

# Family Learning Weekend

March 23-24, 2018



Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf Presents

Rachel Coleman



## Who Is Invited?

Family Learning Weekend is for deaf and hard of hearing children, birth through 4th grade, and their families. Siblings, grandparents, aunts and uncles are welcome! We hope you will join us!

## Overnight Accommodations:

Overnight accommodations at WPSD are available for families who reside more than one hour away, rooms are available on a first come, first serve basis.

- Bed linens and towels are provided.
- You are welcome to bring sleeping bags and portable cribs.

If you plan to stay on campus, please indicate your need for overnight accommodations when you register.

**Registration will be done online this year. Go to [www.wpsd.org](http://www.wpsd.org) and click on the link for Family Learning Weekend.**

**Registration Deadline: Friday, March 2nd**

## Meals:

The following meals will be provided in the WPSD Cafeteria at no cost to families:

- Friday dinner - 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
- Saturday breakfast - 7:45 - 8:45 a.m.
- Saturday lunch & panel discussion - 11:30 - 12:30 p.m.

## Check In Upon Arrival

The check in/registration table will be located in the WPSD Cafeteria:

- Friday registration: 4:45 - 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday registration: 7:45 - 8:15 a.m.

## Questions?

Contact Sally Wellman at 412-244-4268 or [swellman@wpsd.org](mailto:swellman@wpsd.org).

Child care is provided during all workshop sessions on Saturday. Please label your child's belongings, such as bottles, diapers, jackets, etc.

## Concert ticket information:

*Complimentary tickets are available for immediate family members of those who register before the deadline and attend the Family Learning Weekend activities. Extended family members are welcome to purchase tickets at this site: [www.brownpaperticket.com](http://www.brownpaperticket.com).*

*If you have already purchased tickets, you can be reimbursed upon proof of receipt. Please bring your receipt to the FLW registration table.*

*Seating is limited/ first come, first serve.*

*Please register early.*

*Pre-registration is required.*

In 1996, Rachel Coleman's daughter, Leah, was born profoundly deaf. Four years later, her daughter Lucy was born with spina bifida and cerebral palsy.

Inspired by her children's needs and challenges, Rachel, and her sister Emilie Brown, created the Signing Time Series, the Baby Signing Time Series, and most recently their science and sign language series, Rachel & The TreeSchoolers.

In July 2016, The Signing Time Foundation launched an online, American Sign Language curriculum called, "Sign It: ASL Made Easy" [www.SignItASL.com](http://www.SignItASL.com). "Sign It" is a 2.5 million dollar project which will provide American Sign Language lessons, free of charge, to families who have a deaf child age 0-3 through [www.MyDeafChild.org](http://www.MyDeafChild.org).

As the President of The Signing Time Foundation, Rachel is a mentor, advocate and role model for countless families raising children with disabilities. Rachel, her husband Aaron, and their daughter Lucy live in Salt Lake City, Utah. Leah Coleman lives in Rochester, New York where she is a junior, majoring in Industrial Design, at The Rochester Institute of Technology.



# Family Learning Weekend Schedule



**Tender Care**  
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**Friday, March 23th**

**Saturday, March 24th**

## Registration

Cafeteria  
4:45 - 5:00 p.m.

## Dinner

for FLW Registrants  
5:00 - 6:00 p.m.  
Dining Room

## Vendors' Tables

5:30 - 6:30 p.m.  
Second Floor Hallway

## Concert

Auditorium  
Doors open at 6:00 p.m.  
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.



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## Vendors' Tables / Meet and Greet with Rachel

7:30 p.m.  
Second Floor Hallway

## Breakfast

Cafeteria  
7:45 - 8:45 a.m.

## Keynote Presentation

**Rachel Coleman**  
9:00 - 10:30 a.m.  
Auditorium

## Vendors' Tables

10:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
Second Floor Hallway

## Lunch and Parent Panel/Discussion

Cafeteria  
11:30 - 12:30 p.m.

## Literacy Workshop

12:45 - 2:45 p.m.  
Auditorium

## Keynote Presentation

### It's Your Deaf Child . . . and It's Your Choice

*Presented by Rachel Coleman*

- Do you feel confident in the choices you make for your deaf child?
- Do you have the resources you need to create a language rich environment?
- Is there a clear pathway to success for hearing parents who are raising deaf children?

In 1997, we discovered that our 1-year-old daughter, Leah, was profoundly deaf. This revelation altered the course of our lives. Back then, we could never have imagined that over the next two decades, our child's deafness would impact hundreds of thousands of families around the world.

It's 2018, and you are standing at the beginning of your family's journey . . . I can't wait to see what you do!

## "R is for Reading" - Literacy Workshop

*Presented by Sheri Morgan and Christie Homell*

Come with us on Part 2 of Rocket's Adventure of Learning How to Read! This workshop will focus on fostering vocabulary development in both English and American Sign Language with your child. You will learn strategies for developing early literacy skills and ASL techniques using children's literature. There will also be book related activities, plus a free book and a DVD to take home with you!

