



Presents

Roadmap for Success (Camino al Éxito)

- 8:45 – 9:00 Welcome
- 9:00 – 10:45 Transition Skills Guidelines (Las Normas de la Transición de Habilidades)
Luanne Kowalski, Transition Counselor Trainer and Outreach Specialist, Laurent Clerc National Deaf Education Center at the Model Secondary School for the Deaf in Washington, D.C.
- 10:45 – 11:00 Break
- 11:00 – 11:45 Updates on Deaf Education Reform
(La información mas actualizada de la Regionalización)
Sheri F. Mutti, CEO, NORCAL Center on Deafness, Vice Chair of the Coalition of Agencies Serving the Deaf, Chair of the Deaf Education Reform Committee
- 11:45 – 12:45 Lunch
- 12:45 – 1:45 IMPACT Members Meeting (Reunión del Miembro)
Marcos Ramirez, President
- 1:45 – 2:00 Break
- 2:00 – 2:45 Standards, STAR Testing and the High School Exit Exam
Nancy Grosz Sager, Consultant, California Department of Education
- 2:45 – 3:00 Wrap Up
- 3:30 – 4:45 IMPACT invites you to a reception at Chevy's (Recepción en Chevy's)
Address is 1369 Garden Hwy, one driveway from the conference center. Look for the Riverbank Marina Parking sign. Join us upstairs for some sharing, caring, networking and FUN!



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Welcome to IMPACT's Spring Symposium... " Roadmap to Success."

As parents we are the first and most committed person our child will know. Raising any child is not easy but raising and educating a child who is Deaf or Hard of Hearing can be overwhelming. We seek information and at times don't even know what questions to ask. The emotions we experience are natural in a situation that is new and uncharted. Before our children are born we subconsciously hold a road map of life for our child. Many of us have found that our road is not listed on the map. When this happens we may feel anxiety about choices which need to be made, anger at the map maker, guilt for possibly taking a wrong turn, fear of the unknown and possible a time spent denying that this is happening. To respond otherwise would be unnatural.

Each parent needs to search for their own path. We often create new maps for ourselves and our children by redefining our destination, asking directions and finding new roads. Though the process we develop strengths and skills, discovering information that was previously unknown to us. At this symposium, we hope that you will gain information and support. Our goal is that you will no longer feel that you are all alone at a crossroads with no place to turn. Perhaps you will leave here today with a revised map and new roads to travel. The roads are not better or worse, just different. This is an individual process and no one can or should do it for you however IMPACT is committed to walking with you on your journey.

Mapping out the destination is an ongoing task, but each detour is accomplished with a little less struggle than the first. Remind yourself of the skills, strengths and values you have found in yourself since you first stood at the crossroads. Grab the road map of life and take time to enjoy your child's success.

Sincerely,

Sandy Harvey

Spring Symposium Chair

IMPACT Mission Statement

We as parents, members and professionals of deaf and hard-of-hearing community are rising up as a single voice. Regardless of communication modalities, we stand united in the task of getting the very best for our children. We will take no less than quality education for our children, support and early intervention for our families, information and education for our parents.