

Schedule Overview

TUESDAY

2 p.m. - 5 p.m.	Registration	Gillette Lobby
5 p.m. - 6 p.m.	Supper	Dining Room
6:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	Welcome and Orientation	Multipurpose Room

WEDNESDAY – FRIDAY

7:15 a.m. - 8 a.m.	Breakfast (families & staff)	Dining Room/ Dormitories
8:05 a.m. - 1:15 a.m.	Classes Sibling(s) Child who is deaf or hard of hearing Parents	Elementary Lobby Elementary School Classrooms Multipurpose Room
11:30 a.m.	Lunch	Dining Room
12:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.	Lecture Sibling(s) Child who is deaf or hard of hearing Parents	Elementary Lobby Elementary School Classrooms Multipurpose Room
5 p.m. - 6 p.m.	Supper	Dining Room
6:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	Workshop for Parents Sibling(s) Child who is deaf or hard of hearing Parents	Dormitories Dormitories Multipurpose Room

SATURDAY

7:15 a.m. - 8 a.m.	Breakfast (families and staff)	Dining Room
8:05 a.m. - 10 a.m.	Classes Sibling(s) Child who is deaf or hard of hearing Parents	Elementary Lobby Elementary School Classrooms Multipurpose Room
10 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.	Graduation for Parents	Multipurpose Room
11:30 a.m.	Lunch	Dining Room
After Lunch	Families Dismissed	

Sponsored by:

University of Illinois Chicago's Division of Specialized Care for Children (DSCC)

Department of Human Services (DHS)
Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS)
Illinois School for the Deaf (ISD)
Bureau of Early Intervention (EI)

Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE)

Department of Public Health (DPH)

Numbers to Know:

Division of Specialized Care for Children Staff - Prior to Institute:

- Please contact your local Care Coordinator and/or Violet - (800) 322-3722

Institute Staff After June 10:

- Contact Illinois School for the Deaf-ISD (leave a message) - (217) 479-4255

During the Week of Institute 24-Hour Emergency Contact Information:

- ISD Health Center - (217) 479-4281

Getting Ready...

for Parent Institute 2025



"We are taking a lot of knowledge, friendships and good memories home from this place. Thank you for helping me see that my child can have a bright future."

~A Parent

June 10-14

General Information

TIME: Plan to arrive between 2 and 5 p.m. on Tuesday, June 10, 2025. The Institute will end on Saturday, June 14, 2025, at 1 p.m.

TRANSPORTATION: Commercial transportation to Jacksonville is not available. If you are driving, Jacksonville is located about 30 miles west of Springfield on I-72 (formerly U.S. 36). Please tell your Care Coordinator if you need transportation to Jacksonville.

WHEN YOU ARRIVE: Report to the Gillette Lobby in the Elementary School for registration and room assignment. Follow the enclosed map of the ISD campus. Guides will be on-hand to direct you to the dorms.



ORIENTATION: An orientation meeting is on Tuesday for families and staff. It will begin at 6:15 p.m in the Multipurpose Room.

HOUSING AND MEALS: Housing for families is in the school dorms. Separate rooms and beds are provided for each family. Bathrooms are shared. Bedding and towels are also provided.

Meals are served in the dining room on a schedule. Some meals will be served outdoors when the weather is nice. The first meal will be served the evening of June 10. Snacks are provided morning and afternoon for everyone. Families should notify their Care Coordinator if anyone in the family has any special dietary needs or allergies. Small kitchens with microwaves, coffee pots, television and limited refrigerator space are available in each dorm.

CLOTHING: Plan to bring comfortable, casual clothing for you and your family. Dress in layers due to the A/C. The campus is large, so comfortable shoes are necessary. (See attached checklist.)

RESIDENTIAL CARE WORKERS: Illinois School for the Deaf Residential Care Workers take care of children when their parents/caregivers are in meetings or classes. Child care for siblings will be available. The parents/caregivers are responsible for their children at mealtime, bedtime and during free time.

RELATIVES: Siblings may also attend with their parents, with approval from the Division of Specialized Care for Children. There are a limited number of spaces for siblings. If you are unable to make other child care plans for siblings, please contact your Care Coordinator about the sibling program prior to the Institute.



Checklist

Comfortable Clothing

- ✓ Casual clothing
- ✓ Diapers (week's supply)
- ✓ Sweater or sweatshirt
- ✓ Comfortable (walking) shoes
- ✓ Bathrobe and slippers
- ✓ Bathing suits (small indoor pool)

Note: All buildings may be cold due to the air-conditioning system.

Comfort Items (Please label with child's name)

- ✓ Umbrella
- ✓ Stroller
- ✓ Child's favorite toys
- ✓ Sippy cup
- ✓ Child's favorite blanket
- ✓ Favorite pillows

Personal Toiletry Items

- ✓ Toothbrush/toothpaste
- ✓ Shampoo/conditioner
- ✓ Bath soap
- ✓ Deodorant
- ✓ Combs/hairbrushes
- ✓ Hair dryer/curling iron
- ✓ Flip-flops for shower use
- ✓ Hand mirror

Medication - if applicable (Must be in original bottles)

Miscellaneous Items

- ✓ Cochlear implants/hearing aids and batteries (It is important to bring the child's hearing aids whether working or not.)
- ✓ Glasses
- ✓ Change for soda machine (\$2)
- ✓ Alarm clock
- ✓ Camera
- ✓ Travel mug

* Towels and sheets/blankets are provided.

* Limited bathtubs available for children.

NOTE: The ISD campus is alcohol- and smoke-free.

