



**POSITION:** Connections Mentor  
**PROGRAM:** Chicago Hearing Society (CHS)

### **Anixter Center – What We Do- Who We Are**

Anixter Center has proudly served hundreds of thousands of people in the Chicago area since 1919. Today, we focus our work on serving people with disabilities, behavioral health needs, and people who are Deaf, DeafBlind, or Hard of Hearing through a variety of programs. Annually, Anixter services touch more than 7,000 individuals, some on a daily basis and others for more time-limited support. Our emphasis is on providing people the supports they need to allow each person to live as independently as possible, a member of his/her natural community.

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### **SUMMARY**

Connections, which will be under the Youth Program, is a family centered support program that links adults who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing or Deaf Blind (“Mentors”) with families who have children who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing or Deaf Blind, providing an array of support services.

- Support families’ communication opportunities with their child, including all communication modalities (American Sign Language, Cued Speech and Listening and Spoken Language).
- Model conversational interactions using the families’ chosen mode of communication.
- Share personal experiences as a Deaf or Hard of Hearing individual as it relates to individual families.
- Provide relevant information and resources as it pertains to families’ needs, priorities, and goal/s.
- Provide information on technology (auditory and visual) for Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Deaf Blind individuals as it relates to families.
- Assist families and children with learning advocacy and access skills.
- Assist the family in helping their child to achieve his/her full potential in both the hearing and deaf worlds.
- Outreach to Parents and Professionals:
  - ✓ Represent CHS at parent events and networking groups to inform them of program activities.
  - ✓ Work with professionals through CHOICES for Parents to reach parents of children recently identified as having a hearing loss.

### **QUALIFICATIONS**

- Must be Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or Deaf Blind.
- Knowledge of the technology available to assist with effective communication with families.
- Ability to interact and implement activities with a variety of children and adults.
- Ability to be unbiased, open-minded, and supportive of family decisions with their communication and amplification choices.
- Must possess a valid driver’s license and have access to an operational vehicle to transport self to various locations.
- Must follow HIPPA laws and other policies as it relates to being a Mentor.

### **Education**

- BA degree in social work, psychology, counseling, early childhood education, or related human services field preferred.

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