno-Torres, University of Malaga; Donna Morere, Gallaudet University; Olivier Perier, Universite Libre de Bruxelles; Robin Prescott, Retired, University of DC; Catherine Quenin, Nazareth College; Robert Strong, University of Maine; Santiago Torres-Monreal, University of Malaga; Synnove Trier, private practice; Ralph Engelman, Long Island University.

Free Cued Speech media to share!

Free! Each of these two media items receive “It’s great!” reviews. If you would like a copy of one or both of these to share with others, contact the NCSA office at info@cuedspeech.org or 800-459-3529 with your request, full address and additional contact information (telephone/email).

“Breaking the Code: Unlocking the Cue-riculum” is a 10-minute film on DVD. Created from historic and new footage, the film interviews parents, professionals, and deaf individuals. It is fully captioned and sign-interpreted. You can preview it at anytime at youtube.com (search: Cued Speech).

“Cued Speech for Special Needs” is a combination video / PowerPoint presentation about the use of Cued Speech for purposes other than or in addition to hearing loss, such as autism, articulation, auditory processing, phonemic awareness, Down Syndrome, and more. This CD requires Microsoft Windows plus Internet Explorer. It is of particular interest to speech-language pathologists, audiologists, parents and educators.

These copies are made available with funding from the U.S. Department of Education, H234E050024.

In memoriam: Arthur Neyhus

Dr. Arthur Neyhus, one of the original founders and supporters of AEHI and a former AEHI Board member, passed away June 29th. Dr. Neyhus was responsible for the program in the Education Department at University of Illinois Chicago where Ron and Mary Ann Lachman first learned to Cue. Art and his employee, Jim Gregory, went with the Lachmans to view the schools in Milwaukee, where they met Ann Bleuer, who became the lead educator for Ben Lachman and the AG Bell Montessori School.
Minnesota
The Cued Speech Association of Minnesota (CSAM /see-sam/) continues to have a variety of activities for cuers and prospective cuers of all ages. During the past several months, events have included
• **Cue S’More Night** with a campfire (and camping, if desired)
• **Play & Cue** on a Saturday from 10 – noon (a park in good weather; McDonald’s Playland in inclement weather)
• **Cue at the Zoo**
• **Practice Cue Clutch** cue practice monthly at a coffeehouse
• **A Fall Festival** on a Saturday afternoon from 3-5 pm with games, crafts, family activities and socialization with the cueing community
• **Cueing Santa and Gingerbread Houses** on a Saturday afternoon from 1-3 pm. Cueing Santa joins the children who are making gingerbread houses. Also, plenty of games, crafts and family activities.

Events are held at a supportive church that also provides cued transliteration for Sunday worship.

CSAM also participated in a disabilities Aware Fair with a booth and handouts at a mall.

NCSA exhibits
The NCSA exhibit booth traveled coast-to-coast in the past 12 months, from the November 2005 American Speech-Language Hearing Association (ASHA) convention in San Diego, the Michigan Early Hearing Detection conference in March, the Alexander Graham Bell Association convention in Pittsburgh in June, the ASHA Schools conference in Phoenix and the NCSA Conference in Maryland in July, various events and locations in the Minneapolis area in September, and the ASHA convention in Miami Beach in November 2006.

At the AG Bell meeting in Pittsburgh, the Greg Hubert family of Chicago made a presentation to the AGBell Association board.

The board responded by named Kathleen Treni and Dan Salvucci to establish an ad hoc committee to meet with the National Cued Speech Association. Cuers who made presentations during the general sessions included Greg Hubert, Polly Earl, Nicole Dobson, Jane Smith, Barbara Lee, and Hilary Franklin. Also helping at the booth were Brian Kelly and Danielle Paquin.

A few of the other cueing supporters visiting the booth were Hannah and Susie Jones of Idaho (pictured left), Elizabeth Ying of New York, and Kelly Halacka-Gilkey of Ohio (pictured above).

**In memoriam:** **Kristine Shuler Wilson**
Kristine Wilson of Coburg, Oregon, was a gifted and dedicated educator and speech-language pathologist. She passed away suddenly at the age of 48 on July 23, 2006. Kris helped individuals from preschool through young adults to become successful learners. The name of her private practice “EdYouCare” demonstrated her caring and humility. Her practice included instruction in Cued Speech, a mode of communication that she championed. She shared a passion for Cued Speech with her step-mother, Carol Shuler, in whose memory was established the NCSA’s Carol Shuler Scholarship Fund.

