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Opening Doors – unlocking Potential 2019!

Building Foundations for Literacy Success
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Wednesday, June 26, 2019
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
and
Thursday, June 27, 2019
8:00 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.

*Foundations for Literacy Training - Part 2
*Friday, June 28, 2019
8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

The Partnership strives to make all professional development sessions inclusive. Reasonable accommodations for participants with special needs can be made with notice by June 10, 2019. Please indicate your specific communication, mobility and dietary accommodations on the online registration form or contact Kristen Stahr for assistance.

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**Registration Deadline: June 10, 2019**

**HOTEL INFORMATION**

A limited block of rooms has been reserved at the DoubleTree by Hilton, Richmond-Midlothian for participants needing overnight lodging. To reserve a single/double room at the government-rate of $94.00 per night plus tax, please contact the DoubleTree by Hilton, Richmond-Midlothian and mention “Opening Doors–Unlocking Potential” by 5:00 p.m. June 4, 2019. Lodging availability cannot be guaranteed after the lodging deadline date. Eligible TODHH* must book and pay for lodging at the DoubleTree by Hilton, Richmond-Midlothian and submit receipts for reimbursement of state-rate lodging costs to the Partnership by Friday, June 28, 2019.

* Eligible TODHH must be currently employed full-time directly by a Virginia public school division or Virginia state operated program and work directly with students who are deaf and hard of hearing. Eligible TODHH must attend the full institute and not reside within a commutable distance to the hotel.

**HOTEL ADDRESS/CONTACT INFORMATION**

DoubleTree by Hilton Richmond-Midlothian
1021 Koger Center Boulevard, Richmond, VA 23235
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ABOUT THIS THIRTEENTH ANNUAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE

This year’s ODUP Institute, Virginia’s Go-To event in d/h education is designed to increase the knowledge and skills of teachers of students who are deaf and hard of hearing (TODHH) and educators who work directly with students who are d/hh. ODUP 2019 will continue its strong focus on effective strategies to positively impact early literacy development, effective remediation and long term academic outcomes for students who are d/hh.

Featuring presenters for ODUP 2019, arranged through the Center on Literacy and Deafness (CLAD) https://clad.education.gsu.edu, will share research and evidence-based literacy strategies and interventions that have been developed especially for young children who are d/hh and may be used by students needing remedial intervention to improve their literacy skills.

Nancy Bridenbaugh, University of Colorado-Boulder will conduct a general session to share evidence on how fingerspelling may provide a pathway to decode words and strengthen print recognition by building phonological awareness. Through that research, Fingerspelling Our Way to Reading was developed. FOWTR is a research-based, supplementary literacy program developed for students who are d/hh in K-2nd grade and who primarily access reading through sign language.

Dr. Stacey Tucci, co-author of CLAD’s Foundations for Literacy, an early literacy curriculum designed for children who are d/hh aged 3-6 years. F4L builds a firm foundation in alphabetic knowledge and phonological awareness through sound stories and language-rich, hands-on activities for language growth. She will provide a general session focused on the research base for early literacy skills for children who are d/hh, and specific strategies to use with students of all ages.

A limited number of ODUP participants may join the TODHH identified through the Winter 2019 Literacy DHH 101 Community of Practice to complete training with Nancy Bridenbaugh (FOWTR) on Wednesday and/or Thursday and do not live within a commutable distance to the hotel. Eligible TODHH must be full-time employees of a Virginia public or state operated school division and work directly with students who are deaf or hard of hearing. (See Hotel Information for more details.)

Registration Fee includes: ODUP materials, beverages and breaks. An area restaurant guide will be provided for off-site meals. Grant funds are available for reimbursement of government-rate lodging at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel for eligible Teachers of the Deaf/Hard of Hearing (TODHH) who fully attend Wednesday and Thursday and do not live within a commutable distance to the hotel. Eligible TODHH must be full-time employees of a Virginia public or state operated school division and work directly with students who are deaf or hard of hearing. (See Hotel Information for more details.)

Registration Fees by June 10, 2019:
VA Public School/State Operated Program Professional……..$60
Paraprofessional/University Student/Parent…………………$40
Private Agency/Out-of-State Registration Fee …………..$125

Registration fees include an additional $10 charge if received after June 10, 2019 deadline.

Refunds not available after the June 10, 2019 deadline.

NOTE: Childcare is not available for this event.

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ODUP 2019 SCHEDULE

Wednesday, June 26
8:30 – 9:30 Registration/Exhibits
9:30 – 10:15 Welcome/VDOE Guidelines Update
10:15 – 11:45 General Session
11:45 – 1:15 LUNCH on your own/Exhibits
1:15 – 2:45 Concurrent Sessions
2:45 – 3:00 Break/Exhibits
3:00 – 4:15 Concurrent Sessions
4:15 – 5:00 Exhibits/Networking
4:15 – 5:30 FOWTR Session

Evening - Enjoy Richmond/Midlothian on your own!

Thursday, June 27
8:00 – 8:30 Registration/Exhibits
8:30 – 8:45 Announcements
8:45 – 10:15 General Session
10:15 – 10:30 Break/Exhibits
10:30 – 11:45 Concurrent Sessions
11:45 – 1:15 LUNCH on your own/Exhibits
1:15 – 2:45 Concurrent Sessions
2:45 – 3:00 Break
3:00 – 4:15 Closing Session
4:00 – 5:00 F4L Session

Friday, June 28
8:00 am – 3:00 Foundations for Literacy Training – Part 2
*(See ODUP Website for additional information)


Wednesday, June 26