**SILC UPDATES**

**Michigan Department of Education – Low Incidence Outreach**

**May 2017**

**UPCOMING LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES**

* May 12, 2017

[[Beginner Apple iOS](https://mdelio.org/blind-visually-impaired/events/teaching-excel-2010-using-jaws)](https://mdelio.org/blind-visually-impaired/events/beginner-apple-ios-flint)

Flint, MI

Participants will receive hands-on instruction, including pairing a refreshable braille display with the iPad and iPhone, learning about the latest updates and upgrades for the Apple products, and much more!

* May 17, 2017 to May 18, 2017

 [Teaching Excel 2010 Using JAWS](https://mdelio.org/blind-visually-impaired/events/teaching-excel-2010-using-jaws)

Lansing, MI

This course is designed for individuals who will be teaching a student with a visual impairment how to use Microsoft Excel 2010 using JAWS. Participants will be provided with a curriculum for teaching students, including a CD with lesson plans, exercises, quizzes, and more.

* May 19, 2017 to May 21, 2017

[Family Nature Club: Paddling Event](https://mdelio.org/blind-visually-impaired/events/family-nature-club-paddling-event)

Greenville, MI

Camp Tuhsmeheta and Michigan Parents of Children with Visual Impairments (MPVI) are hosting a Family Nature Club paddling event at Camp Tuhsmeheta. Family Nature Club events are designed for families, adults, and youth who are blind or visually impaired to get outside and learn skills together. The paddling weekend will focus on canoeing strokes and techniques, fun games, and a special outing to a dragon boating demonstration.

* June 20, 2017 to June 21, 2017

 [Outdoor Education Workshop: Confidence](https://mdelio.org/blind-visually-impaired/events)

Greenville, MI

Middle school students in grades 6th-8th are encouraged to sign up and attend this 2 day/1 night workshop at Camp Tuhsmeheta. Middle school students are developmentally ready to discover and test their physical, social-emotional and mental capabilities. The program will include one-touch self-defense training, outdoor recreation activities and team-building challenges which are all focused on building self-determination.

* June 26, 2017 to June 27, 2017

[Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment (EIPA) Skill Development Workshop](https://mdelio.org/deaf-hard-of-hearing/events/educational-interpreter-performance-assessment-skill-development-traverse-city)

Traverse City, MI

During the workshop, the team of presenters will provide specific skill instruction, and participants will have a chance to engage in small group and partner practice. Presenters will also provide individual feedback designed to help educational interpreters improve skills assessed on the EIPA.

* August 2, 2017 to November 29, 2017

[Regional On-Demand Beginner Braille Class](https://mdelio.org/blind-visually-impaired/events/regional-demand-beginner-braille-lapeer)

Lapeer, MI

This 16-session course is designed for beginners who have little or no knowledge of Braille. Participants will learn to read and write the Unified English Braille (UEB) code for the alphabet, punctuation, contractions, typeforms and more!

* August 15, 2017 to August 18, 2017

 [Outdoor Education Workshop: Backpacking](https://mdelio.org/blind-visually-impaired/events)

Greenville, MI

Oftentimes youth don’t have the opportunity to explore backpacking to the point of building confidence and competence.  Camp Tuhsmeheta is pleased to offer the High School Outdoor Education Workshop: Backpacking so youth (grades 9th-12th) who are blind/visually impaired can experience all aspects of backpacking. From packing backpacks to cooking over a stove, students will learn the fundamentals of backcountry travel.  We’ll also explore group leadership, backcountry safety/first aid, and etiquette.