Kris was active in many aspects of the Coburg community, including being a co-founder of the annual Quilt Show.

The National Cued Speech Association thanks the many family members and friends who have donated to the Kris Wilson Scholarship fund. This fund will provide scholarships to families from the west coast (California, Oregon, and Washington) to attend Cued Speech camps and receive instruction in Cued Speech.

Virginia
New! The Rappahannock Cued Speech Club has been established and is working to share information about Cued Speech. For information, contact Virginia Johnson at thistle3@poetic.com.
Events in 2007

January

January 7, 14, 21, 28, 2007—Minneapolis, MN
Cued Transliterated Sunday School & Worship, 9:45am-11:00am
Diamond Lake Lutheran Church
5760 Portland Ave. S.
Katherine Burns-Christenson
952-929-3965    kbc29@aol.com

January 16, 2007—Minneapolis, MN
Practice Cue Clutch, 6:30-8:00 pm,
Java Jacks, 818 W 46th Street
Coffee and directed activities for practicing Cued Speech.
Katherine Burns-Christenson
952-929-3965    kbc29@aol.com

January 20, 2007—Mt. Prospect, IL
Beginning Cued Speech Workshops, 9:00 am-3:30 pm
AG Bell Montessori School
2020 East Camp McDonald Road
Participants will learn the sounds represented by the eight consonant handshapes and five vowel placements and how to combine the handshape with the placements to represent the sounds of a language.
AEHI Receptionist, 847-297-3206 info@aehi.org

February

February 10, 2007—Mt. Prospect, IL
Intermediate Cued Speech Workshops, 9:00 am-12:30 pm
AG Bell Montessori School
2020 East Camp McDonald Road
The focus is on developing the participants’ cueing fluency and accuracy. Practice will also include synchronizing cues, including consonant clusters, with the spoken voice and targeting the participants’ specific area of need.
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In memoriam:
Adam Schuler

Adam Schuler (Virginia) died August 20, 2006, at the age of 25. He was the only child of Douglas and Barbara Schuler, who, with two other families, established and led Cue Camp Virginia for twelve years. Adam was born in 1981 with a rare genetic condition called Severe Combined Immune Deficiency. After receiving a bone marrow transplant as an infant he dealt with numerous medical challenges throughout his life. Adam graduated from Kecoughtan High School in 1999 and attended Christopher Newport University for one year. He worked several different jobs; then in 2005, Adam began a career he loved with Verizon Communications. Donations in Adam’s memory may be made to the Northern Virginia Cued Speech Association for Cue Camp Virginia; NVCSA, P.O. Box 2733, Fairfax VA 22031-2733. The Association in collaboration with the Tidewater Association for Hearing-Impaired Children placed a memorial bench at the Williamsburg 4-H Center in Jamestown, Virginia, where Cue Camp Virginia has been held since its inception. The Schuler family came to camp for the dedication.

The Game of Cue
/kyue/ 2 side, 8 chin

By Rilla Fields

Rilla Fields is a teacher of the deaf who has spent much of her career teaching Navajo children. The document describing this game was found among Dr. Cornett’s archives. Her instructions have been edited for length and comprehension. This game was created for use by family and friends for faster mastery of cues.

To play the Game of Cue, one needs:
(1) to create a set of cards (any size); on each card is a word written with traditional spelling on one side and phonemic spelling on the reverse side (or both spellings on the same side);
(2) a level playing surface to lay the cards, and
(3) paper and pencil for keeping score. (4) A cue chart can be provided also, but only to be used four times for each player.

The Game of Cue can have any number of players. It is recommended that the words in the game be the appropriate level for the players, and that they set contain nouns and verbs as well as other parts of speech so that sentences can be created.

A winner is declared when one player acquires 35 points.

1. The cards are placed in a stack. Each player takes on turn per rounds. On each player’s turn, he/she must cue-and-say the word on the top card correctly. Using the correct cueing and visible articulation can be counted as more important than exact voicing and spoken articulation. If the cueing is correct, the player places the word card on the surface beside him. If the cueing is incorrect, any other player may challenge. If the challenger cues correctly, then he places the card by his side. If there are no challengers or no one is correct, the card is replaced at the bottom or the card stack. Play moves to the next player.

2. Each player stays alert to combining his/her word cards into sentences. A sentence can only be presented on the player’s turn, BEFORE a new word card is attempted. The player lays the cards in the proper order and must cue-and-say the sentence correctly, as was true of the individual words. Opponents must agree that the cued sentence is correct and that it is grammatically correct. If it is not correct, play passes to the next player. The original player must cue the sentence correctly during succeeding turns before he can attempt to win any additional word cards. No challenges can occur for sentences.

