



# Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard of Hearing Resources

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## **FOREWARD**

Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) covers state and local units of government and their programs, services, and activities. It requires “public entities” to furnish auxiliary aids and services when necessary to ensure effective communication, unless an undue burden or fundamental alteration in the service would result.

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 states: “No otherwise qualified individual in the United States shall, solely by reason of his handicap, be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.”

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 affects all recipients of federal funds, including any employer who receives federal funds.

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This directory is provided solely for informational purposes by the Circuit Court of Cook County, Office of the Chief Judge, Deaf / Hard of Hearing Access Team. The information presented has been provided by each organization, which is solely responsible for its contents.

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# Americans with Disabilities Act, Title II – Requirements

## Illinois Deaf and Hard of Hearing Commission (IDHHC)

IDHHC is the licensing body for sign language interpreters under the Interpreter for the Deaf Licensure Act of 2007. The Licensure Act requires anyone who is providing interpreting services in Illinois to be licensed unless specifically exempted under the Act. The Interpreter for the Deaf Licensure Act of 2007 provides specific details such as the required accepted certifications, fees, proficiency levels, continuing education and standards of professional conduct. (225 ILCS 443)

### Illinois Deaf and Hard of Hearing Commission (IDHHC)

528 South Fifth Street, Suite 209

Springfield, Illinois 62701

[www.illinois.gov/idhhc](http://www.illinois.gov/idhhc)

Email: [dhh.interpreter@illinois.gov](mailto:dhh.interpreter@illinois.gov)

VideoPhone: (217) 303-8010

Phone: (217) 557-4495

TTY: (888) 261-2698

## Licensure Levels:

**Master (Silver) Proficiency Level Interpreters** with a valid license with a master proficiency level may appropriately interpret in the following settings:

- 1) Legal
  - A) Trials
  - B) Criminal (Felony)
  - C) Civil (Major)
  - D) Juvenile/Family Court
  - E) Law Enforcement
- 2) All settings appropriate for provisional licensees and licensees with intermediate and advance proficiency levels

**Advanced (Green) Proficiency Level Interpreters** with a valid license with an advanced proficiency level are appropriate to interpret the following settings:

- 1) Professional Stage Performances – Live
- 2) Medical
  - A) Routine Clinical Appointments
  - B) Emergency Room
  - C) Obstetrics
  - D) Life Threatening
- 3) Mental Health and Psychiatry
  - A) Routine Clinical
  - B) Crisis Intervention
  - C) Hospitalization
- 4) Employment
  - A) Interviews
  - B) Hiring
  - C) Firing
  - D) Performance Evaluations
  - E) Discipline
- 5) Government/Government Services
  - A) Administrative Proceedings/Hearings
  - B) Social Services
    - i) Department of Children and Family Services
    - ii) Social Security
    - iii) Financial Assistance
- 6) VR Counseling
- 7) Financial Management
  - A) Purchasing
  - B) Tax Preparation
  - C) Real Estate
  - D) Insurance
- 8) Legal
  - A) Criminal Misdemeanor (non-trial only)
  - B) Civil (minor)
  - C) Correctional
  - D) Attorney-Client Meetings
- 9) All settings appropriate for provisional licensees and licensees with intermediate proficiency levels

**Intermediate (Yellow) License Interpreters** may appropriately interpret in the following settings:

- 1) Law Enforcement Education
- 2) Community Health Education
- 3) Post-Secondary Education
- 4) Educational Conferences
  - A) Workshops
  - B) Training
  - C) Professional Development
- 5) Employment Maintenance
  - A) Staff Meetings
  - B) Training
- 6) Government Services
- 7) Correctional Education
- 8) Medical
  - A) Nursing and Personal Care (nursing home)
  - B) Routine, Non-clinical
  - C) 12 STEP Programs/Group Homes/Day Programs
- 9) Video Relay Services
- 10) All settings appropriate to a provisional license

**Provisional (Red) License Interpreters** with a valid provisional license may appropriately interpret in the following settings:

- 1) Vocational Rehabilitation
  - A) Job Coaching
  - B) Employment Training/Workshops
- 2) Community Education
- 3) Recreational/Educational Programs
- 4) Entertainment/Social Events (not including live, professional stage performances)

## Illinois State Agencies

### Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts (AOIC)

#### Illinois Supreme Court, State of Illinois

[www.illinoiscourts.gov/aoic](http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/aoic)

3101 Old Jacksonville Rd.

Springfield, Illinois 62704

Phone: (217) 558-4490

222 N. LsSalle Dr.

Chicago, Illinois 60601

Phone: (312) 793-325

**Description:** The Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts (AOIC) was created pursuant to Article VI, Section 16 of the Illinois Constitution to assist the Supreme Court with its general administrative and supervisory authority over all Illinois courts. Appointed by the Supreme Court, the Administrative Director leads the AOIC and its staff. The AOIC provides support and programming to courts statewide through its offices and divisions: Access to Justice Division, Administrative Services Division, Office of Communications, Children and Family Division, Court Services Division, Human Resources Division, Judicial College Division, Judicial Management Information Services Division, Office of Statewide Pretrial Services and Probation Services Division.

- Illinois Courts Access for People with Disabilities Home Page  
[www.illinoiscourts.gov/public/public-access-for-people-with-disabilities](http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/public/public-access-for-people-with-disabilities)
- Illinois Courts – Court Disability Coordinator Statewide Listing  
[www.illinoiscourts.gov/public/public-access-for-people-with-disabilities](http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/public/public-access-for-people-with-disabilities)
- Illinois Courts – Accommodation Request Form  
[www.ilcourtsaudio.blob.core.windows.net/antilles-resources/resources/0946636a-0cec-44f8-8bec-2ec743879c60/ExC\\_ADA.pdf](http://www.ilcourtsaudio.blob.core.windows.net/antilles-resources/resources/0946636a-0cec-44f8-8bec-2ec743879c60/ExC_ADA.pdf)
- Illinois Courts – Grievance Form  
*A grievance tells the court that you were not given the accommodations you needed under the Illinois Supreme Court Disability Access Policy, the Americans with Disabilities Act, or the Illinois Human Rights Act or that the court violated these laws and policy. Complete this form and submit the grievance to your local court disability coordinator.*
- Illinois Courts – Appeal Form  
[www.ilcourtsaudio.blob.core.windows.net/antilles-resources/resources/5d8ae480-3586-4d89-94ad-e8fa9fc525ef/ExE\\_ADA.pdf](http://www.ilcourtsaudio.blob.core.windows.net/antilles-resources/resources/5d8ae480-3586-4d89-94ad-e8fa9fc525ef/ExE_ADA.pdf)  
*An appeal allows you to dispute the grievance decision if it does not resolve your issue and you believe the court has violated the Illinois Supreme Court Disability Access Policy, the Americans with Disabilities Act, or the Illinois Human Rights Act. Complete this form and submit the appeal to your local court.*

**Disability Rights Bureau  
State of Illinois, Attorney General's Office**

[www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/Rights-of-the-People/disability-rights/](http://www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/Rights-of-the-People/disability-rights/)

500 South Second Street  
Springfield, Illinois 62701  
Phone: (217) 524-2660

115 S. LaSalle St  
Chicago, Illinois 60603  
Phone: (312) 814-3000

Description: The Disability Rights Bureau (DRB) enforces state and federal laws that protect the rights of people with disabilities to equal access to buildings, housing and services, to fair and equal opportunities in all aspects of their daily lives. For all individuals who have a speech impairment or are deaf or hard of hearing, communication must be effective to achieve full and equal accessibility to goods and services. The DRB regularly provides technical assistance and referrals to individuals and public and private entities seeking to comply with disability rights laws.

