

ACE-DHH Newsletter

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Association of College Educators of the Deaf/Hard of Hearing

Breaking News

ACE-DHH is now officially a non-profit corporation.

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President	Debbie Haydon
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Secretary	Karen Stein
Membership	Kathy Whitesell
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Awards	Ed Marlatt
Legislative	Maribeth Lartz Joyce Daugaard Maryann Bibby

Announcements: Pittsburgh '07

Good news for conference goers. In Pittsburgh attendees will have in and out parking privileges. Internet access will be FREE in your rooms and in all common areas.

Please watch the ACE-DHH website for hotel registration information. There will be a PRIVATE and SECURE website for us to use to register for our rooms...absolutely free. More coming soon!

The 2007 Conference **Call for Papers** is now online on the ACE-DHH website.

Deadline: September 30, 2006.

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President's Message

Debbie Haydon

The yearly conference in Denver in February was a wonderful start for the new year. Many thanks to John Luckner and Sandy Bowen for a well-organized, well-run conference and for a super pre-conference. Now, onward we go to Pittsburgh!

In considering what to include in this first newsletter, I thought a look back and a look forward would be appropriate. I have had the great pleasure of being a member of this organization for fifteen years. While that may be short compared to some of you, I do feel I have a sense of history with the organization. ACE-DHH has always been an organization that has focused on facilitating the preparation of quality teachers of the deaf and hard of hearing. Regardless of philosophical approaches used by programs, ACE-DHH has provided a forum in which professionals could share their research, their ideas, their questions, their concerns, their aspirations in an environment that is open, respectful, and reflective. It is my hope that we will continue to do just that. As our membership grows, it is incumbent that we continue to model and protect this open and reflective forum for those new members who are joining us and who will take our place in the years to come.

Looking forward, ACE-DHH has many opportunities in the future. We have become the

collaboration-building organization. Our conference has become the meeting time and place for the leaders of a variety of organizations in the field like CED, A.G. Bell, NAD, CEASD, ASDC and other groups who have been involved with the PT3 grants generated through ACE-DHH. On our behalf, members from ACE-DHH have been working with CED, DCCD, and ASHA to provide a voice for teachers of the deaf and hard of hearing and programs that serve deaf and hard of hearing children and youth on issues that impact teacher preparation and licensure. While ACE-DHH has always been a part of this process, my observation is that now we are assuming a stronger leadership role. Therefore, it is important that ACE-DHH continue to speak with a voice of open reflection and a focus on quality preparation of teachers for deaf and hard of hearing children.

I encourage all of you to remain active in our organization. Please attend all of the business meetings at the ACE-DHH conferences. Important decisions are being made. YOUR voice is important in determining the course of our organization. I am looking forward to a great year and wonderful conference in Pittsburgh. See you there.



Treasurer's Report

We are still waiting for confirmation or approval of our non-profit status and have sent supporting documentation to the government as requested. Hopefully this will not take too much longer.

Our most recent balance is based on the following information:

Conference fees for Denver:

Marriott

\$27,240.32

Courtyard Marriott (Pre-conference)

\$1,591.20

Interpreting Services

\$12,047.25

Total Cost (as of March 22, 2005)*

\$40,878.77

* We will recover some of this money from billing sub-groups such as the Join Together grant which incurred some of these costs. Consequently, "final" costs for conference are not yet "final."

Our current funds on hand as of April 2, 2006

\$28,815.49

Hope this is clear...if not, just give me a buzz.

Margaret Finnegan

Pittsburgh 2007



ACE-DHH Business Meeting I

Kate called the meeting to order at 8:04 A.M. She made some announcements about banquet tickets, the no-refund policy on registration and the requirement for presenters to pay the registration fee. She then introduced the interpreters. Debbie Haydon announced some changes in the schedule.

Karen Stein asked that the minutes from last year's conference be approved. They were approved as written in the newsletter pending the correction of typos.

