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IMAGINE SUCCESS FOR EVERY STUDENT WHO IS DEAF OR HARD OF HEARING



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NEW WEBSITE: *CROSSROADS: Your Trusted Resource for Deaf Education*

Texas – February 2016 – This week launches a new online resource website where Texas’ deaf and hard of hearing students, their families and the professionals who support them can go for assistance with Deaf education in Texas. Crossroads’ goal is for every deaf and hard of hearing student in Texas to achieve success.

Sharing assets statewide in one place, [Crossroads](http://TexasDeafEd.Org) (url: TexasDeafEd.Org) brings together the resources and expertise of the Texas School for the Deaf, with those of Texas’ Region 11 Education Service Center (ESC), leading Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services for Texas students.

“We believe Crossroads will be the place to go to find information and resources for students who are deaf and hard of hearing, their families, and the professionals who serve them,” says Susie Tiggs, ESC 11 Education Specialist.

Among the site features, Crossroads contains classroom [tools](#) for teachers and professionals, including lesson plans, and videos accessible in American Sign Language (ASL), English print, and voiceover; plus, popular [ASL Stories](#) for reading, as well as information on a number of [topics](#) related to deafness.

“In response to inquiries from families, students and professionals working and living with deaf and hard of hearing children, says Dr. Bobbie Beth Scoggins, Director of TSD/ERCOD, Crossroads provides fair, neutral and relevant information on Deaf Education in Texas”.

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ABOUT THE EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER ON DEAFNESS (ERCOD) AT THE TEXAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

The Educational Resource Center on Deafness (ERCOD) at Texas School for the Deaf (TSD) provides resources, tools and information for students who are deaf or hard of hearing, families who have deaf or hard of hearing children and professionals working with deaf or hard of hearing children in Texas. In collaboration with a variety of agencies, family groups, and schools across Texas, ERCOD provides a network of support, information, and resources for those who need it. For assistance and to learn more, visit: http://www.tsd.state.tx.us/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=174971&type=d&pREC_ID=361563.

ABOUT EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER TEXAS REGION 11

Through Texas’ Education Service Center (ESC) state Leadership Project, ESC 11 heads up Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services. ESC 11’s Deaf and Hard of Hearing State Leadership consultant provides leadership, professional development, consultation, and technical assistance to assist Regional Day School Programs for the Deaf (RDSPD) in Texas, local school districts, charter schools, and the Texas School for the Deaf (TSD) to address the unique needs of students who are deaf or hard of hearing. Please visit esc11.net/dhh to learn more.

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