- Illinois Attorney General Disability Rights Complaint  
<https://illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/File-A-Complaint/>  
*The Disability Rights Bureau enforces state and federal laws that protect the rights of people with disabilities in Illinois. If you have a disability rights-related complaint, please complete and submit the form.*
- Illinois Attorney General - Help Line – (312) 814-5684 and (217) 524-2660  
*The Office of the Illinois Attorney General is able to intervene in many matters. Individuals can make complaints ranging from transactions in various marketplaces to different types of discrimination. We cannot serve as your personal attorney but, we in many instances, can provide information, advocate, mediate or investigate, or direct you to other agencies as needed.*

**Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)  
Deaf Services**

Division of Clinical Services  
406 E. Monroe St., Ste. 50, Springfield, Illinois 62701

[www.illinois.gov/agencies/agency.dcms.html](http://www.illinois.gov/agencies/agency.dcms.html)

Contact: Rebecca Patton  
Email: [Rebecca.Patton@illinois.gov](mailto:Rebecca.Patton@illinois.gov)  
VideoPhone: (312) 957-4817  
Phone: (217) 785-2651

**Division of Specialized Care for Children (DSCC)**

**Springfield Administration Office**

3135 Old Jacksonville Rd., Springfield, Illinois 62704-6488

[www.dsccl.uic.edu](http://www.dsccl.uic.edu)

Email: [dsccl@uic.edu](mailto:dsccl@uic.edu)

Phone: (800) 322-3722

Languages Spoken: English, Spanish

**Chicago Administration Office**

1309 S. Halsted St., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Suite 307 Chicago, Illinois

[www.dsccl.uic.edu](http://www.dsccl.uic.edu)

Email: [dsccl@uic.edu](mailto:dsccl@uic.edu)

Phone: (800) 322-3722

Description: Specialized Care for Children is a state partner that provides care coordination and cost-supported diagnosis for children birth to 21 years of age. For children with chronic health impairments supported by DSCC financial assistance is available for eligible families. DSCC supports non-investigational treatment recommended by a physician or specialist, such as therapy, medications, specialized equipment (such as hearing aids) and supplies.

**Illinois Deaf and Hard of Hearing Commission (IDHHC)**

528 S. 5th Street, Suite 209, Springfield, Illinois 62701

[www.illinois.gov/idhhc](http://www.illinois.gov/idhhc)

VideoPhone: (217) 303-8010

Phone: (217) 557-4495

Description: IDHHC is an executive state agency that promotes education and awareness of the legal requirements for effective communication on behalf of people with hearing loss in Illinois.

**Illinois Department of Mental Health**

**Statewide Deaf, Hard of Hearing, DeafBlind and Late-Deafened**

901 Southwind Road, Springfield, Illinois 62703

[www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=94009](http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=94009)

VideoPhone: (217) 303-5807

Phone: (217) 786-0023

Description: Counseling: Group and Individual; Case Management, Psychiatric Services. Individual & Placement Support: Supported Work Program. Recovery Services: Peer Support Specialist – individuals who are currently in recovery with mental illness and/or substance abuse are employed as peers to empower recovery with others.

**Illinois Department of Human Services  
Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS)**

555 W. Monroe, Chicago, Illinois 60661  
[www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=29736](http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=29736)

Phone: (800) 843-6154

Description: IDHS's Division of Rehabilitation Services is the state's lead agency serving individuals with disabilities. DRS works in partnership with people with disabilities and their families to assist them in making informed choices to achieve full community participation through employment, education, and independent living opportunities.

**DRS Regional Offices:**

**Rolling Meadows DRS Office**

**Rehabilitation Services**

3501 Algonquin Road, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Rolling Meadows, Illinois 60008

Phone: (847) 758-3483

Contact(s): Paul Donets

[Paul.Donets@illinois.gov](mailto:Paul.Donets@illinois.gov)

VP: (224) 265-7000

Jennifer Schmidt

[Jennifer.Schmidt@illinois.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Schmidt@illinois.gov)

VP: (224) 265-7001

**Chicago Heights DRS Office**

**Rehabilitation Services**

1010 Dixie Highway, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Chicago Heights, Illinois 60411

Contact(s): Vickie Trice

[Vickie.Trice@illinois.gov](mailto:Vickie.Trice@illinois.gov)

VP: (708) 473-0943

Phone: (708) 709-3333

**Emerald City DRS Office**

**Rehabilitation Services**

6221 S Emerald Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60621

Phone: (312) 338-6600

VP: (773) 496-4144

**Humboldt Park DRS Office  
Rehabilitation Services**

2753 W. North Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60647

Contact(s): Meghan Williams  
[Meghan.Williams@illinois.gov](mailto:Meghan.Williams@illinois.gov)  
VP: (773) 904-0137  
Cell: (217-606-0718)

**Hiawatha DRS Office  
Rehabilitation Services**

6200 N. Hiawatha Ave; Suite 300, Chicago, Illinois 60646

Contact(s): Jonathan Veach  
[Jonathan.Veach@illinois.gov](mailto:Jonathan.Veach@illinois.gov)  
VP: (773) 273-6646  
Phone: (773) 989-5000

**Joliet/Kankakee DRS Office**

1420 W. Jefferson St., Joliet, IL 60435

Contact(s): Kimberly Mokris  
[Kimberly.Mokris@illinois.gov](mailto:Kimberly.Mokris@illinois.gov)  
VP: (779) 456-5425  
Main: (815) 730-4200

**North Pulaski DRS Office  
Rehabilitation Services**

743 N. Pulaski Rd., Chicago, Illinois 60624

Contact(s): Christopher Dureno  
[Christopher.Dureno@illinois.gov](mailto:Christopher.Dureno@illinois.gov)  
Phone: (773) 638-3070  
VP: (773) 321-0104

*This office only provides Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) services.*

**South Pulaski DRS Office  
Rehabilitation Services**

8600 S Pulaski Road, Chicago, Illinois 60652

Phone: (773) 838-5660  
*The office only provides Home Services (HSP).*

**Westchester DRS Office  
Rehabilitation Services**

2215 Enterprise Drive, Suite 1502, Westchester, Illinois 60154

Contact(s): Miranda Carey

[Miranda.Carey@illinois.gov](mailto:Miranda.Carey@illinois.gov)

VP: (708) 223-7390

Cell: (217) 606-9342

**Wrightwood DRS Office  
Rehabilitation Services**

8620 S Pulaski Road, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60652

Contact(s): Sheila O'Donnell

[Sheila.ODonnell@illinois.gov](mailto:Sheila.ODonnell@illinois.gov)

VP: (773) 840-8268

Cell: (217) 606-9131

# City of Chicago

## Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities (MOPD)

City Hall  
121 N. LaSalle Street, Room 104  
Chicago, Illinois 60602

Central West Community Center  
2102 W. Ogden  
Chicago, Illinois 60612

[www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/mopd.html](http://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/mopd.html)

Contact: Nina Campbell  
VP: (312) 625-2227  
Phone: (312) 744-7050  
Email: [mopdinfo@cityofchicago.org](mailto:mopdinfo@cityofchicago.org)

### Services Offered:

- Substance Abuse prevention strategies training for Deaf and Hard of Hearing youth
- Personal Assistance Program - Provides up to 6 hours of assistance in the home for individuals with disabilities.
- Home Modification Program - Makes homes accessible for people with disabilities by adding a lift or modifying bathrooms or kitchens.
- Food/Meal Options
- MOPD Career Center - works with job seekers with disabilities to find meaningful employment opportunities.

