

# Arkansas Deaf Community News

November -  
December 2022



## Upcoming Events

**December 10**

### **Sparkling Winter Holiday Social**

ASD Leopard's Paw  
2400 W. Markham St.  
Little Rock, AR 72205  
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**December 17**

### **BBQ Dinner with Mr. & Mrs. Claus**

John Powell Senior Center  
203 Park St.  
Springdale, AR 72764  
12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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for the Deaf and Hard  
of Hearing (SDHH), a  
program under Arkansas  
Rehabilitation Services.



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## ARS Little Rock Field Office held a Deaf, Deaf World Event

On October 28, 2022, the ARS Little Rock Field Office held a "Deaf, Deaf World" event open to all ARS staff. The event started off with Holly Ketchum, counselor in the Little Rock Field Office, teaching American Sign Language to the morning group. Next, participants went through a Deafblind simulation before entering the challenging "Deaf, Deaf World." All who participated seemed to enjoy the challenge and left with a greater appreciation for their consumers who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing or Deafblind.



**Participants attempting to  
communicate in various modes  
of communication in the "Deaf,  
Deaf World."**



**Holly teaches signs** to those  
who attended the morning  
session.



**Group photo of volunteers and  
participants who completed the  
afternoon session.**

## Arkansas School for the Deaf Update

Casey Brown with the Arkansas School for the Deaf (ASD) and the Arkansas Deaf Career Center (ADCC) submitted the following events.

First, in October, the Arkansas Deaf Career Center (ADCC) and ASD co-hosted College Night 101 for high school students and their families. Numerous agencies and colleges were there to meet with students and share resources for planning for a successful future! They enjoyed a fun interactive trivia game about Financial Aid with door prizes for the winners.

The ADCC staff members meet every Tuesday afternoon with the ASD ARS Vocational Rehab counselor to talk about Self-Advocacy, future careers, Deaf rights, college and training options, and independent living skills of their students.

Another program that we have is "Elevate." This is for clients who are 18–21-year-old residential clients of ADCC. Each of these clients is achieving individual goals such as attending UA-PTC culinary school, taking Driver's Ed classes through ACDC, taking online Accuplacer Test Preparation courses, financial literacy, and home maintenance. Currently, eight young adult clients are enrolled in the ADCC Elevate program.

And lastly, there was a lot of hard work, recognition of student excellence, heartfelt tears, and love from student families and supporters at the UA-PTC 3D program COHORT 2022 Knife Kit Ceremony. Students invited families and supporters to a lunch and dessert service made by them. The ceremony marked a core memory for students as they received the tools they will use during their education and career.



Off - Off

# BROADWAY

The UA Little Rock Interpreter  
Education Program invites you to...

## SEE-A-SONG

*Free  
Admission*

DARNELL HALL  
November 14th  
6:00pm-8:30pm

Arkansas School for the Deaf  
2400 W Markham St.  
Little Rock, AR 72205

Light refreshments will be provided







LET'S CELEBRATE AND GIVE THANKS!

# THANKS GIVING POTLUCK

**DUO/Board will provide meat, everyone bring sides**

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Admission: FREE

50/50, fellowship, door prizes, give thanks!

12TH OF NOVEMBER, 12-4PM  
PEACE BUILDING, 805 W ORLICH ST  
ROGERS AR 72756

Questions? Contact  
Missy - 870 421 4178  
[merritt.missy@yahoo.com](mailto:merritt.missy@yahoo.com)





## DEAF COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS

*Party*

12 PM - 4 PM      SATURDAY  
DEC 17TH

### BBQ DINNER WITH MR. & MRS. CLAUS

@ JOHN POWELL SENIOR CENTER IN SPRINGDALE



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FOR MORE INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS, CONTACT PRISCILLA  
SCANLAN AT [PSCANLAN@AR.SOURCES.ORG](mailto:PSCANLAN@AR.SOURCES.ORG)  
OR 479-802-3906 (TEXT ONLY)

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## **Have fun with AAD~Senior Citizens for the 2022 Holidays!**