Points are scored only on correct sentences. On point is give for each word in a sentence up to seven words. Each additional word is worth two points.

New cards can be added to the game. The correct cuescript or cue notation can be written on the back of the cards.

Family

Adam Schuler and his mother Barbara in the fall of 2005
Brian Kelly
(Maryland) graduated in May with a B.S. in bioengineering from Syracuse University. His long-term goals are to get a Ph.D. in biomedical engineering, start his own businesses, and invent and market new designs and products. His varied interests include outdoor and indoor activities: scuba diving, skiing, mountain biking, fishing, traveling, reading books, electronics, and cooking. Currently, he is in Maryland, officiating baseball and football games and doing hyperbaric research on cochlear implants and scuba diving. About Cued Speech, Brian says: “Being a bilateral cochlear implant user, Cued Speech helps me to see all of sounds in situations where I can’t really understand the speech.” Brian also says Cued Speech “enables me to have clearer speech” because he can follow the phonemes, not the written words.

Texas cuers:
Danielle Paquin is working with NCSA Regional Director Tony Wright in the San Antonio area to network Texas cuers and arrange Cued Speech activities — watch for announcements in the “Events” pages on cuedspeech.com and cuedspeech.org!

Jeff Majors, Julie Reese and Amy Rye are working together in the Dallas area to advocate for Cued Speech; you can read about each of them in the “Viewpoints” section of www.cuedspeech.org!

Julie Reese is working in Fort Worth, Texas for a mortgage financial lending company. She graduated from the University of Texas at Dallas in 2000 with a B.A. in psychology. After working a couple of long-term jobs, she did not expect to end up working in the mortgage financial industry. “However, working for this financial company has helped me grow so much professionally which I am very grateful for. I actually enjoy working in the corporate world. Although I work in the corporate world, I do aspire to go back to school someday and pursue a higher degree.”

Kent Trader (North Carolina) is a Regional Coordinator of mental health for the deaf and hard of hearing Child and Family Services. Cumberland County Mental Health Center in Fayetteville, NC 28305.

Jeffrey Wheeler (Connecticut) has been married to Annette for 12 years. They have two sons named Bryan, age 10, and Christopher, age 4. Jeff’s hobby and vocation is woodworking, which his grandfather taught him when he was a little boy. Currently, he works as a shop supervisor, building specialized stairs such as circular, flair and double open.

Louise Tumarkin Zazove Foundation Scholarships
Any citizen or permanent resident of the United States with a marked bilateral hearing loss is eligible for consideration by the Foundation. Criteria used for selection of scholarship recipients ensure that the mission of the Foundation is supported. Financial need will increase the chance of being awarded funds but is only one of many criteria that are taken into account.

Scholarships will be considered only at accredited non-profit schools physically located in the United States, and all funds awarded by the Louise Tumarkin Zazove Foundation will be paid directly to schools. Although undergraduate level of study will be strongly favored, the Foundation may on occasion consider applications for graduate or high school tuition or other appropriate situations. For more information go to: www.ltzfoundation.org/scholarships.
Professional Advertisements:

Executive Director:
The National Cued Speech Association seeks an EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.
Part time. Home-based office.
Requirements: Bachelor’s degree, exceptional communications and writing skills, computer literate. Preferences: Experience and fluency with Cued Speech and knowledge of deafness. Salary and benefits will be commensurate with experience. Send resume with cover letter and salary requirements to Sarina Roffé at nycuedspc@aol.com

Program Director:
Chicago IL AEHI (www.aehi.org) seeks a Program Director experienced with Cued Speech: work with education agencies, organizations and professionals. Supervise others to include Cued Speech training in Illinois training interpreters, teachers of the deaf and early interventionists. Competitive Salary & Benefits for full time position. Schedule varies due to multiple initiatives. For additional position information, contact: President Attn: Program Director Search 2020 E. Camp McDonald Road Mt. Prospect, IL 60056 president@aehi.org

Therapy services:
Fairfax, VA Speech-language therapist experienced in the use of Cued Speech is available for private clients. Articulation and language therapy for deaf and hard of hearing students; available for private therapy afternoons and weekends, Ann Hardman Fairfax VA 22032 703-268-5913 ann.hardman@fcps.edu