*MOPD has staff interpreters available to interpret at MOPD and at City of Chicago events, programs, and services. ASL interpreters also available at both of office locations.*

## Chicago Park District

Citywide Recreational Park Programs for Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Infant to Seniors  
Kennicott Park  
4434 S. Lake Park Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60653

[www.chicagoparkdistrict.com](http://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com)

Contact: Sarah B. Faber, Program & Event Coordinator  
Phone: (773) 796-3525  
Text only: (312) 399-9574  
Email: [sarah.faber@chicagoparkdistrict.com](mailto:sarah.faber@chicagoparkdistrict.com)

## Chicago Police Department

Special Activities Section Unit 441  
3510 South Michigan Ave, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Chicago, IL 60653

[www.chicagopolice.org/about/contact-us/services-for-the-deaf-and-hard-of-hearing-community/](http://www.chicagopolice.org/about/contact-us/services-for-the-deaf-and-hard-of-hearing-community/)

Contact: Deborah Pascua, ADA Compliance Officer  
Phone: (312) 745-5841  
Email: [ADACoordinator@Chicagopolice.org](mailto:ADACoordinator@Chicagopolice.org)

## Cook County

### **Circuit Court of Cook County Office of Accessibility Deaf / Hard of Hearing Access (DHHA)**

[www.cookcountycourt.org](http://www.cookcountycourt.org)

Supervisor: Ann Wohlmuth, CI/CT  
Coordinators: June Prusak, CDI, CLIP-R, and Kathy Valiska, NIC, BEI-M  
Email: [ocj.deafhardofhearingaccess@cookcountyil.gov](mailto:ocj.deafhardofhearingaccess@cookcountyil.gov)  
VideoPhone: (312) 603-9187  
Phone: (312) 603-1918

Description: Deaf / Hard of Hearing Access provides American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters, Certified Deaf Interpreters (CDI), specialized ASL interpreter services, Assistive Listening Devices (ALD), Communication Access RealTime Translation (CART) captioning, information and referrals, trainings, and resources.

### **Circuit Court of Cook County Court Disability Coordinator**

Contact: Elena Demos, J.D.  
Email: [ocj.accommodations@cookcountyil.gov](mailto:ocj.accommodations@cookcountyil.gov)  
Phone: (312) 603-1915

Description: The Court Disability Coordinator responds to requests for reasonable and appropriate ADA accommodations under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) from persons with disabilities who are participating in or attending court proceedings. The Court Disability Coordinator acts as a liaison between the person requesting an ADA accommodation and the judge in the case.

### **Cook County Sheriff's Office / Cook County Department of Corrections ADA Compliance Officer**

[www.cookcountysheriffil.gov](http://www.cookcountysheriffil.gov)

Contact Person: ADA Compliance Officer, Twanesha Singleton  
Email: [CCSO.ADA@ccsheriff.org](mailto:CCSO.ADA@ccsheriff.org)  
Phone: (773) 674-7768

Description: The Cook County Sheriff's Office is committed to providing equal access and reasonable accommodations to its visitors and individuals in custody with disabilities. Depending on the nature of the accommodation request, we may require advance notice. Visitors with questions or requests concerning reasonable accommodations should contact the ADA Compliance Officer by phone or email.

## Legal

### **Access Living**

115 W. Chicago Ave., Chicago, Illinois 60654

[www.accessliving.org](http://www.accessliving.org)

Email: [asmock@accessliving.org](mailto:asmock@accessliving.org)

Phone: (312) 640-2106

TTY: (312) 640-2102

Provides: Attorneys and legal assistants counsel persons with disabilities about their civil rights and provide representation in cases involving important disability rights issues.

### **Center for Disability and Elder Law, Inc.**

205 W. Randolph St., Suite 1610, Chicago, Illinois 60606

[www.cdela.org](http://www.cdela.org)

Email: [info@cdela.org](mailto:info@cdela.org)

Phone: (312) 376-1880

Provides: Legal services to low-income residents of Cook County, Illinois who are either elderly or who have permanent disabilities. Studies report that more than eighty percent (80%) of all low-income individuals are unable to obtain legal representation and that all of those who live in poverty will experience at least one legal problem each year.

### **Deaf Equality**

[www.deafequality.org](http://www.deafequality.org)

Email: [contact@deafequality.org](mailto:contact@deafequality.org)

Provides: A vision of full equality and access for Deaf, DeafBlind, DeafDisabled, Hard of Hearing, and Late Deafened individuals worldwide, working to dismantle oppressive systems and ensure equal participation in all aspects of life. Services include: litigation, advocacy, referrals, consulting, and policy work.

**Equip for Equality (EFE)**

20 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 300, Chicago, Illinois 60602

[www.equipforequality.org](http://www.equipforequality.org)

Phone: (312) 341-0022

Description: Equip for Equality supports the rights of people to make their own decisions and seeks to remove barriers that prevent them from being productive, independent, and successful in all aspects of their lives: school, college, employment, sports, recreation, independent living, and civic involvement.

**Great Lakes ADA Center**

University of Illinois at Chicago

Institute on Disability & Human Development (MC 728)

1640 W. Roosevelt St., Room 405, Chicago, Illinois 60608

[www.adagreatlakes.org](http://www.adagreatlakes.org)

Phone/TTY: (312) 413-1407

Provides: Information, problem-solving assistance, and referrals for implementing the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and other related laws.

**HEARD**

[www.behearddc.org](http://www.behearddc.org)

Programs: Incarcerated advocacy, reentry support, community education, resources for currently and formerly incarcerated deaf/disabled individuals.

**Illinois Legal Aid Online (ILAO)**

[www.illinoislegalaid.org](http://www.illinoislegalaid.org)

Provides: Legal services for people who cannot afford a lawyer. Legal aid advocates and pro bono professionals representing lower-income Illinois residents. ILAO put the law within reach for everyone with a legal problem in Illinois, regardless of their location, income, and education. Access user-friendly online legal information and services from anywhere.

### **NAD Law and Advocacy Center**

8630 Fenton St., Suite 820, Silver Springs, Maryland 20910-3819

[www.nad.org/issues/about-law-and-advocacy-center](http://www.nad.org/issues/about-law-and-advocacy-center)

VideoPhone: (310) 338-6380 (Convo)

VideoPhone: (310) 587-1788 (Purple/ZVRS)

VideoPhone: (310) 328-1443 (Sorenson)

Description: Clearinghouse for general legal information about deaf-related issues. This information is available to deaf and hard of hearing individuals, their families and friends; to organizations serving deaf and hard of hearing people; and to employers, government agencies, service providers, and businesses.

### **Resources DDBHH Immigrants, Refugees, and Asylum Seekers**

#### **Deaf Refugee Advocacy**

260 E. Main St., Suite 3500, Rochester, New York 14604

[www.deafrefugeeadvocacy.org](http://www.deafrefugeeadvocacy.org)

Phone: (585) 286-3440

VideoPhone: (585) 286-3440

Provides: Direct services (education and case management), promote advocacy and full language access for deaf refugees, asylum-seekers, and immigrants, provide outreach services (collaboration, consultation, and education) to existing organizations and agencies.

#### **National Immigrant Justice Center (NIJC)**

111 W. Jackson Blvd., Suite 800, Chicago, Illinois 60604

[www.immigrantjustice.org](http://www.immigrantjustice.org)

Description: Defending the rights of immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers. NIJC provides legal consultations and representation for low-income immigrants seeking a wide range of immigration legal relief.

## Sign Language Interpreter Agencies\*

### Chicago Hearing Society (CHS)

2017 N. Mendell St., Suite 3NE, Chicago, IL 60614

[www.chicagohearingsociety.org](http://www.chicagohearingsociety.org)

Email: [CHSInterp@anixter.org](mailto:CHSInterp@anixter.org)

Phone: (773) 248-9121 Ext. 311 or 312

VideoPhone: (773) 328-8788

### Mosaico Interpreting Company

[www.mosaicointerpreting.com](http://www.mosaicointerpreting.com)

Email: [info@mosaicinterpreting.com](mailto:info@mosaicinterpreting.com)

VideoPhone: (773) 312-5638

Phone: (773) 505-6778

\* There are numerous interpreter agency resources available online. The agencies listed here specialize in sign language interpretation and are **based locally**.