The Treasurer's Report

Margaret Finnegan reported that the organization has had some extra expenses this year. The anticipated cost of this conference is \$30,000. The increase in expense is, in part, due to a significant increase in costs for interpreters. This is an issue we may have to deal with more aggressively in the future, perhaps by raising dues or doing something else to cover this increased expense. (Interpreter expenses are about half of our conference costs this year). Registering for the conference before the December deadline would help us. Margaret announced that we have completed the process for incorporating in the state of Florida and have submitted all the documentation for official nonprofit status. We are currently waiting to hear back on this. We had to answer some additional questions and resubmit our application due to the additional money on our books for the grant. The application is being reviewed, and Margaret will notify the membership via the list-serve as soon as she is contacted.

Karen Dilka reported on CED activity. She said that she thought Lyn Woolsey's term would expire in September, and we need to decide if we want to ask her to continue, or if we need to elect a new representative. She reported that

CED is in the midst of developing a strategic plan, and that they are anxious to meet the needs of ACE-DHH. They have developed a new brochure, some bookmarks and a fact sheet focusing on how CED can be of help to the university programs. Members were asked to please attend the poster session on "Natural Environments" as it is an important issue for us to support.

Karen stated that CED is extending the search for a director and asked that anyone who is interested please apply as they are continuing to conduct interviews. She recognized the great job that Tom Jones has been doing. She reiterated that the main goal of CED right now is on increasing their visibility. They will be recognizing the programs that have received accreditation this year at the banquet.

Kathleen Whitesell made corrections and clarifications to the ballot and distributed it. She pointed out that we need three members for each committee, and the one who receives the highest number of votes will be the committee chair. Maryanne Bibby's name was added to the ballot for the Legislative Committee. Kathleen also asked for nominations for CED representative to fill Lynn Woolsey's position in the fall. She said that she thought Lynn had agreed to run again, but Lyn was not present to confirm this. Kelly Crain stated that he would be willing to do it, if Lyn would not. Karen Dilka summarized the responsibilities of the position, including a focus on teacher certification, program approval and recruiting of teachers into the field. Additional nominations were called for. Deborah Karres was nominated, and John Covell volunteered to run. Pam Luft stated her concern that there be equal representation of deaf and hearing members. Kate then asked that those running for president introduce themselves. Lynne Erting from Kendall School at Gallaudet spoke first. She expressed interest in having us become a

topnotch organization for leading our field to educate teachers for the future. Nancy Benham of IUP spoke of her previous experience in the position, and reiterated the theme of next year's conference- "getting to the point of education." The ballot was accepted and the vote was taken.

Nancy Benham and Susan Lenihan spoke to the membership about the process of becoming an approved agency for giving CEUs. Our application has been submitted to IACET (International Association for Continuing Education and Training), and three presentations are already on the schedule. There will be no charge for these first presentations because we have not yet been officially approved; however, once we get our official nonprofit status we will be able to charge for the CEUs. Originally, the plan was to charge \$35 for one CEU, \$70 for two, and \$100 for three, however, the committee is now considering a higher charge. IACET will conduct a site visit at Kent State. Marilyn Sass-Lehr will give one of the first presentations on early intervention and families. Members are encouraged to submit proposals for presentations in their areas of expertise. Guidelines will be made available on-line. The committee chair will be responsible for keeping the documentation required by IACET.

Roz Rosen stated that CED is very motivated to work with ACE-DHH and they want to be sure that the CEUs earned will count toward the requirements for professional development for teachers. Susan reported on the documentation that was done to determine the needs of the targeted consumers. Brenda asked how the offerings would be made available. Nancy reported that they have been working with Kent State to develop a mailing list. She said that presenters could use any platform they wanted. Harold pointed out that making a presentation could satisfy a grant choice. Nancy encouraged members to go to the presentations regarding the grant and talk to the topical team leaders about how to get involved and get your students involved.

Ed Marlatt reported on the activity of the Awards Committee. He reminded the members that two awards are given each year, one for an active member and one for a retired professor. Ed pointed out that sometimes the recipients aren't at the conference and asked if we would consider doing away with the surprise. He proposed that, in the future, winners be informed ahead of time so they can attend the presentation. The motion was seconded and passed. Ed announced that this year, for the first time, a deaf professor would receive the award.

