

Deaf Bilingual Coalition

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The Chicago Club for the Deaf invites you to attend a very important community meeting with the Deaf Bilingual Coalition on:

February 27th: 5:00 to 9:00

Irish Heritage Center: 4606 North Knox Ave, Chicago, Illinois

The Deaf Bilingual Coalition will be in Chicago attending and presenting at the Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Conference being held at the Intercontinental Hotel on March 1-2. <http://ehdconference.org/>

The information a parent receives from early intervention services affects every aspect of a Deaf baby's life from birth to adulthood.

Most states have an early intervention program that receives some funding from the federal EHDI program.

DBC is working hard to ensure that EHDI supports language through ASL and English 100% regardless of parents' choices in amplification or speech training. We have a long way to go to making these goals a reality. We need YOU and those in your community to be aware of the actions that need to take place in order for change to occur within the early intervention services in your state and community. "Deaf babies have a right to be bilingual...and have access to ASL from the start!"

Mission:

The Deaf Bilingual Coalition (DBC) promotes the basic human right of all Deaf infants and young children to have access to language and cognitive development through American Sign Language (ASL).

Purpose:

The main purpose of the Deaf Bilingual Coalition is to emphasize the importance of American Sign Language in social, emotional, linguistic, and cognitive development pertaining to early visual language acquisition in Deaf infants and young Deaf children.

The secondary purpose is to make the general public aware of the prevalence of misconceptions and misinformation that devalues ASL.