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For information on Interpreter Code of Professional Conduct, Certifications,  
and Standard Practice Papers:

### Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf

[www.rid.org](http://www.rid.org)

For information on Court Interpretation:

### Illinois Supreme Court

#### Code of Ethics for Interpreters in the Illinois State Court System

[https://ilcourtsaudio.blob.core.windows.net/antilles-resources/resources/0ce2929c-d1bb-4407-aebf-6d6d359a8593/Illinois\\_Code\\_of\\_Interpreter\\_Ethics.pdf](https://ilcourtsaudio.blob.core.windows.net/antilles-resources/resources/0ce2929c-d1bb-4407-aebf-6d6d359a8593/Illinois_Code_of_Interpreter_Ethics.pdf)

For Legal Terminology in ASL and Best Practices for ASL Interpreters in Court

### National Consortium of Interpreter Education Centers

<http://www.interpretereducation.org/specialization/legal/terminology/>

## American Sign Language Classes

### **American Society for Deaf Children**

<https://deafchildren.org>

Email: [info@deafchildren.org](mailto:info@deafchildren.org)

Phone: (800) 942-2732 (ASDC)

Provides: The American Society for Deaf Children (ASDC) is committed to empowering all families with deaf and hard-of-hearing children and youth by embracing full language and communication access in inclusive environments through mentoring, advocacy, resources, and collaborative networks.

### **Center for Sight & Hearing**

8038 MacIntosh Ln., P.O. Box 5944, Rockford, Illinois 61125

[www.cshil.org](http://www.cshil.org)

Email: [info@cshil.org](mailto:info@cshil.org)

Voice: (815) 332-6800

### **Chicago Hearing Society**

2017 N. Mendell St., Suite 3NE, Chicago, IL 60614

[www.chicagohearingsociety.org](http://www.chicagohearingsociety.org)

Phone: (773) 248-9121

VideoPhone: (773) 904-0154

Email: [CHSLearn@anixter.org](mailto:CHSLearn@anixter.org)

### **Chicago Park District**

Citywide Recreational Park Programs

Kennicott Park

4434 S. Lake Park Ave., Chicago, Illinois 60653

Contact: Sarah B. Faber, Program & Event Coordinator

Phone: (773) 796-3525

Text only: (312) 399-9574

Email: [sarah.faber@chicagoparkdistrict.com](mailto:sarah.faber@chicagoparkdistrict.com)

### **Columbia College**

ASL Studies

600 S Michigan Ave., Chicago, Illinois 60605

Website: [www.colum.edu](http://www.colum.edu)

**College of DuPage**

425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn, Illinois 60137

[www.cod.edu/programs/american-sign-language-interpreting/](http://www.cod.edu/programs/american-sign-language-interpreting/)

Contact: Adam Wasilewski, Coordinator/Instructor

Phone: (630) 318-6806

Email: [Wasilewskia54@cod.edu](mailto:Wasilewskia54@cod.edu)

**Harper College**

1200 Algonquin Rd., Palatine, Illinois 60067

[www.harpercollege.edu/academics/liberal-arts/world-languages/asl/](http://www.harpercollege.edu/academics/liberal-arts/world-languages/asl/)

Contact: Marcos Aguilar, Instructor

Phone: (224) 836- 4725

Email: [am24646@harpercollege.edu](mailto:am24646@harpercollege.edu)

**Moraine Valley Community College**

9000 W. College Pkwy, Palos Hills, Illinois 60465

[www.morainevalley.edu](http://www.morainevalley.edu)

Phone: (708) 974-4300

Email: [asl@morainevalley.edu](mailto:asl@morainevalley.edu)

Provides: Individual and family sign language classes. Family sign language classes - FREE to families with Deaf and hard-of-hearing children birth through high school.

**Waubonsee Community College**

Route 47 Waubonsee Dr., Sugar Grove, Illinois 60555

[www.waubonsee.edu/programs-courses/programs-subject/public-and-human-services/sign-language](http://www.waubonsee.edu/programs-courses/programs-subject/public-and-human-services/sign-language)

Phone: (630) 466-7900

**INDIVIDUAL PROVIDERS****Carmen Aguilar**

Email: [carmita008@gmail.com](mailto:carmita008@gmail.com)

VP: (224) 520-9760

Teaches Spanish, American Sign Language, English

**Vanous Washington****Washington Sign Language Services**

*Classes taught remotely*

Email: [washingtonsvs@gmail.com](mailto:washingtonsvs@gmail.com)

## Linguistics Experts / Evaluators

### **Betty M. Colonomos**

**Bilingual Mediation Center, Inc. (BMC)**

[www.visitbmc.com](http://www.visitbmc.com)

Email: [visitbmc@verizon.net](mailto:visitbmc@verizon.net)

Specialty: Education background: Speech Pathology, Audiology and Deaf Education, Counseling with Deaf and HoH, and Linguistics. Betty has served as the chair of many national committees on standards and evaluation of interpreters and currently serves on the CIT Task Force on credentialing of interpreter educators.

Well-known as an educator of interpreters and a language consultant, Betty developed the Integrated Model of Interpreting - the most widely used model for teaching processes used in training sign language interpreters. She has developed curricula for two national grant programs, CLIMB (for interpreters working in legal settings) and IRIS (for interpreters working in rural settings). She consults with schools and the legal system as an expert on linguistics and cultural issues impacting the Deaf community and provides services in the area of instruction, consultation, mentorship, cross-cultural mediation, language assessment, interpretation, translation and curriculum development.

### **Nicholas Gala, PhD**

Email: [Nicholas.Gala@gallaudet.edu](mailto:Nicholas.Gala@gallaudet.edu)

Phone: (585) 217-3807

Specialty: Dr. Gala is a licensed clinical psychologist with a Virginia state certification in the treatment and restoration of sex offenders. With significant experience with forensic neuropsychological assessment. Dr. Gala earned his doctoral degree in clinical psychology at Gallaudet University in Washington, DC. Doctoral training included specialty training in the acquisition of American Sign Language (ASL), use of ASL in clinical practice, and cultural understanding of mental illness within deaf culture. Worked with the Laurent Clerc National Deaf Education Center conducting research to assess, enhance, and strengthen educational policies and practices related to children who are deaf and hard-of-hearing. Research focused on language acquisition, academic performance, psychological development, and parent advocacy. Results used to establish and inform federal and state standards for the best educational practice for children who are deaf and hard-of-hearing.

**Brian Hartman, PsyD**  
**Psychological Assessment Services for the Deaf**  
4600 E. Washington St., Ste. 300, Phoenix, Arizona 85034  
[www.pasdeaf.com](http://www.pasdeaf.com)  
Email: [DrHartman@pasdeaf.com](mailto:DrHartman@pasdeaf.com)  
VideoPhone: (602) 649-0755

Specialty: Psychological Assessment Services for the Deaf is primarily focused on forensic assessment. As a psychologist specializing in assessment of deaf and hard of hearing individuals, with additional training and experience in forensic psychology, PAS provides evaluations that address relevant psycho-legal questions with attention to the cultural and linguistic issues that may impact the legal process.

Assessments: intellectual, academic, adaptive behavior, neuropsychological (executive functioning, learning and memory, etc.), behavioral, personality, forensic (competency to stand trial, violence risk, stalking risk, risk management planning, parental fitness, etc.)