Shirin Antia and Janet Jaimeson reported on a proposal from Oxford Press for ACE-DHH to recognize JDSDE as "the official scholarly journal" of the organization. It was suggested that members would be able to select a box on the membership renewal form that would indicate they wanted to subscribe to the journal. The subscription through ACE-DHH would be offered at a discounted rate to members, and ACE-DHH would receive a portion of the subscription rate discount back. Oxford Press is hoping to increase their readership through this relationship. They will have a representative attend our conference each year and may also host a breakfast at the conference. The agreement will be revisited each year. Ballots for the proposal were distributed. Janet spoke in favor of the proposal. She pointed out that the journal is current and has something of interest for everyone.

Susan Lenihan suggested a friendly amendment to change the terminology. She expressed some concern that "official scholarly journal" implies an endorsement and may also imply that other journals are not significant. Ed questioned the wisdom of tying ourselves to one publication. Shirin pointed out that JDSDE has a very large international circulation. Kate explained that ACE-DHH would have no legal responsibilities, and that the relationship would not have to be exclusive. She added that we would be able to advertise in the journal and have two members of our choice on the editorial board. Kate suggested that perhaps one should be the Past-

President. Deb Stryker suggested changing the wording to “**an** official journal” instead of “**the** official journal.” Melinda Ecarius pointed out that A.G. Bell and CAID have connections to their own publication and it would be good for ACE-DHH to be connected to a high quality publication like JDSDE, and she would appreciate getting the discount. She added that it might be useful to invite someone from the journal to offer a session on how to get published as a part of our collaboration. Shirin said that she could do that. She added that we would be able to put an ad in the journal and a summary of our program there as well. It might help us to attract a larger membership and increase attendance at our conferences. Kate said that it could also be a vehicle for helping new people get published. Al White reiterated concern about the impact on the organization of affiliating with one journal. He suggested contacting other journals as a courtesy to see if they would be interested in some affiliation as well. Susan Easterbrooks suggested changing the wording to “an affiliated scholarly journal,” and Marybeth Lartz said that we need to have the details of the relationship spelled out. The membership was asked to vote on the proposal with the wording changed to “an affiliated scholarly journal.” Kate announced the results of the vote for CED representative was a run-off and the membership was asked to vote again for Lyn or John.

Dee Klein made a presentation about the 2007 conference in Pittsburgh, singing “It’s a Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood.” The conference dates are February 22-25. Dee has secured a room rate of \$112/night.

Kate made the following announcement:
The proposal for affiliation with JDSDE passed 42-2.

Results of the election are-
CED representative-Lyn Woolsey

Publications Committee Chair-Trinka
Messenheimer
Maribeth Lartz, Joyce Daugaard, & Maryann
Bibby (tied so they will decide themselves who
will be the Legislative Committee Chair)
President-elect-Nancy Benham
Secretary-Karen Stein

She then asked for volunteers to host the conference in 2008. Ed asked what was involved in hosting the conference. Kate explained that the host would be responsible for negotiating with the hotel for space, setting up, getting interpreters, and getting donations but would not have responsibility for the program. Ed volunteered to host the program in Brooklyn, with help from Pat Chrosniak and Bob Kretschmer. Karen Dilka and Debbie Haydon volunteered to host it in Cincinnati or Lexington. Nancy announced that the voting is scheduled to be on Sunday, but that people who are leaving before Sunday’s meeting could submit their vote by a signed absentee ballot.

Lyn Woolsey arrived and Kate asked her if she would be willing to continue to serve as the CED representative. She replied that she would if no one else wanted to do it. Kate asked Lyn and John to get together and decide on the outcome.

Kate thanked the first time attendees for coming to the conference. She asked for any new business. Shirin asked to open discussion regarding the development of a program for funding doctoral students through OSEP (Office of Special Education Projects). Bob Kretschmer expressed some concerns and suggesting getting a group together for discussion. Harold and Michele agreed to put up an interactive bulletin board so that discussion can occur on-line.

Dee moved to close the meeting. It was seconded.

Kate adjourned the meeting at 10:02 A.M.

Business Meeting 2

Kate called the meeting to order at 8:43 AM. Only 26 members were present. Harold moved to suspend the quorum requirement. The motion was seconded and passed.

Old Business

Kate thanked our conference hosts and acknowledged their hard work in putting together the conference. She announced the location for the 2008 Conference: Monterey, California. She asked that any individual comments regarding the sessions should be emailed to Karen Stein. She also thanked the interpreters for their hard work. There was no old business to be brought to a vote. Pam Luft has been working on delineating policy from by-laws, and is making some changes to the by-laws, and those will be distributed to the membership electronically when they are available. Kate also said that she would be working on updating the mailing list. She will also talk with Michele to make sure the by-laws and the changes to them will get posted on the website.

