



# Multicultural Affairs Committee



## ***Mission Statement:***

- “To educate professionals, persons, with communication disorders, and the general public regarding issues that may include races, ethnicities, religions, socioeconomic classes, sexual orientations, geographic locales, age, gender, persons with disabilities.”

## ***2008-2009 Goals:***

- Meet 6 times a year.
- Continue the publication of “At A Glance” pamphlets on issues related to communication disorders in the Culturally-Linguistically Diverse (CLD) students/adults. Pamphlets will include topics of interest to SLPs, Parents, or other Professionals (e.g., School Psychologists).
- Collaborate with other CSHA's Committees.
- Continue collaboration with the State Improvement Grant Project (SIG) as final follow-up.
- Continue updating MAC webpage on a quarterly basis and continue publishing updates/information in the CSHA Newsletter.
- Have professionals present on different topics to the MAC membership twice a year or acquire tapes for training.



## ***Topics Addressed:***

- Completed the “[At a Glance](#)” [Teacher Pamphlet](#) to provide educators with information to consider before referring a Multilingual/Multicultural student to speech-language programs.



- Completed the State Improvement Grant (SIG) in collaboration with the State Department of Education, UCONN and SCSU, and various school districts for disseminating information about our profession to students in CT.
- Compiling CT registry for consultants on multicultural issues.
- Utilizing a new section in the CSHA Newsletter called "Innovative Ideas in Communication to Use with Culturally/Linguistically Diverse Students" in order to exchange ideas among professionals in our field regarding treatment and evaluation of Culturally/Linguistically Diverse (CLD) students.



### Current Members

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## ***Multicultural/Multilingual Resources***

The following are links to other professional and commercial sites of potential interest to those interested in the field of communication disorders. Listing on this page does not imply implicit or explicit support or promotion on the part of The Connecticut Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

**Click on Link to view related site**

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association	<p><a href="http://www.asha.org">www.asha.org</a></p> <p>Search for "multicultural" for resources.</p>
Office of Multicultural Affairs	<p><a href="mailto:multicultural@asha.org">multicultural@asha.org</a></p> <p>If you have any questions about working with culturally and linguistically diverse populations, feel free to contact the Office of Multicultural Affairs at the above e-mail.</p>
Multicultural Resources	<p>Karen Beverly-Ducker, director of Multicultural Resources, tracks the needs relative to racial and/or other minority populations, culturally and linguistically diverse populations, and persons with disabilities and their access to speech-language pathology and audiology services. A particular area of interest is multicultural issues in audiology.</p> <p>Please contact: Karen Beverly-Ducker Email: <a href="mailto:kbeverlyducker@asha.org">kbeverlyducker@asha.org</a></p> <p>Andrea Moxley, project manager for the Office of Multicultural Affairs, is responsible for providing professional expertise for technical assistance to ASHA members, consumers and other professionals. She has the primary responsibility for the creation of the self-assessment tool for cultural competence.</p> <p>Please contact: Andrea Moxley E-mail: <a href="mailto:amoxley@asha.org">amoxley@asha.org</a></p>
National Black Association of Speech-Language-Hearing (NBASLH)	<p><a href="http://www.nbaslh.org">www.nbaslh.org</a></p> <p>NBASLH's purpose is to promote Black professionals in the fields of speech-language-hearing. Also, to assist those in the African-</p>

	<p>American community with communicative disorders. Please refer to the complete site about the origin and history of NBASLH.</p>
Native American Caucus	<p>This group meets annually at the ASHA convention and it is a forum for discussion of the issues that influence the provision of quality services to Native American populations. Among these issues are leadership, enrollment in the SLP/AUD professions, research, information, and promoting public awareness.</p> <p>Please contact: Lara Reyes E-mail: <a href="mailto:lara_lin_reyes@yahoo.com">lara_lin_reyes@yahoo.com</a></p> <p>Anita Fisher E-mail: <a href="mailto:afisher_SLP@hotmail.com">afisher_SLP@hotmail.com</a></p>
Hispanic Caucus	<p>The Hispanic Caucus serves as a forum and voice for meeting the immediate needs of Hispanic professionals, students, and consumers. It is a heterogeneous group united by similar traits in their cultures and their common desire to meet the needs of the Hispanic population with communication disorders.</p> <p>Please contact: Nancy Flores E-mail: <a href="mailto:nancy_flores_castilleja@harcourt.com">nancy_flores_castilleja@harcourt.com</a></p>
Asian-Indian Caucus	<p>The AIC's mission is to establish a network and encourage exchange of scientific knowledge and collaborative research among ASHA members who are of Asian-Indian origin. The AIC not only provides a platform for discussion and networking, but also helps students to suitable Clinical Fellowship (CFY) positions.</p> <p>Please contact: Shubha Kashinath E-mail: <a href="mailto:skashina@fsu.edu">skashina@fsu.edu</a></p>
Asian Pacific Islander Caucus	<p>The Asian Pacific Caucus is a group of professionals from Japan, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Guam, Hawaii, and the U. S. mainland who share some common goals. Among these are efforts to increase the number of Asian/Pacific Islanders bilingual CLD SLPs and AUDs, to retain students in communication disorders programs, and to advance awareness of issues facing this population.</p> <p>Please contact: Li-Rong Lilly Cheng, PhD</p>

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Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists (L'GASP)	<p>Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists (L'GASP) is a group of professionals, with similar sexual orientation, whose goals is to provide a forum to discuss issues that concern their professional lives. Members also celebrate their strides in combating homophobia and strategize about what more can be done.</p> <p>Please contact:  Tedd Masiongale  E-mail: faix@yahoo.com</p>
Babel Fish Translation	<p><a href="http://babel.altavista.com/tr">http://babel.altavista.com/tr</a>  This site provides translations of blocks texts in various languages used around the world.</p>
Culture Grams Online	<p><a href="http://www.il.proquest.com">www.il.proquest.com</a>  <a href="http://www.proquestk12.com/news">www.proquestk12.com/news</a></p>
Colorin Colorado	<p><a href="http://www.ColorinColorado.org">www.ColorinColorado.org</a>  Currently, this site provides research-based information, for teachers and parents, on teaching English Language Learners to read. The extensive information is in both English and Spanish, but the developers are beginning to add information in other languages.</p>