**Robert Pollard, Ph. D.**  
1272 Lakeshore Dr., Webster, New York, 14580  
[www.urmc.rochester.edu/people/112358521-robert-q-pollard](http://www.urmc.rochester.edu/people/112358521-robert-q-pollard)  
Email: [RQPollard@gmail.com](mailto:RQPollard@gmail.com)  
Phone: (585) 275-3544

Specialty: Robert Pollard, Ph.D., is a Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Rochester School of Medicine where he founded and directs the Deaf Wellness Center (DWC). The DWC is home to numerous initiatives pertaining to mental health, public health, sign language interpreting, and professional education opportunities for deaf people. Dr. Pollard's work has been recognized with many national and international awards and honors. He has been principal investigator on over 40 federal, foundation, regional, and local grants totaling over \$5M, has published over 80 articles and book chapters, and produced 15 films in American Sign Language for Deaf audiences. Dr. Pollard's scholarship interests include psychopathology, psychological testing, sign language interpreting, forensic evaluation, intimate partner violence, and public health issues affecting the deaf population. He is active in several national organizations, especially the American Psychological Association, where he founded a Special Interest Section on Deafness.

**Martha Welch, PsyD, SPSA**  
Forensic Placement Evaluator  
Illinois Department of Human Services  
Division of Mental Health  
Bureau of Forensic and Justice Services  
401 South Clinton Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Chicago, IL 60607  
[DHS.mhforensices@illinois.gov](mailto:DHS.mhforensices@illinois.gov)  
Email: [Martha.Welch@illinois.gov](mailto:Martha.Welch@illinois.gov)  
Phone: (312) 350-8763

Specialty: Licensed Clinical Psychologist with extensive experience in diverse psychological settings. Licensed Clinical Psychologist for the State of Illinois and held the position of Director of Psychology at Elgin Mental Health Center until February 2024, where responsibilities included overseeing the Departments of Psychology, Social Work, and Rehabilitation Services. Clinical experience includes significant roles as a Clinical Psychologist at Compass Behavioral Health and Neurobehavioral Medicine Consultants, as well as post-doctoral and internship positions focused on the assessment and treatment of individuals deemed unfit to stand trial. Psy.D. in Clinical Psychology with a concentration in Neuropsychology and Health Psychology from the Illinois School of Professional Psychology.

**Lori A. Whynot, PhD**  
**Professor of Interpreting and**  
**Director of ASL & Interpreting Education Program at Northeastern University, Boston**  
<https://cssh.northeastern.edu/faculty/director/>  
Email: [l.whynot@northeastern.edu](mailto:l.whynot@northeastern.edu)  
[whynotlori@gmail.com](mailto:whynotlori@gmail.com)

Specialty: Educational background: B.A. Psychology; M.A. Intercultural Relations; PhD Linguistics. Interpreter teacher over 24 years. Interpreting and translation over 30 years. Published on interpreting mentorship, linguistic features of international signing (IS), and collaborative works on sign language translation and multilingual interpreting. Working languages: English, ASL, Auslan, French, and International Signing strategies.

Expert consultation on interpreting skills, credentials, and assessment, translation, linguistics and language analysis, cognitive and sociolinguistic aspects of interpreting, corpus-informed research methods, multilingualism and sign language contact phenomena, sociocultural differences between deaf and hearing groups, and formal translation of ASL into written form.

**Wilson Clinical Services, PLLC**

1117 A Street, Tacoma, Washington 98402

[www.wilsonclinical.com](http://www.wilsonclinical.com)

Email: [frontdesk@wilsonclinical.com](mailto:frontdesk@wilsonclinical.com)

Phone: (253) 200-0255

Specialty: Exceptional holistic care for psychological well-being for all - with a specialty in Deaf, Hard of Hearing, DeafBlind, and Blind. Services include psychopharmacology, comprehensive psychological and neuropsychological evaluations, psychotherapy and counseling services, forensic services, telepsychiatry and telehealth, presentations, group therapy and interpersonal development, psychoeducational assessments and school interventions, organizational consultations, case management and consultation, research, and supervision. Services provided by qualified Deaf professionals directly in sign language without the need for an interpreter for a more accurate diagnosis.

# **Communication Access Realtime Translation (CART) Captioning**

Communication Access Realtime Translation (CART) is the instantaneous translation of the spoken word into English text using a stenotype machine, computer, and realtime software which is then displayed on a computer, TV monitor, or large screen. CART may be provided in person or remotely (through the internet).

The display is not only the spoken word translated into written text, but also speaker identification, and a description of environmental sounds, when possible, which allows the CART consumer to have a complete understanding of what is transpiring.

The Americans with Disabilities Act specifically recognizes CART as an assistive technology which affords “effective communication access.” Although CART is frequently requested by individuals who are deaf or hard-of-hearing, it may also be requested by others.

CART does not produce an official court transcript. CART is an interpreting device only. The Official Court Reporter assigned to the courtroom produces the official transcript.

For a list of Certified Realtime Captioners (CRC) and Certified Shorthand Reporters (CSR):  
**Illinois Court Reporters Association**  
[www.ilcra.org/cart](http://www.ilcra.org/cart)

**National Court Reporters Association**  
[www.ncra.org](http://www.ncra.org)

## **AGENCIES**

**Chicago Hearing Society (CHS)**  
2017 N. Mendell St., Suite 3NE, Chicago, IL 60614  
[www.chicagohearingsociety.org](http://www.chicagohearingsociety.org)  
Email: [CHSInterp@anixter.org](mailto:CHSInterp@anixter.org)  
VP: (773) 328-8788  
Phone: (773) 248-9121 Ext. 311 or 312

**Caption First**  
P. O. Box 3066, Monument, Colorado 80132  
[www.captionfirst.com](http://www.captionfirst.com)  
Email: [Info@captionfirst.com](mailto:Info@captionfirst.com)  
Phone: (719) 941-9557

**Dillon Reporting Service**

**Tina Dillon, CRC, CSR**

Elmhurst, Illinois

Phone: (630) 254-5652

Email: [tina@dillonreporting.com](mailto:tina@dillonreporting.com)

**Efficiency Reporting**

**Catherine A. Rajcan, CRC, CSR**

Wheaton, Illinois

Phone: (630) 682-8887

Email: [Efficiencyrptg@cs.com](mailto:Efficiencyrptg@cs.com)

**LMH Certified Reporting**

**LeAnn M. Hibler, CRC, CSR**

Joliet, Illinois

Phone: (815) 922-6221

Email: [LMHReporting@aol.com](mailto:LMHReporting@aol.com)

**Zeke Alicea**

Chicago, Illinois

Phone: (773) 620-6791

Email: [Ezekiel.captioner@gmail.com](mailto:Ezekiel.captioner@gmail.com)

**REMOTE ONLY - nationwide**

**Jane Piles, CSR, RPR, CRR, CBC**

Phone: (785) 231-9306

Email: [Jane@JanePilesInc.com](mailto:Jane@JanePilesInc.com)

**Dana Bostian**

Email: [Dana@BostianCaptioning.com](mailto:Dana@BostianCaptioning.com)

# Assistive Technology

## CapTel

[www.captel.com](http://www.captel.com)

Phone: 800-233-9130

State of Illinois

[www.captel.com/states/illinois/](http://www.captel.com/states/illinois/)

Email: [epennell@itactty.org](mailto:epennell@itactty.org)

Phone: (800) 841-6167

Services: CapTel phone displays every word the caller says throughout the conversation. CapTel phone users can listen to the caller, and can read the written captions in the CapTel's bright display window.

## Diglo

[www.diglo.com](http://www.diglo.com)

Products: Various devices for Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Hearing Loss, Alarm Clock, Emergency Alarms, FM system, Signaler System, Telephones, Personal Amplifiers, TV listeners, Hearing Aid Accessories, Speech Assistance, Mobile Accessories, and Books/Media.

