

Council for DHH Connections

Meeting Notes



Location: 1200 E 42nd Street, Raney Hall, Multi Purpose Room

Date: September 18, 2025

Time: 3:00-5:00pm

Facilitator: Bethany Colson

Agenda

Introductions

1. Representatives in attendance:

- Kelsey Spurgin, Ball State University
- Jenna Voss, Butler University
- Bethany Colson, Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Education
- Davina Brimmer, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services
- Ellyn McCall, Hear Indiana
- Carrie Martin, Indiana Chapter of Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf
- Rachel Ross-Kroemer, Indiana Council of Administrators in Special Education
- Lisa Poff, Indiana Deaf-Blind Services Project
- Corrine Painter, Indiana Department of Education
- Suzanne Foley, Indiana Early Hearing Detection and Intervention
- Mariana Barquet, Indiana Hands & Voices
- Kim Kause, Indiana School for the Deaf
- Brittany Feilen, Promoting Achievement for Students with Sensory Loss Project
- Kelly Bailey, Purdue University
- Lindy Powell, St. Joseph Hearing + Speech

Speed Networking

1. Connecting in one-on-one conversations

a. Connection ideas:

- i. Share something you think you know about the other organization
- ii. Ask a question you have about the other organization
- iii. Share an aspect of the other organization that you feel is an asset to DHH children in Indiana

Initiative Exploration Activity – Small Groups
Held for 4th quarter meeting

Updates from individual Organizations:

- Butler MA Deaf Education program updates, Jenna Voss
- CDHHE Network updates
 - Indiana School for the Deaf has joined the Network administrative team, overseeing Deaf Mentor services
 - Family Navigator services have replaced Parent Advisor services within the Network
- Center Early Intervention Coordinator role
 - Cindy Lawrence is retiring on November 21st
 - This position is posted: <https://workforindiana.in.gov/job-invite/465640/>

Council Organization

- Microsoft Teams channel
 - This has been set up as a way for organizations to connect between quarterly meetings
 - Invitations/directions to access this channel will be resent – all members to post on the channel confirmation of access
- Meeting facilitation
 - IDOH has funds to cover facilitation of these meetings, allowing the Center to take part alongside all other organizations
 - Will plan for this to be in place for 2026

Next Meeting – 12/18/25
