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A National Conference
June 10-12, 1988
Charlotte, NC

AIDS & DEAFNESS

A Critical Challenge

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CONFERENCE INVITATION

This conference will address the complex issues of providing AIDS awareness, prevention, and support services to deaf and hard of hearing people. Special focus will be given to AIDS-related information dissemination, emotional support systems, and ethical/legal considerations in policy making. If you are an educator, rehabilitation specialist, sign language interpreter, mental health professional, health care professional, community service provider, program administrator, or someone involved with AIDS-related self-help groups, this conference is for you.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Friday, June 10, 1988

- 10:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. **Registration**
- 10:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. **Video and Materials Review**
(self-paced)
- 1:30 p.m.- 2:00 p.m. **Opening Remarks**
Susan Newburger,
The National Academy,
Gallaudet University
- 2:00 p.m.- 2:30 p.m. **Keynote Address I**
"Historical Perspective on
AIDS"
Lyn Paleo, Director of
Education, San Francisco
AIDS Foundation
- 2:30 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. **Keynote Address II**
"AIDS and Deafness: Past,
Present, Future"
John McBride, AIDS Educator,
Calif., and
Ilene Miner, Coordinator of
Services to Deaf Patients,
Bellevue Hospital, N.Y.
- 4:30 p.m.- 6:00 p.m. "AIDS: What We All Should
Know"
Holly Bell, Acting Director,
Gallaudet University Student
Health Service
- 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. **Networking reception**
8:00 p.m. **Dinner (on your own)**

Saturday, June 11, 1988

- 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. **Continued Materials Review**
- 9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. **Panel: "The Emotional
Impact of AIDS"**
- 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. "Unlearning AIDS Phobia"—
Simultaneous Session by
Conference Faculty
- 12:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m. **Lunch (on your own)**

- 2:00 p.m.- 3:30 p.m. **Concurrent workshops:**
A. "Barriers and Solutions for
Communicating about AIDS"
Holly Bell
B. "The Emotional Impact of
AIDS: Support Systems
Meeting the Challenge"
Donald Rosenkjar, AIDS
Resource Specialist, Calif., and
Daniel Langholtz, Clinical
Social Worker, Calif.
C. "AIDS: Unresolved Issues
in the Workplace"
Kenneth E. Labowitz,
Attorney; Advocate for
Persons with AIDS (PWAs)
- 4:00 p.m.- 5:30 p.m. **Concurrent workshops:**
A. "Youth, Sex, and AIDS"
John McBride, and Thomas
Saavedra, AIDS Educator,
Calif.
B. "Care for the Caregiver"
Ilene Miner
C. "Ethical/Legal
Consideration in Policy
Making"
Lyn Paleo
- 5:30 p.m.- 7:30 p.m. **Dinner (on your own)**
- 7:30 p.m.- 8:15 p.m. **Concurrent Sessions (A)**
- 8:30 p.m.- 9:15 p.m. **Concurrent Sessions (B)**
- Saturday, June 12, 1988**
- 9:00 a.m.-Noon **Continued Materials Review**
- 9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. **Information Resource Panel**
- 10:45 a.m.-11:45 a.m. **Program Synthesis and
Closing Remarks**
John McBride, Ilene Miner,
and Susan Newburger
- Noon- 2:00 p.m. **Future Directions Planning
Session**
Conference Faculty and Staff
(participants welcome)

PLEASE FORWARD to a
colleague if unable to attend

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Presentations, training workshops, poster sessions, and panel discussions will offer a dynamic interactive forum to provide you with information and resources in three program areas:

AIDS Education

- LEARN successful strategies for information sharing with all ages.
- ANALYZE your attitude to increase your ability to provide AIDS-related services.
- DEVELOP special skills in providing neutral and supportive AIDS-related assistance.
- REVIEW and EVALUATE print and video materials.

The Emotional Impact of AIDS

- DISCOVER strategies for minimizing the stress of being a caregiver.
- LEARN what support systems are in place and how deaf and hard of hearing people can gain access to them.
- GAIN insights from deaf and hard of hearing PWAs, family members, caregivers, and bereaved survivors of AIDS.
- UNDERSTAND how working out grief, shame, and guilt can be an empowering experience.

Ethical/Legal Considerations

- CONSIDER the implications of mandatory testing, confidentiality, and contact tracing.
- DISCUSS society's right to protection versus the individual's right to privacy.
- EXAMINE current state and federal policies on AIDS in the workplace and in school settings.
- LEARN how Section 504 applies to PWAs and HIV positive people.

ACCREDITATION

Gallaudet University CEUs will be available to all conference participants who register for them at the conference site. A total of 1.6 CEUs will be offered for this three-day conference.

REFUND POLICY

Cancellations made before June 1 will be subject to a \$25 administration charge. No refunds will be made after this date.

IMPORTANT FEATURES AND BENEFITS

This three-day conference will bring together peers and professionals who share concerns about the impact and implications of providing AIDS awareness, education, and support services to deaf and hard of hearing people. Critical issues, commonly encountered barriers, and emerging perspectives will be examined. By attending you will obtain:

- a comprehensive overview of available resources, with ideas and strategies for new directions in providing AIDS education and support services; designs, approaches, and methods for educating the "uninformed and unafraid" and "the worried well";
- an opportunity to be part of a national network bringing together professionals and support personnel who provide AIDS-related services to deaf and hard of hearing people;
- a complimentary copy of *Directory of Services and Resources*, slated for post-conference publication;
- an invitation to evaluate currently available print and video materials on AIDS;
- hands-on workshops with speakers and panelists; and
- numerous poster sessions that will address specific concerns, such as *Women and AIDS*, and *AIDS in Minority Populations*, plus highlights of programs and projects that are proving to be successful.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

The Sheraton Airport Plaza is easy to reach, located only minutes from the airport and just off I-85 and Billy Graham Highway. For your convenience, a block of rooms has been reserved for conference registrants at the discounted room rate of \$55 (tax not included) for either a single or double room. When making reservations, call the Sheraton directly at 1-(800)-325-3535, identify yourself as a participant in the National Academy/Gallaudet University conference. This special rate applies to all reservations made by May 20. Rooms requested beyond this date will be subject to space and rate availability.

CONFERENCE SPONSOR

The National Academy of Gallaudet University, a unit within the College for Continuing Education, works throughout the nation to improve the quality of professional and community services for deaf and hard of hearing individuals. Since 1978, the National Academy has sponsored more than 1,000 seminars throughout the United States at local, regional, and national levels, as well as numerous presentations at international conferences. As part of the National Academy, the Professional and Community Training Program (PCTP) works with professionals to improve their service delivery to deaf people; and with deaf people to enhance their right to services. Professionals involved in health care, community services, employment, and mental health are just some of the service delivery personnel who benefit from PCTP's technical assistance and training. Two topic areas PCTP offers to deaf and hard of hearing individuals are empowerment and leadership training. Requests for further information may be directed to:

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CONFERENCE CONTRIBUTORS

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