## HITEC / ClearSounds

P.O. Box 2970, Wimberley, Texas 78676

[www.hitec.com](http://www.hitec.com)

Email: [info@clearsounds.com](mailto:info@clearsounds.com) or [info@hitec.com](mailto:info@hitec.com)

Phone: (800) 965-9043 or (800) 288- 8303

TTY: (888) 814-5359

Description: HITEC provides a variety of assistive technology including amplified telephones, TTYs, alarm clocks, smoke detectors, alerting devices, and more.

## ICANCONNECT

[www.icanconnect.org](http://www.icanconnect.org)

Services: Provides individuals with combined vision and hearing loss and meet federal income guidelines with free communication technology and training to stay connected with family and friends.

**Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation (ITAC)**

3001 Montvale Dr., Suite A, Springfield, IL 62704

<https://www.itactty.org>

Phone: (800) 841-6167

Description: ITAC has been issuing equipment since 1988 to provide telephone access to Illinois residents who are Hard of Hearing, Late Deafened, Deaf, Deaf-Blind or Speech-disabled.

**Ultratec**

450 Science Dr., Madison, Wisconsin 53711

[www.ultratec.com](http://www.ultratec.com)

Email: [service@ultratec.com](mailto:service@ultratec.com)

Phone/TTY: (800) 482-2424

Products: CapTel and Text Telephones

## Telecommunications & Technology Video Relay Service (VRS)

Telecommunication Technology for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing such as VideoPhone (VP) and Video Relay Services (VRS).

Video Relay Service (VRS) is a form of Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS) that enables persons with hearing loss who use American Sign Language (ASL) to communicate to call voice telephone users through a live interpreter on video equipment, rather than through typed text. VRS is regulated by the Federal Communication Commission (FCC). **Individuals must be in a separate location.**

**The VideoPhone device is free to Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals; however, the device requires High-Speed Internet to place a call.**

### Convo Relay

[www.convorelay.com](http://www.convorelay.com)

Voice/VideoPhone: (510) 629-5622

### Purple Communications\*

[www.purplevrs.com](http://www.purplevrs.com)

Voice/VideoPhone: (877) 885-3172

### Sorenson Communication\*

[www.sorenson.com](http://www.sorenson.com)

Voice/VideoPhone: (801) 386-8500

### ZVRS

[www.zvrs.com](http://www.zvrs.com)

Voice/VideoPhone: (866) 932-7891

### **\*Video Remote Interpreting (VRI) also provided by these companies**

On-demand interpreting service that provides communication access between Deaf or Hard of Hearing persons and hearing persons that are **in the same location**, utilizing an interpreter through a computer with a webcam or tablet using a high-speed data connection. Interpreting services provided at an affordable rate per minute.

## Helpful Apps

These are the apps on your phone that may be useful for communicating with individuals who are Deaf, DeafBlind, or Hard of Hearing.



**Ava** is a live captioning solution for empowering Deaf & hard-of-hearing people.



**Big text** app helps you enlarge text on your smartphone device, which is useful both for yourself when using it, or when showing it to others. You can control how large the text gets on your screen easily with a size slider, so you can adjust it to your own personal preferences. These kinds of apps are great for when you simply need things on your phone to be larger, because they're too small and strain your eyes.



**CaptionMate** is a free app that instantly transcribes both sides of a phone call to assist you in your personal, work or school life. This simple tool makes communicating easier with your mobile phone, landline, tablet or computer.



**Cardzilla** is a mobile app that enlarges the text and emojis you type to fill the screen of your iPhone or iPad, so others can read it at a distance.



**InnoCaption** is a real-time captioning technology makes phone calls easy and accessible for the deaf and hard of hearing community.



**Nagish** uses artificial intelligence (AI) to convert text-to-speech and speech-to-text in real time. Our tech makes it easy to place and receive calls without hearing or speaking. Instead, you can type and read.



**Otter** is a transcription software designed to help educational institutions and corporate businesses generate notes for meetings, interviews, and lectures through voice dictation or file transcription. The artificial intelligence (AI)-enabled solution allows organizations to record, edit, organize, and save voice notes and interactions in a centralized repository.



**Sound Amplifier** makes everyday conversations and surrounding sounds more accessible among people who are hard-of-hearing, using just your Android phone and a pair of headphones. Use Sound Amplifier to filter, augment, and amplify sounds around you and on your device, to provide a more comfortable and natural listening experience.

## Advocacy and Support Services

### **Access Living - CIL**

115 W. Chicago Ave., Chicago, Illinois 60654

[www.accessliving.org](http://www.accessliving.org)

Contact: Amber Smock

Email: [asmock@accessliving.org](mailto:asmock@accessliving.org)

Phone: (312) 640-2100

VideoPhone: (312) 957-4843

Provides: Rights, needs, and services for people with disabilities; works toward to their full integration into the community.

### **Achieving Independence and Mobility (AIM) - CIL**

Center for Independent Living

3130 Finley Rd., Suite 500, Downers Grove, Illinois 60515

<https://aim-cil.org>

Email: [support@aim-cil.org](mailto:support@aim-cil.org)

VideoPhone: (630) 984-4251

Phone: (630) 469-2300

Provides: Advocacy, independent living skills training, information and referral, peer mentoring and counseling, and transitioning services in DuPage, Kane, and Kendall Counties.

### **American Society for Deaf Children**

<https://deafchildren.org>

Email: [info@deafchildren.org](mailto:info@deafchildren.org)

Phone: (800) 942-2732 (ASDC)

Provides: The American Society for Deaf Children (ASDC) is committed to empowering all families with deaf and hard-of-hearing children and youth by embracing full language and communication access in inclusive environments through mentoring, advocacy, resources, and collaborative networks.

**Association of Late Deafened Adults (ALDA), Inc.  
National Office**

8038 MacIntosh Ln., Suite 2, Rockford, Illinois 61107

Email: [info@alda.org](mailto:info@alda.org)

Phone/TTY: (815) 200-9339

**ALDA Chicago**

P.O. Box 102, Lombard, Illinois 60148

[www.aldachicago.org](http://www.aldachicago.org)

Email: [aldachicago@gmail.com](mailto:aldachicago@gmail.com)

Provides: Support, camaraderie, education, advocacy and resources.

**Chicago Hearing Society (CHS)**

2017 N. Mendell St., Suite 3NE, Chicago, IL 60614

[www.chicagohearingsociety.org](http://www.chicagohearingsociety.org)

Email: [AskCHS@anixter.org](mailto:AskCHS@anixter.org)

VideoPhone: (773) 904-0154

Phone: (773) 248-9121

Provides: Community Support including domestic violence counseling and general social services and advocacy, Youth & Family Connections Program, DeafBlind Program, Training & Education, Audiology Services, and Interpreter Services.

**CHS Youth & Family Connections (YFC)**

2017 N. Mendell St., Suite 3NE, Chicago, IL 60614

[www.chicagohearingsociety.org](http://www.chicagohearingsociety.org)

Email: [CHSYouth@anixter.org](mailto:CHSYouth@anixter.org)

Email: [CHSCOA@anixter.org](mailto:CHSCOA@anixter.org)

VideoPhone: (773) 904-0154

Phone: (773) 248-9121

Description: CHS YFC is a statewide advisory committee of parents and professionals ensuring that children who are Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard of Hearing and their families connect with the necessary resources, advocacy, information, services and support within the home, school, and community.

### **CHS Deaf Adult Education Access Program (DAEAP)**

2017 N. Mendell St. Suite 3NE, Chicago, Illinois 60614

[www.chicagohearingsociety.org](http://www.chicagohearingsociety.org)

Email: [CHSCOA@anixter.org](mailto:CHSCOA@anixter.org)

Phone: (773) 248-9121

Mobile: (312) 523-6400

VideoPhone: (773) 904-0154

Description: Support for Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard of Hearing who are new to the United States who want to learn English.

