

## Access - Connect - Equality April 2019

# Inside the Georgia Center...

Please enjoy our complimentary newsletter for the latest news and events from GCDHH.

#### Meet our Executive Director, Jimmy Peterson

Jimmy was born to Deaf parents and raised in Mobile, Alabama along with his two siblings who are also Deaf. He graduated from Alabama School for the Deaf in Talladega, Alabama. He received a Bachelor of Arts in Business Management and Political Science from Jacksonville (AL) State University in 2002. Before coming to GCDHH in 2014, Jimmy served as Executive Director of the Deaf & Hard of Hearing Services of Northwest Florida and also worked for several video relay services providers.

Just recently, Jimmy was appointed by Governor Deal to serve on the Georgia Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. In his spare time enjoys working on projects around the house. Jimmy enjoys spending time with his lovely wife, two beautiful daughters and his two precious granddaughters.



### GCDHH TEAM BUILDING

Big Escape Rooms Team Building Exercise!







In this team building exercise, GCDHH staff had to work together as a team accomplish the mission and escape the room. This exercise helped us to identify our strengths and weaknesses. We learned to stop thinking as individuals and include the entire team when figuring out the clues to unlock the locks and solve the answers to the riddles and puzzles. Great Job Staff!

### Upcoming Events

**GA Youth Day-** It is designed for high school students with a hearing loss to gather resources, traditional skills and interact with other Deaf/Hard of Hearing professionals.

**April 26, 2019, 9 AM- 2 PM** Georgia State University- Clarkston Campus. Registration Deadline: April 19th.

GA Renfest-ASL Celebration Day Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> 10:30 AM - 6 PM

6905 Virlyn B Smith Road, Fairburn, GA 30213 https://www.garenfest.com/tickets-specials (Be sure to use promo code: ASL)

**Deafopia-** Check out **deafopia.com** for more info.

**Interpreter Appreciation Day-** All Interpreters, ITP and ASL students are welcomed!

Please RSVP: ljackson@gcdhh.org

June 2nd, 2 pm - 4 pm

4151 Memorial Drive Suite 103-B Decatur, GA, 30032

Six Flags-Deaf and Hard of Hearing Day at the Six Flags over Georgia Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>

Promo code: ATLDEAFDAY

GAD Conference- Check gadeaf.org for more info.

Camp Juliena- July 14-20 for youth who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing (ages 6-13).

The applications for campers and staff are now available.

#### **Camper Application:**

https://campjuliena.org/camper/application/

#### **Volunteer Application:**

https://campjuliena.org/volunteers/

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GCDHH 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversay- More info coming soon.

# GCDHH Interpreting Service

Don't be overwhelmed by the process of hiring an interpreter! Let GCDHH help!

Qualified (Sign Language, Signed English, or Oral) interpreter means an interpreter who is able to interpret effectively, accurately, and impartially, both receptively and expressively, using any necessary specialized vocabulary.

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### Community Involvement







**Gwinnett Transition Fair** 







The Power of You! Youth Transition Conference

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