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**PRESENTATION AT IOWA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF:
“STATEWIDE SERVICES FOR PARENTS, TEACHERS, AND
INTERPRETERS OF DEAF CHILDREN”**

Action Requested: Receive the presentation.

Executive Summary: The presentation will be made by Dr. Deborah Cates, Sign Language Program Coordinator. Dr. Cates earned her Ph.D. in Linguistics from the University of California, Davis. Her dissertation was titled, “Predictors of Reading Comprehension Skills in Deaf and Hearing Bilinguals.” Dr. Cates is in her second year as Sign Language Program Coordinator at ISD.

The Deaf Resources and Culture Center at the Iowa School for the Deaf offers opportunities for further training in American Sign Language and skill development for parents, teachers and interpreters of deaf children in the state of Iowa. These services have three goals: 1) Increase the skills of currently employed educational interpreters, based on needs, 2) Increase sign language abilities of parents, and 3) Provide training for parents regarding language development, assessment and Deaf education.