### **CHS Domestic Violence Program**

2017 N. Mendell St. Suite 3NE, Chicago, IL 60614

[www.chicagohearingsociety.org](http://www.chicagohearingsociety.org)

Email: [CHSCOA@anixter.org](mailto:CHSCOA@anixter.org)

VideoPhone: (773) 904-0154

Phone: (773) 248-9121

Fax: (773) 409-1544

Services: Assist DDBHH survivors of domestic violence and their children secure shelter from further abuse. Information, support, counseling, and advocacy to help survivors exercise their rights and take advantage of their options. Collaborate with other community programs to help survivors become self-sufficient.

### **Chicagoland Deaf Seniors (CDS)**

407 W. Clarendon St, Prospect Heights, IL 60070-1403

Contact: Ellen Cooke

Email: [ecqgke@aol.com](mailto:ecqgke@aol.com)

VideoPhone: (847) 637-5156

Provides: Support, education and social gathering for Deaf, DeafBlind and Hard of Hearing Senior Citizens

### **Daniel Roche**

**Early Intervention Specialist – Independent Provider**

**Developmental Therapy – Hearing Specialist**

Email: [DRoche4559@gmail.com](mailto:DRoche4559@gmail.com)

Phone: (708) 829-9188

Provides: Independent provider serving DHH families in Illinois. Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) programs refer parents and caregivers to resources that support positive parenting with appropriate and comprehensive information. Dan

works collaboratively to support new families in adapting to the news that their child is deaf or hard of hearing, and the changes and opportunities that it brings.

**DEAF, Inc.**

25 E. Frisco Ave, Webster Groves, MO 63119

[www.deafinc.org](http://www.deafinc.org)

Email: [info@deafinc.org](mailto:info@deafinc.org)

Phone: (314) 714-6400

Provides: A meaningful unity of community outreach, training, education, advocacy, media, visual arts, and interpreting.

**Deaf Refugee Advocacy**

260 E. Main St., Suite 3500, Rochester, New York 14604

[www.deafrefugeeadvocacy.org](http://www.deafrefugeeadvocacy.org)

VideoPhone: (585) 286-3440

Provides: Direct services (education and case management), promote advocacy and full language access for deaf refugees, asylum-seekers, and immigrants, provide outreach services (collaboration, consultation, and education) to existing organizations and agencies.

**Disability Resource Center of Joliet (DRC)**

77 N. 129<sup>th</sup> Infantry Dr., Joliet, Illinois 60435

[www.drcjoliet.org](http://www.drcjoliet.org)

Contact: Delaney Woodall, Independent Living Advocate and Deaf Services Coordinator

Email: [delaney@drcjoliet.org](mailto:delaney@drcjoliet.org)

Phone: (815) 729-0162

VideoPhone: (815) 768-2582

Provides: Disability Resource Center provides advocacy and support services to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Communities.

**HEARD**

[www.behearddc.org](http://www.behearddc.org)

Programs: Incarcerated advocacy, reentry support, community education, resources for currently and formerly incarcerated deaf/disabled individuals.

**Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA)**

6116 Executive Blvd., Suite 320, Rockville, Maryland 20852

[www.hearingloss.org](http://www.hearingloss.org)

Email: [inquiries@hearingloss.org](mailto:inquiries@hearingloss.org)

Phone: (301) 657-2248

Provides: The mission of HLAA is open the world of communication to people with hearing loss by providing information, education, support, and advocacy.

**Illinois Association of the Deaf (IAD)**

[www.iadeaf.org](http://www.iadeaf.org)

Services: Illinois Association of the Deaf (IAD) is Illinois' leading civil rights organization of, by and for deaf and hard of hearing Illinoisans. IAD is committed to addressing numerous advocacy causes, including early intervention, education, employment, healthcare, technology, telecommunications, youth leadership and more.

**Illinois/Iowa Center for Independent Living**

501 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Rock Island, IL 61201

[www.iicil.com](http://www.iicil.com)

Contact: Hershel Jackson, Deaf Services Coordinator

Email: [hershel@iicil.com](mailto:hershel@iicil.com)

VideoPhone: (309) 948-6050

Voice: (309) 793-0090

Provides: The mission of IICIL is to create and maintain independence options for people with disabilities by advocating for civil rights, providing services, and promoting full participation of disabled individuals in all aspects of the community. The IICIL serves persons of all ages with all types of disabilities and their families who live in: Rock Island, Henry and Mercer counties in Illinois, and Clinton, Scott and Muscatine counties in Iowa.

**Illinois Network of Centers for Independent Living (INCIL)**

828 South 2nd St., Unit 301, Springfield, Illinois 62704

[www.incil.org](http://www.incil.org)

Phone: (217) 525-1308

Provides: INCIL is the Coalition of Illinois' Centers for Independent Living (CILs). CILs exist to help people with disabilities achieve maximum independence in work, school, housing, transportation, and health care. All CILs provide core services of peer support and mentoring, information and referral, individual and systems advocacy, independent living skills training, and transition support, in addition to community-based offerings based on local needs.

*\*CILs with Deaf Service Coordinators listed separately in this Directory. INCIL has a full listing of all CILs throughout the state of Illinois.*

**Jacksonville Community Center for the Deaf (JCCD)**

907 West Superior Ave, Jacksonville, IL 62650

[www.jccd.org](http://www.jccd.org)

VideoPhone: (217) 408-0181

Provides: A center for general information on the Deaf. It provides referrals for the public and promotes the visibility of the Deaf community at events, council workshops, meetings, and other activities.

**National Association of the Deaf (NAD)**

8630 Fenton St., Suite 202, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

[www.nad.org](http://www.nad.org)

Email: [nad.info@nad.org](mailto:nad.info@nad.org)

Purple/ZVRS VideoPhone: (301) 587-1788

Sorenson VideoPhone: (301) 328-1443

Convo VideoPhone: (301) 338-6380

TTY: (301) 910-3182

Description: NAD is the nation's premier civil rights organization of, by and for deaf and hard of hearing individuals in the US. NAD has a very broad advocacy scope in the areas of early intervention, education, employment, health care, technology, telecommunications, youth leadership, and more. NAD also carries out its federal advocacy work through coalition efforts with specialized national deaf and hard of hearing organizations, as well as coalitions representing national cross-disability organizations. On the international front, the NAD represents the United States of America to the World Federation of the Deaf (WFD), an international human rights organization.

**Progress Center for Independent Living (PCIL)**

7521 Madison St., Forest Park, Illinois 60130

[www.progresscil.org](http://www.progresscil.org)

Contact: Carol Nemecek-Kowalski, Deaf Services Coordinator

Email: [caroln@progresscil.org](mailto:caroln@progresscil.org)

Voice: (708) 209-1500

VideoPhone: (708) 689-1378

Provides: Advocacy and Support Services to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community

**Schaumburg Township Deaf Services**

1 Illinois Blvd., Hoffman Estates, Illinois 60169

Contact: Sarita Phadke, Deaf Services Coordinator

Email: [sphadke@schtwn.org](mailto:sphadke@schtwn.org)

VideoPhone: (224) 520-9763

Services: Social Services, Deaf Social/Support Group, Diabetes Support Group for the Deaf, Health Education, Events/Programs, Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP), ITAC Selection Center/Distribution(Amplified Phones, I-Pad, I-Phone, etc.)

**TradeWinds Services**

3198 E. 83<sup>rd</sup> Place, Merrillville, IN 46410

[www.tradewindsnwi.org](http://www.tradewindsnwi.org)

Email: [info@tradewindsnwi.org](mailto:info@tradewindsnwi.org)

Phone: (219) 945-0100

Provides: A wide array of services for both children and adults with disabilities, including adult day programs, employment services, residential living options, summer camps, and therapy.

