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Special Thank You

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Give us a call for more information
about our services or an article you've
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Like us on Facebook at **Illinois/Iowa
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IICIL Annual Meeting

Our 2022-2023 Annual Meeting will take place virtually in order to minimize exposure to possible COVID. We will be celebrating 35 years of serving people with disabilities and their families in the Quad City area.

When: Monday, March 25, 2024

1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Where: Illinois/Iowa Center for Independent
Living

501 11th Street

Rock Island, IL

Who: In-person invitation only, this event will
be LIVE on our Facebook page.

Watch our website and Facebook page for more
information.



J88 License Information

Did you know that there is a notation available on an Illinois driver's license for deaf and hard of hearing motorists to help law enforcement officers understand their communication needs?

What is "J88" Notation?

"J88" is a notation on the driver's license that may alert law enforcement before approaching a vehicle that a motorist is deaf or hard of hearing, so the officer can be prepared to use alternative communications. Learn more about J88 Driver's License Notation for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community from a publication provided by the Illinois Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulas at https://www.ilsos.gov/publications/pdf_publications/dsd_a148.pdf (See sample images of the driver's license with "J88" notation). **Fun fact:** Illinois is the first state to offer this program.

How It Works:

- Request the "J88" notation be added to your driver's license at any Secretary of State Driver Services facility. "J88" will appear on both the front and back of your driver's license.
- Include your driver's license number on your vehicle registration renewal. This will allow law enforcement to access your driving record before approaching your vehicle and provide notice that alternative communication is necessary.
- You must request the "J88" notation. Secretary of State personnel will not ask you to add the notation on your driver's license.

Law Enforcement Communication Visor Card

The Illinois Deaf and Hard of Hearing Commission distributes the Law Enforcement Communication Visor Card to law enforcement agencies and communities. This communication card is for law enforcement officers during a traffic stop with a Deaf or Hard of Hearing Person. This communication card does not replace the requirement of federal and state laws for effective communication to Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and DeafBlind persons, such as sign language interpreters or other services. If you request hard copies of the communication card mailed to you, please contact DHH.ContactUs@Illinois.gov.

Illinois Deaf and Hard of Hearing Commission
528 South 5th Street, Suite 209

Springfield, Illinois 62701
Website:

www.idhhc.illinois.gov

Office Hours: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

[Contact Information](#)



FREE BIRTH TO 33 MONTH OLD DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENINGS

THIS IS A FREE SCREENING THAT PROVIDES LANGUAGE, COGNITIVE, AND MOTOR SKILL ASSESSMENT. HEARING AND VISION SCREENINGS ARE ALSO CONDUCTED.

LOCATION:
MOLINE PUBLIC LIBRARY
3210 41ST ST
MOLINE, IL 61265

HOURS:
9:00AM - 12:00PM
DATES:
APRIL 4TH, 2024
MAY 2ND, 2024
JUNE 6TH, 2024

PLEASE CALL TO SCHEDULE: 309-736-1111



EVALUACIONES DEL DESARROLLO GRATIS EDAD: DE NACIMIENTO HASTA LOS 33 MESES DE EDAD

La evaluación gratuita incluye:
Crecimiento físico
Desarrollo cognitivo
Vista y oído

Lugar:
Librería De Moline
3210 41st St
Moline, IL 61265

Horario:
9:00AM - 12:00PM
Fechas:
4 De Abril Del 2024
2 De Mayo Del 2024
6 De Junio Del 2024

HABLAR PARA HACER CITA AL: 309-736-1111



Winter Safety Tips

When winter storms hit, good balance can prevent falls. To remain upright, even distribution of weight is important. Muscles, bones, joints, eyes, the balance organ of your inner ear, nerves, heart and blood vessels must be working properly to keep your balance.

- ◆ **Walk like a penguin** Point your feet slightly outward and put your center of gravity over your feet (as much as possible).
- ◆ Use a backpack or cross body bag to free up your hands.
- ◆ Wear winter assistive devices with built in grippers over your shoes or boots. Or wear lace-up boots or shoes that fit well and have deep grooved, non-skid, rubber treads.
- ◆ Wipe your shoes/boots thoroughly when coming inside.
- ◆ Use a cane or walking pole when out in winter weather.
- ◆ Avoid texting when walking on snow or ice.
- ◆ Get in or out of your vehicle slowly, holding on to the door and steering wheel when stepping on or off a slippery surface.

FREE TAX PREPARATION THROUGH VITA

Last year VITA & AARP provided

3,301 individuals and families

with free tax preparation



SERVICES START FEBRUARY 1



IN-PERSON TAX FILING | APPOINTMENT ONLY
AVAILABLE FEB. 1 – APRIL 12

Bettendorf

Ascentra Credit Union - Downtown | Feb. 5 - April 1
2019 Grant St. | Mondays 5pm-8pm

Davenport

Friendly House | Feb. 1 - April 6
1221 N. Myrtle St. | Tues. & Thurs. 5pm-8pm; Saturdays, 9am-Noon

Davenport Public Library – Eastern Branch* | Feb. 5 - April 10
6000 Eastern Ave. | Mon. & Wed. 12:30pm-4pm;
Tuesdays, 9:30am-4pm

Moline

WIU-Quad Cities Campus | Feb. 1 - April 4
3300 River Drive | Thursdays 5pm-8pm

Moline Public Library* | Feb. 1 - April 12
3210 41st St. | Mon. & Wed. 10:30am-3:30pm

Rock Island

Rock Island Senior Center* | Feb. 3 - April 6
2221 11th St. | Saturdays 9am-Noon

Rock Island Township* | Feb. 6 - April 9
2827 7th Ave. | Tuesdays 9:30am-4:30pm; Not mtg Tue. March 19

* TCE Location (Tax Counseling for Individuals age 60 or older)



IN-PERSON TAX FILING | WALK IN ONLY
AVAILABLE FEB. 3 – APRIL 6

Rock Island

The Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center
630 9th St. | Tues., Wed. & Thurs. 5pm-8pm; Sat. 9am-Noon



SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT

STARTING JANUARY 17



Scan the QR code or visit
bit.ly/VitaUWQC

HOW VITA WORKS

The VITA Program provides free income tax return preparation for taxpayers earning up to \$64,000 annually.

VITA helps working families take advantage of all eligible tax credits, including the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), Child Tax Credit (CTC) and education credits.

Volunteers from the community help prepare basic, current year tax returns for eligible taxpayers free of charge.



For more information,
email Max Bigalk at
mbigalk@unitedwayqc.org
or call [563.344.0352](tel:563.344.0352).

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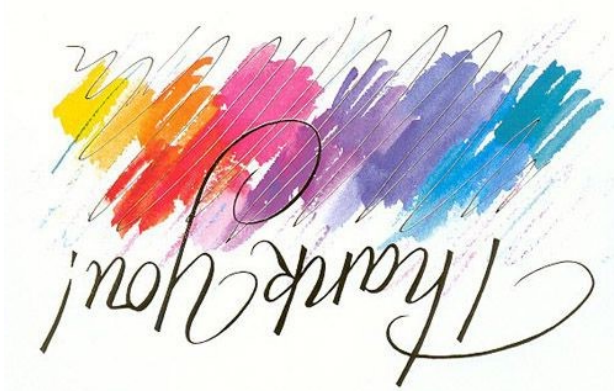
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GERMAN AMERICAN HERITAGE
center & museum
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RSVP at gahc.org

February 3. May 4.
August 10. November 2.
(All Tours Begin at 2:00)

IN 2024

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AT THE
GAHC