### **Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon**

**November 12 at ASD Leopard's Paw**

**11 AM to 3 PM Admission \$1**

**Catering by Two Sisters**

**Member \$6 Visitor \$12**

**Seating is Limited.**

**Contact Pam James for reservations.**

**VP: 501-574-0543**

### **Sparkling Winter Holiday Social**

**December 10, 2022 at ASD Leopard's Paw**

**11 AM to 3 PM Admission \$1**

**Appetizers and Sweets Galore!**

**Bring a gift (under \$10).**

**No gift wrap. Festive bag's okay.**

### **Celebrate New Year's 2023 Younger**

**January 14, 2023**

**Soups, Stews, and Crackers**

**More information coming soon!**

**Please contact President Jackie Gerlis (VP 501-303-4928)**

**if you have any questions. Thank you!**

## Seeking Quilters to Start Deaf Quilters Group

Julie Ann Chavez is a professional Deaf quilter in Central AR interested in starting a Deaf quilters group. If you are interested, please contact her at the information provided.



## Do you need your Driver's License?

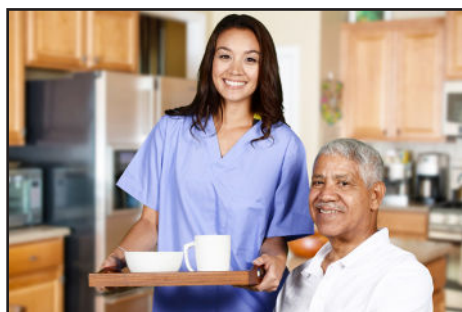
Did you know that Arkansas Rehabilitation Services can help you get your driver's license? We can provide Zoom classes with an interpreter through the Arkansas Career Development Center. For more information contact Holly Ketchum at [holly.ketchum@arkansas.gov](mailto:holly.ketchum@arkansas.gov).

## CALLING ALL CODA'S AND FLUENT SIGNERS!

Do you know someone in Arkansas that communicates well in ASL? Are they considering a career in interpreting? Arkansas Rehabilitation Services in partnership with area interpreting agencies are working on a fast-track class for qualified individuals to become a credentialed interpreter. Due to a statewide shortage of interpreters, the Arkansas Quality Assurance Screening Test for Interpreters is also temporarily waiving the degree requirement for testing. For more information, please contact Cheryl Seymore at 501-686-9683, or [Cheryl.seymore@arkansas.gov](mailto:Cheryl.seymore@arkansas.gov).

## Certified Nursing Assistant (CAN) or Personal Care Assistant (PCA) Training

Do you like helping people? Have you ever considered working in the medical field? Arkansas Rehabilitation Services (ARS) is considering setting up a CAN/PCA training for the Deaf sometime this fall. If you are interested, please contact Holly Ketchum at [Holly.ketchum@arkansas.gov](mailto:Holly.ketchum@arkansas.gov).



## Northwest Arkansas Deaf Community Christmas Party

**December 10, 2022**

**John Powell Senior Center  
610 E. Grove Ave.  
Springdale, Arkansas**

**More Information Soon!**

Let us know what you and your group have been up to! To share your information in the next newsletter send information to [Cheryl.seymore@arkansas.gov](mailto:Cheryl.seymore@arkansas.gov)



## REENTRY SERVICES



Goodwill provides services to individuals who are reentering the workforce and community after a period of incarceration. Our staff understands the challenges and offers a supportive environment.

### SERVICES INCLUDE:

- Building a resume.
- Obtaining community support services.
- Gaining job readiness skills.
- Acquiring Career Readiness Certification.
- Obtaining interview skills.
- Receiving job search assistance and leads.

### TRANSITIONAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY (TEO)

TEO participants can gain marketable skills and develop positive work behaviors to help prepare for competitive employment. The TEO program offers:

- 16-week paid job training program.
- Employability assessment.
- Barrier assessment and removal strategies.
- Soft skills training.
- Career planning and job search assistance.
- Resume and letter of explanation development.
- Referral services to community resources and programs.



Elizabeth Blaty  
Transitional Employment  
Opportunity Graduate

Need assistance? Contact us at [TEO@GoodwillAR.org](mailto:TEO@GoodwillAR.org) to make an appointment with one of our reentry program specialists.