It was proposed that the Board schedule one-two additional board meetings per year, and that these additional meetings be conducted electronically. Minutes from these additional meetings need to be taken and made available on the website. The motion was seconded and passed.

Other Business

There was discussion regarding the confusion over the election of a CED representative to fill Lyn Woolsey's term. It was moved that Lyn continue in the position until such time as the Executive Board can look into the matter and decide if a new vote is needed. Kate added that she will be working to clarify policies and procedures in order to avoid similar confusion

in the future and will be asking for help from other members.

Other new business:

Tom Humphries made a motion that ACE-DHH establish a special interest group for those interested in Bilingual-Bicultural issues effective immediately. He stated that the purpose of establishing the group would be to give it a formal structure in order to be able to get the time on the program and a room to meet in at the conferences. He also said that the group feels that formalization will help to attract more members who may also be interested in the topic, as well as increasing diversity of the membership. Additional points were made by others in support of the motion to establish a formal special interest group as follows:

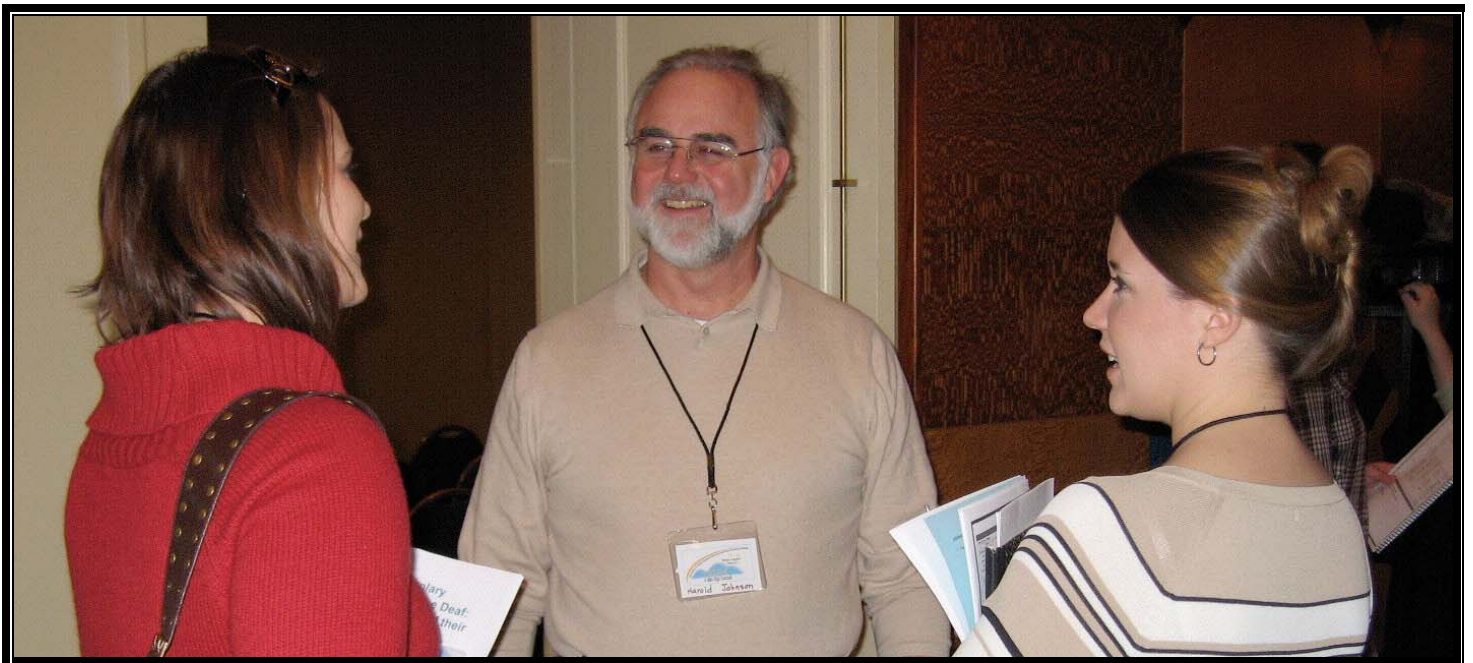
- Formalization would help to get resources for the group.
- It may help to attract presenters on the topic.
- It may contribute to an increase in membership.
- It will help the group expand, and prevent it from becoming exclusive, as people don't feel welcome to join now, since the group is not formally recognized.

