

Nebraska Regional Programs' Parent Workshop

For Parents of Children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing



Presented By:

Mark Keith

Mark Keith is the Research and Training Specialist for two of Florida's statewide projects, Outreach Services for the Blind and the Deaf (OSBD) and for the Resource Materials Technology Center for the Deaf/Hard of Hearing (RMTCC). Mark provides training, consultation, information and referral, and other support services for parents and school districts across Florida. He has been providing these services for about 13 years now since his family moved to Florida to enroll their son at the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind. Prior to the move to Florida, Mark worked in a variety of positions for the Virginia Department of Rehabilitative Services, the Virginia Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Substance Abuse Services, and SunTrust Bank.

Mark is the father of a young man who is deaf and has cerebral palsy. Mark is also the author of No Dad, It Does Not Involve a Hippopotamus, a book of articles and short stories about being the father of a child with special needs and the issues and topics he and his family have dealt with over the years.

Details

- Date:** **Sunday, January 10, 2016**
- Time:** 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
- Location:** Alia Arram Children's Museum
(5827 4th Ave; Kearney, NE 68845)
- Cost:** Free! Childcare will be provided for children ages 10 and under.
- Presenter:** Mark Keith
- Topics:** *"Man Laws for Moms: Understanding Dads"*
This workshop explores reasons why dads do the things that they do related to family involvement. The session looks at why dads sometimes seem to disengage from emotional or stressful family situations. Then the session will look at strategies that can be used to help encourage dad to be more involved with a child with special needs and the additional responsibilities that often surround raising the child.
- "Letting Go: Time to Land the Helicopter"*
The Letting Go workshop examines the importance of encouraging independence in a child with special needs and parents' perspectives on this issue. The workshop also discusses how hard it can be for parents to step back and offer increasing levels of freedom to the child to allow the child to develop that independence. Finally, the training offers some ideas for parents in learning how to let go in a constructive fashion.
- Registration:** Pre-registration is required by December 15th
- Questions?** Contact your regional coordinator

This workshop is sponsored and funded by the Nebraska Department of Education - Special Populations and supported through the Nebraska Regional Programs for Students who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing



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"Man Laws for Moms" and "Letting Go" presented by Mark Keith

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED BY DECEMBER 15, 2015

1st Adult Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____ School District _____

Relationship to Child with Hearing Loss _____ Dietary Restrictions _____

Communication Mode Oral Sign Spanish Other _____

Interpreter Needed? Yes No

2nd Adult Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Relationship to Child with Hearing Loss _____ Dietary Restrictions _____

Communication Mode Oral Sign Spanish Other _____

Interpreter Needed? Yes No

Childcare will be provided free of charge to children ages 10 and under. Please list below children for which you request childcare:

1st Child Name _____ Age _____ Hearing Loss Yes No

Communication Mode Oral Sign Spanish Other _____

Interpreter Needed? Yes No

Medical/Other Needs _____

Dietary Restrictions _____

2nd Child Name _____ Age _____ Hearing Loss Yes No

Communication Mode Oral Sign Spanish Other _____

Interpreter Needed? Yes No

Medical/Other Needs _____

Dietary Restrictions _____

3rd Child Name _____ Age _____ Hearing Loss Yes No

Communication Mode Oral Sign Spanish Other _____

Interpreter Needed? Yes No

Medical/Other Needs _____

Dietary Restrictions _____

Please return your registration form to your regional coordinator

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