Transliterator:
Morganton, NC Cued Speech Transliterator / Language facilitator sought for county-wide schools; experience working with hearing-impaired OR certification as a transliterator required. State salary schedule; pro-rated benefits; 20 hours/week. For application go to www.burke.k12.nc.us Contact: Joel Hastings Burke County Public Schools PO Drawer 989 Morganton NC 28655 Phone: 828-439-4331

Colima, Manzanillo, MEXICO
Experienced client seeks a cuing transliterator who also knows Spanish and can translate as well as transliterate. I will be supervising a construction development in Manzanillo. Experience in real estate helpful. Duties negotiated. This is a one year contract. Job Start Date: 1/2/2007; Salary & Benefits: To be negotiated, commensurate with experience. Variable schedule; approximately 30 hours per week. Contact: Simon D. Roffe 2440 Ross Road #102 Silver Spring, MD 20910 Phone: 301-242-9063 Fax: 866-269-9877 Email: simon@roffe.com

Asheville, NC Cued Speech Transliterator sought for current positon. Negotiable salary and benefits; 16 hours per week, variable hours. Client has more than 3 years experience with cued transliteration. Contact: Annie Clingenpeel 340 Victoria Road Asheville, NC 28801 Phone: 828-254-1921 x 141 Fax: 828-281-9704 Email: aclingenpeel@abtech.edu

Honolulu, HI Cued Speech Transliterator for Kapi’olani Community College. Experienced client, Minimum qualifications three plus years experience with transliteration. Schedule dependent on Student’s schedule. Pay up to $45.00 per hour. Contact: Sara Simmons, Director Phone: 808-734-9210 email: sarasimm@hawaii.edu

National research study seeks young children with hearing loss

A national study, funded by the National Institute of Deafness and other Communication Disorders (NIDCD) of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) is following the development of children with hearing loss in comparison to children with normal hearing. One of the bases of comparison is the communication mode used in the home.

The study is named “Early Development of Children with Hearing Loss.” Currently, the communication modes being compared are auditory-oral, sign-supported, and normal hearing without signs, and typical hearing with “baby signs”.

The study is seeking more children with hearing loss who were born between August 2002 and June 2004. The states in which there are testing sites are California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, and Washington. You may live out of state if you are able to go to the testing site twice a year for two hours of tests and filming of parent/child play each time. Parents are paid for their participation.

Adding sufficient cueing families to the study group would add a new dimension to the study. Cueing families are encouraged to visit www.speechdevelopment.org and contact the study leadership at Ohio State University, at 1-800-678-6254.
World Cueing Alliance

The inception of a World Cueing Alliance is one of the exciting results of the 40th Anniversary conference. Attendees from countries outside the United States met with NCSA representatives to share information and forge avenues of continuing communication and advocacy. Reporting on the status of Cued Speech in their countries were Marianne Flanagan of Canada, Bruno and Marie Claria Zimmermann of Switzerland, Peggy Blevins of the Dominican Republic, Ignacio Moreno of Spain, Leena Hasselman of Finland, June Dixon-Millar of Great Britain, Jacqueline Leybaert of Belgium, and Lynnette Diedreichs of South Africa.

Enjoying the 40th anniversary conference are Ignacio Moreno-Torres, Santiago Torres, deaf cuer Esperanza Cabeza, Jacqueline Leybaert, Raphael Santana, and Carlos Cabeza. All are from Spain except Jacqueline Leybaert of Belgium. Santiago Torres and Jacqueline Leybaert each were among the recipients of the NCSA Cued Speech Service Award for Research.

Research

The Fall 2006 issue (Vol. 11, No. 4) of The Journal of Deaf Studies and Deaf Education (JDSDSE) includes the following article:

Quantitative and Qualitative Evaluation of Linguistic Input Support to a Prelingually Deaf Child With Cued Speech: A Case Study by Santiago Torres and Ignacio Moreno-Torres of the University of Malaga (Spain), and Rafael Santana of the University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria (Canary Islands).

This paper studies the linguistic input attended by a deaf child exposed to cued speech (CS) in the final part of her prelinguistic period (18–24 months). Subjects are the child, her mother, and her therapist. Analyses have provided data about the quantity of input directed to the child (oral input, more than 1,000 words per half-an-hour session; cued ratio, more than 60% of oral input; and attended ratio, more than 55% of oral input), its linguistic quality (lexical variety, grammatical complexity, etc.), and other properties of interaction (child attention and use of spontaneous gestures). Results show that both adults provided a rich linguistic input to the child and that the child attended to most of the input that the adults cued. These results might explain the positive linguistic development of children exposed early to CS.

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