Some concerns were expressed by others:

- The SIG meetings may conflict with other things going on at the conference.
- Adding SIGs may cause splintering and division within the organization, rather than pulling it together.
- It would create additional expenses and a need for additional policy.
- Labeling a SIG could have damaging effects on the perception of the organization and on the diversity that has been achieved

Others agreed that providing some time for people to get together with common interests was a good idea and suggested that time be set aside during the conference for topical discussion groups. MaryAnn pointed out that there were only fifteen people left at the meeting, and that we should not be making a decision with such a small representation present. Kate summarized the discussion, saying that it seems that the general concept was favored, but that we needed to come to some consensus regarding the how to structure it. Kate suggested tabling the motion, and proposed adding a two-hour block for special topics, which we can advertise for next year's conference. Then the issue of creating formal SIGs can be presented and discussed at a meeting when more members are present.

Tom stated that he felt it was important to have a SIG, and did not want to waste a year waiting. MaryAnn asked Tom to amend the motion to read that ACE-DHH form a committee to investigate SIGs so we are prepared to discuss it at the next conference. Tom asked to vote on the motion as it stood. Harold moved to table the motion. Sam seconded this and a vote was taken. The motion to table Tom's proposal passed 10-3. At this time, the interpreters had to leave. Kate then proposed adding time into next year's program for focus groups. It was passed. She then closed the meeting at 10:15



Join Together

Top Ten

Q & A

Q1. I went to the ACE-D/HH conference in Denver and heard a lot of good things about the ACE-D/HH Join Together (JT) grant from colleagues and from the JT presentations. Is there anything new happening?

A. Yes, lots! Just read on to find out.

Q2. The JT Topical Teams (TTs) keep coming up in professional discussions. I need a refresher. What are TTs? Who is involved?

A.

Topical Teams	Topical Team Focus	Topical Team Leaders (TTLs)
Goal I: Reform of U.S. D/HH Teacher Preparation		
1.1	Technological Infrastructure	<i>Tom McNeal</i> , Kent State U.; <i>Karen Warren</i> , American School for the Deaf
1.2 & 2.3	Faculty and Preservice Teacher Technology Competence	<i>Karen Dilka</i> , Eastern Kentucky U.; <i>Liz Parker</i> , Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind; <i>Maribeth Lartz</i> , Illinois State U.; <i>Shelley Popson Ardis</i> , Florida Resource Materials and Technology Center
1.3	Preservice Teacher Diversity	<i>Joyce Daugaard</i> , U. of Minnesota; <i>Sharon Baker</i> , U. of Tulsa
1.4	Multi-state Teacher Preparation and Certification	<i>Pamela Broadston</i> , U. of Arkansas Little Rock; <i>Kate Reynolds</i> , U. of New Orleans
Goal II: Competence of Preservice Teachers		
2.1	Instructional Competence of Preservice Teachers	<i>David Martin</i> , Gallaudet U. (Retired); <i>Nanci Scheetz</i> , Valdosta State U.
2.2	Content Competence of Preservice Teachers	<i>Susan Easterbrooks</i> , Georgia State U.; <i>Brenda Stephenson</i> , U. of Tennessee; <i>Elaine Gale</i> , Hunter College CUNY; <i>Lou Larwood</i> , California State U. – San Jose
2.3	See 1.2 above – The two Topical Teams combined	
2.4	Assessment Competence of Preservice Teachers	<i>Sandy Bowen</i> , U. of Northern Colorado; <i>John Luckner</i> , U. of Northern Colorado

Q3. How is ACE-D/HH connected to Join Together?

A. This PT3* grant was written for the ACE-D/HH organization. It's the only PT3 grant awarded to an organization. *PT3 = Preparing Tomorrows Teachers to Use Technology, an initiative of the U.S. Department of Education.

Q4. Who else is involved with the JT grant?

