

Deaf get help for depression

Hearing impaired people with emotional problems now have a "listening ear."

Adults and adolescents can receive counseling in a new program offered by the Community Mental Health Department of Oakland County.

It's designed to treat the emotional and psychological problems of the hearing impaired.

Problems often associated with the hearing impaired include: depression, anger, frustration and difficulty in coping with daily stress or problems.

"OUR PROGRAM has been in implementation since June of 1985. It is

unique to Oakland County," said Norbert Birnbaum, clinic administrator of the Child & Adolescent Clinic.

"Unlike hearing impaired services by the private sector, much of the cost of our services is covered by outpatient insurance or a sliding scale. The scale is adjusted according to the patient's financial status."

"We're happy in Oakland County to have added this special service for the hearing impaired," said Oakland County Executive Dan Murphy.

Birnbaum added that the clinic has a trained specialist who is hearing impaired, and has a master's degree in social work.

"We stress the idea of a team effort in our program," Birnbaum said. "Many times a psychologist, a psychiatrist and a social worker will work together on a specific case. And depending on the individual case, treatment may include individual and/or family counseling."

THE PROGRAM is available to children and adults who are Oakland County residents.

The final determination if a patient has an emotional and/or psychological problem is determined by an evaluation and a psychologist's opinion.

For information about the hearing impairment program, contact the

child & adolescent clinic at 399-8865. The clinic is at 111 S. Troy, Royal Oak.

Other related hearing impairment services offered by Oakland County include:

- Oakland Schools, Division of Special Education; center program management, physically impaired, visually impaired, hearing impaired, contact Lynn Fontaineve, Ed. D., Director 858-2087.

- Speech and Hearing Clinic, contact person, Mary Lu Robertson, director, 858-1913.

- Oakland County Health Division, hearing and vision, Sally Ball, coordinator, 424-7070.

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Flowerheads of goldenrod may be plumelike, elm branched, clublike, wandlike and flat-topped.

Goldenrod can take over field

By Timothy Nowicki
special writer

ALMOST any field you pass or walk through at this time of year is glistening with goldenrod. When large purple asters bloom alongside the goldenrod, they remind me of Easter colors.

My daughter and I walked the trails by Livonia City Hall and identified several forms of goldenrod. A trip to Troy's nature center on Coolidge Road or to any railroad track will allow you to observe these beautiful flowers.

There are several species of goldenrod, and they have adapted to a variety of habitats.

HAY FEVER sufferers at this time of year may shudder at the thought of visiting a field of goldenrod. But ragweed is the flower that produces the irritating pollen. Ragweed has light dry pollen that is dispersed by the wind.

Goldenrod is pollinated by insects, so it has heavy, sticky pollen. Because goldenrod is so conspicuous, most people attribute their problems to it.

Large patches of goldenrod develop from the root system of a single plant. New plants germinate from roots sent out in all directions. All stems from the original plant will grow to the same height.

They grow in such profusion that often they exclude other plants from growing. That is why we see large fields of nothing but goldenrod. Some large groups reach a diameter of 30 feet and are estimated to be more than 100 years old.

FROM A DISTANCE, all goldenrod may look alike. But closer examination will reveal different flower head forms.

Peterson's "A Field Guide to Wildflowers" outlines five different shapes. Flowerheads may be plumelike, elm branched, clublike, wandlike and flat-topped. Even the leaves have two different types of vein patterns. All these variations can result in identification nightmares.

Botanists feel there are about 60 species that can be found in the Midwest. No matter what species there are, goldenrod flowers reflect the goal at the end of the rainbow.

Agency needs volunteers

Volunteers are needed in the Human Service Network of the Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency. The network provides resource information to agencies and citizens.

Volunteers will be trained to provide callers with information, record data and operate a communications system for the hearing-impaired.

Volunteers are needed for flexible hours from 1-5 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. For more information, call OLHSA at 624-5520.

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