**FAYETTEVILLE** | **FORT SMITH** | **JONESBORO** | **LITTLE ROCK** | **PINE BLUFF** | **SPRINGDALE**

2100 WEST MAIN/EN LUTHER AVE. | 404 DARTMOUTH AVENUE | 1010 SOUTH CANTERBURY ROAD | 7000 SCOTT HAMBLETON DRIVE | 2014 WEST 26TH AVENUE | 700 NORTH THOMPSON STREET

**877-372-5151 | [GoodwillAR.org/reentry](https://GoodwillAR.org/reentry)**

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INTEREST FORM





## CAREER SERVICES



Goodwill's career services offer free services to help you build your future. Services are available through our career portal and in-person. Goodwill computer labs are available at nine locations across the state. Goodwill has helped thousands of Arkansans find jobs. Get started on your pathway to a new career today!

### CAREER SERVICES INCLUDE:

- Interview preparation.
- Job readiness training.
- Career assessment.
- Resume assistance.
- Career guidance.
- Job search assistance.



### CONTACT US OR ACCESS OUR SERVICES ONLINE:

BATESVILLE  
870-569-4030

FORT SMITH  
479-434-4739

LITTLE ROCK  
501-372-5100 X1250

CONWAY  
501-340-0038

HOT SPRINGS  
501-525-4447

ROGERS  
479-325-5895

EL DORADO  
870-644-6820

JONESBORO  
870-366-0443

SPRINGDALE  
479-927-0114

CAREER  
PORTAL



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## The Academy



The Academy at Goodwill, licensed by the Arkansas State Board of Private Career Education, provides the training needed to secure new employment and advance your career. The goal of each program is to provide opportunities for non-traditional students to earn industry credentials that lead directly to employment in jobs that guarantee a living wage.

### Training Programs Focus on Six Major Industries:

- Advanced Manufacturing
- Business & Administration
- Construction
- Healthcare
- Information Technology
- Transportation, Distribution/Logistics

### Training Programs Available:

- Certified Healthcare Environmental Services Technician
- Certified Pharmacy Technician
- CPR, First Aid and AED
- Goodwill Digital Career Accelerator
- Google Data Analytics Certificate
- Google IT Support Professional Certificate
- Google Project Management Certificate
- Industrial Truck Operator
- Mental Health First Aid
- OSHA 10
- Welding

### Future Training Programs:

- Certified Clinical Medical Assistant
- Certified Logistics Technician
- Certified Network Defender
- Certified Phlebotomy Technician
- Certified Production Technician
- Certified Professional Coder Billing — Medical
- Certified Technician in Supply Chain Automation
- Microsoft Office Specialist
- OSHA 30

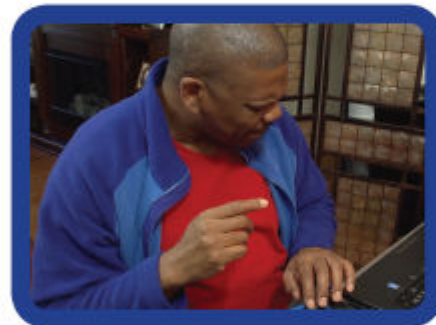


For more information contact us at [academy@GoodwillAR.org](mailto:academy@GoodwillAR.org)  
**501-372-5100 x1250 | [GoodwillAR.org/academy](https://GoodwillAR.org/academy)**

## iCanConnect

The National Deaf-Blind Equipment Distribution Program

Sending an email or chatting on the phone can be challenging for people with both significant vision and hearing loss. iCanConnect is a national program that provides free equipment and training to help people stay connected with friends, family, and the world.



iCanConnect provides equipment including smartphones, tablets, computers, screen readers, braille equipment, and software to people with significant combined vision and hearing loss who meet federal income and disability guidelines.

iCanConnect is available in all 50 states, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa and the Northern Mariana Islands. Each state has its own contact.

iCanConnect was established by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and is also known as the National Deaf-Blind Equipment Distribution Program (NDBEDP).





2023 ARID Biennial Conference

# Connect Four

Come join us from June 15-17, 2023 for our Pre-conference and Conference at the Arkansas 4H Vines Center.

Registration and event information can be found at the link below. We look forward to sharing more updates as we move closer to the conference!

