

**2017 EHDI Annual Meeting**  
**Field Trip**  
**Wednesday, March 1, 2017**

Participants will first visit the Atlanta Area School for the Deaf (AASD) to see their joint project with Georgia Tech.

The Center for Accessible Technology in Sign (CATS) is a joint project between the Atlanta Area School for the Deaf and the Georgia Institute of Technology. CATS is dedicated to providing accessibility to learning via sign language. CATS' goal is to enhance language, literacy and general world knowledge for deaf learners, particularly children. CATS has been awarded the American Library Association Grolier Foundation Award, 2004 for its contributions to children's literacy.

Participants will also see aspects of the AASD Early Intervention program, including their Bilingual program for toddlers.

Field trip registrants will then visit the Atlanta Area Speech School. Guests will have an opportunity to learn more about Early Intervention programs offered at the school. Attendees will have an opportunity to visit the 0-3 program which includes the BCW component, as well as learning groups like Baby and Me and Toddler Learning Groups, and the parent education classes and inclusion program. Participants will also see the Clinic program. There will be additional discussion regarding support of the school population which is 80% Medicaid.

7:30 am	Start off at hotel
7:45 am	Depart Hotel
8:30 am	Arrive at Atlanta Area School for the Deaf for Presentation re: Joint Project with Georgia Tech
10:00 am	Depart Atlanta Area School for the Deaf
10:45 am	Arrive at Atlanta Speech School for Presentation
12:15 pm	Depart Atlanta Speech School and Return to Hotel

**Site/Program Descriptions:**

Atlanta Area School for the Deaf:

AASD is Atlanta's only day school for deaf and hard of hearing students, with approximately 190 students ages 3-21 from over 30 counties across Atlanta. The school's mission is to provide a

language-rich, student-centered learning environment through American Sign Language and English for the purpose of empowering our students to live independent, fulfilling lives and to become productive, contributing members of society.

#### Atlanta Speech School:

Established in 1938, the Atlanta Speech School is the nation's most comprehensive center for language and literacy. Composed of four schools, five clinics, summer programs and a professional development center, each division shares one common mission: to work within each program and collaborate across all programs to help each person develop his or her full potential through language and literacy. As a core part of its mission, the School has never denied access to a child in need of its services as a result of a family's socioeconomic circumstances. One of the centers, the Katherine Hamm Center is a listening, spoken language and literacy program for children who are deaf or hard of hearing and their families. The center offers intensive education and training for families to learn the techniques and strategies needed for them to (1) capitalize on their child's early brain develop and (2) foster listening and spoken language skills in their child.

#### Georgia Tech:

Georgia Tech has various projects focusing on the utilization of Google Glasses with families, Literacy resources at <http://www.cats.gatech.edu/>, sign language disorders, early eye gaze behavior of babies, and medical modules focused on providing supportive information to doctors.

#### CATS:

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