A. Co-Directors: *Harold Johnson* who, on July 1, will be leaving Kent State University after 26 years and assuming a position at Michigan State University. He will direct the grant from there, but nothing else associated with the grant will change. You can still contact the competent duo, *Michelle Hoversten* and *Sherry Ernsberger*, in the Project Office at Kent State with any questions whatsoever.

Katharine Stephens Slemenda is the other Co-Director of the grant. She is at Converse College in South Carolina.

Donna Mertens leads the Evaluation Team and has enlisted three other evaluators to assist: *Heidi Holmes*, Gallaudet University; *Pauline Ginsberg*, Utica College; and *Katrina Bledsoe*, The College of New Jersey.

Q5. Doesn't the JT grant end this year?

A. No! We have good news! The JT grant was recently granted a one-year no-cost extension through 9/30/07. The budget will be tight, but the Project Office and Deafed.net will be maintained and the TTs will continue to disseminate information about the important work they are doing.

Q6. What are the TTs doing for the remainder of this year? Can you give me the "Cliff Notes" version?

A. Sure! Here's another chart for quick and easy access to information about the TTs.

Topical Team	Two Selected Activities
1.1	*Working with Microsoft Producer software for use with TT-created modules to be disseminated via www.deafed.net . *Promoting and supporting the use of iVisit software for communication among the JT Community of Practice. A signed/closed-captioned version of directions for using iVisit will be coming out in the near future.
1.2 and 2.3	*Creating video clips of preservice teachers who are deaf/hard of hearing re: technologies that are making a difference in their education. *Promoting the use of their "Virtual Coffee House" for preservice and first-year teachers. This is a www.deafed.net Bulletin Board discussion forum to promote communication among those just beginning to teach.
1.3	*Encouraging D/HH teacher preparation programs to create or revise their recruitment Web pages which will be linked to via the new diversity area at www.deafed.net . *Collecting personal stories of diverse teachers.
1.4	*Creating courses to be offered in the fall via an a) intrastate collaborative: Susan Easterbrooks [Georgia State U.] and Nanci Scheetz [Valdosta State U.] and b) interstate collaborative: Kate Reynolds [U. of New Orleans] and Pamela Broadston [U. of Arkansas Little Rock].

	*Working on a multi-state collaborative: a distally delivered program that represents four universities in three states.
2.1	*Looking at the characteristics of Master Teachers as viewed by surveyed administrators, teachers, and teacher educators. *Counting on some larger D/HH programs to incorporate results of their survey.
2.2	*Completing PowerPoint presentations with video clips about literacy and math practices identified from literature reviews. *Welcoming and orienting Elaine Gale and Lou Larwood to the TT, because Susan Easterbrooks will be resigning to work on her new grant.
2.3	See 1.2 above.
2.4	*Preparing for possible publication the results of their survey to gather data about formal and informal assessments used in D/HH education. *Constructing survey on teacher attitudes, knowledge, skills and practices concerning assessment.

Q7. Great! I'm now up-to-date on the TTs. How about more on Master Teachers?

A. You can collaborate with or nominate a Master Teacher. For more information, be sure to visit www.deafed.net >> Grant Activities >> master teachers. You'll be pleasantly surprised at what you find there!

Q8. You've kept my interest so far, now what about Cyber Mentors? How can I tap into the resources of those people?

A. Easy! Just go to www.deafed.net >> Collaborations >> cyber mentors. You will find more information than you could ever imagine about Cyber Mentors. Give this a try – submit the simple application! Your students will thank you for the privilege of communicating with this wonderful group of volunteers.

Q9. How can I become involved?

A. There are several ways:

- (1) Contact any of the TTLs, Co-Directors, Evaluators, Projector Coordinator, or Project Assistant.
- (2) Refer to the Bulletin Boards on www.deafed.net.
- (3) Go to www.deafed.net >> Grant Activities >> grant portal >> Join Together Project — this will connect you with very helpful information!
- (4) In essence, let us know of your interest. We'll be glad to have you on board with us!

Q10. Where do I find contact information?

A. Easy! Go to www.deafed.net >> Grant Activities >> grant portal >> Join Together Project where you will contact info for all grant leadership. Or simply contact the Project Office at 330-672-0735 or via catalyst@kent.edu.