## **Service Dogs for the Deaf**

Service Dogs for the Deaf alert individuals to important sounds such as a smoke alarm, doorbell, alarm clock, telephone ring, or child's cry. Hearing Dogs can also be taught to respond to American Sign Language. By federal law, service animals including hearing dogs may go anywhere the public is permitted (restaurants, stores, government buildings, etc.) and live in housing where pets are prohibited. They are not pets. They are valuable assistants for people with disabilities.

### **American Kennel Club**

[www.akc.org/expert-advice/training/hearing-dogs/](http://www.akc.org/expert-advice/training/hearing-dogs/)

### **Canine Companions**

[www.canine.org/service-dogs/our-dogs/hearing-dogs/](http://www.canine.org/service-dogs/our-dogs/hearing-dogs/)

### **Paws with a Cause**

[www.pawswithacause.org/what-we-do/assistance-dogs/hearing-dogs/](http://www.pawswithacause.org/what-we-do/assistance-dogs/hearing-dogs/)

### **US Service Animals**

[www.usserviceanimals.org/blog/service-dog-for-the-deaf/](http://www.usserviceanimals.org/blog/service-dog-for-the-deaf/)

### **International Hearing Dogs**

[www.hearingdog.org](http://www.hearingdog.org)

## DeafBlind Programs / Services

### Chicago Hearing Society (CHS)

2017 N. Mendell St., Suite 3NE, Chicago, IL 60614

[www.chicagohearingsociety.org](http://www.chicagohearingsociety.org)

Contact: Jason Weiland, DeafBlind Program Coordinator

Email: [JWeiland@anixter.org](mailto:JWeiland@anixter.org)

VideoPhone: (312) 957-4865

Text: (773) 796-1373

Provides: Advocacy for access and services, independent living skills, tactile ASL instruction, and free equipment and training for individuals with vision and hearing loss in the State of Illinois who meet the disability and income guidelines.

### Chicago Lighthouse

1850 W. Roosevelt Rd., Chicago, Illinois 60608

[www.chicagolighthouse.org](http://www.chicagolighthouse.org)

VideoPhone: (312) 957-4865

Phone: (312) 666-1331

Fax: (312) 243-8539

Provides: The Chicago Lighthouse is a world-renowned social service organization serving the blind, visually impaired, disabled, and Veteran communities. Recognized as a pioneer in innovation since 1906, The Chicago Lighthouse provides vision rehabilitation services, education, employment opportunities and assistive technology for people of all ages.

### Center for Sight & Hearing

8038 MacIntosh Ln., PO Box 5944, Rockford, Illinois 61125-0944

[www.cshil.org](http://www.cshil.org)

Email: [info@cshil.org](mailto:info@cshil.org)

Voice: (815) 332-6800

Provides: We enhance the quality of life for our patients and clients through comprehensive clinical, therapeutic, and support programs and services. Our experienced and dedicated staff provide personalized solutions to people with any level of vision or hearing loss at our state-of-the-art facility.

**DeafBlind Service Center**

1620 18<sup>th</sup> Ave, Suite #200, Seattle, Washington 98122

[www.seattledbsc.org](http://www.seattledbsc.org)

VideoPhone: (206) 455-7932

Voice: (206) 323-9178

Statement: The DeafBlind Service Center (DBSC) is committed to assisting deafblind people in reaching and maintaining their highest possible quality of life and degree of personal autonomy.

**Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults**

National Level

141 Middle Neck Rd., Sands Point, New York 11050

[www.helenkeller.org/hknc/](http://www.helenkeller.org/hknc/)

Email: [hkncinfo@hknc.org](mailto:hkncinfo@hknc.org)

Phone: (516) 944-8900 ext. 1299

Services: DeafBlind Equipment Distribution Program, Life Planning Community Based Program, Orientation and Mobility Program, Leadership

**Illinois Center for Rehabilitation and Education-Wood (ICRE-Wood)**

1151 South Wood St., Chicago, Illinois 60608

[www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=158162](http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=158162)

Voice: (312) 633-3520

TTY: (312) 633-3828

Statement: The mission of ICRE-Wood is to provide transition services including independent living, post-secondary education, vocational training, advocacy, community participation and services to assist students with disabilities in achieving the highest level of independence in community living and employment.

**Illinois Department of Human Services****Division of Rehabilitation Services****Bureau of Blind Services**

P.O. Box 19429, Springfield, Illinois 62794

Voice / TTY: (217) 785-3887

Services: Provides information on other programs for people who are blind or visually impaired. Senior Day Program

## Mental Health Services and Deafness

### **Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center**

Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program  
Behavioral Health Services  
913 W. Wellington Ave, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Chicago, IL 60657  
[www.advocatehealth.com](http://www.advocatehealth.com)

Contact: Carrie Vasquez  
Email: [carrie.vasquez@aah.org](mailto:carrie.vasquez@aah.org)  
VideoPhone: (773) 904-0126  
Office Phone: (872) 843-0200  
(872) 862-0208  
Direct: (708) 872-7382

Description: Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center's Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program provides comprehensive mental health care in American Sign Language to deaf, hard-of-hearing, and deaf-blind children and adults, as well as their hearing family members, in the six-county Chicago area and beyond.

### **Anixter Mental Health Services**

<https://anixter.org/mental-health/>  
Email: [mentalhealth@anixter.org](mailto:mentalhealth@anixter.org)  
VideoPhone: (773) 649-1792  
Phone: (630) 927-0426 for Mental Health Intake  
(773) 973-7900 ext. 230 for General Info  
Fax: (872) 203-0389

Description: Mental health counseling sessions in-office or virtual (tele-health) for adults, youth and family (English and ASL). Case management and day-program for adults (18+) with intellectual or developmental disabilities and are Deaf, DeafBlind, or Hard of Hearing for group therapy, skill building, community support, and psychosocial rehabilitation.

### **Centerview Therapeutic Center**

3444 W. Dundee Rd., Northbrook, Illinois 60062

[www.centerondeafness.org](http://www.centerondeafness.org)

VideoPhone: (224) 412-4874

Phone: (847) 559-0110

Services: Serving all adults with mental illness or developmental disabilities including the deaf and hard of hearing population who have additional disabilities. Providing treatment and rehabilitation of clients who may return to the community or be integrated into the community with assistance. Residential services for adults located in the community (apartments, townhouses and/or homes) to create a less restrictive and more normal environment. Experienced staff, trained in deafness and fluent in sign language, provide treatment, life skills training, and vocational and social skills training.

### **Evolve Therapeutic Services**

304 W. Mondamin, Suite 104, Minooka, IL 60447

<https://evolvetherapeuticcenter.com>

Email: [evolvetherapeuticcenter@gmail.com](mailto:evolvetherapeuticcenter@gmail.com)

Phone: (815) 274-7308

Services: Fluent in American Sign Language; Provides online counseling.

### **Illinois Services and Resource Center (ISRC)**

959 W. Dundee Rd., Wheeling, Illinois 60090

[www.nsseo.org/services/isrc](http://www.nsseo.org/services/isrc)

Contact person: Cheri Sinnott, Director LCSW

Email: [cheris@isrc.us](mailto:cheris@isrc.us)

Phone: (224) 481-2020

Services: Behavior support for students who are deaf and hard of hearing in Illinois; free training, onsite assistance and resources for parents and educators of students who are deaf or hard of hearing; and develop positive behavior support plans.

### **Sinai Deaf Health**

Sinai Health System

1501 S. California Ave., Chicago, Illinois 60608

VideoPhone: (773) 321-0096

Phone: (773) 257-5300

Description: Sinai Deaf Health offers high quality medical, mental health and support services tailored for deaf and hard of hearing patients and their families by offering doctors experienced in ASL with sign language interpreters in health care visits.

**Sinai Behavioral Health (SCI Building)  
Deaf and Hard of Hearing / Outpatient Program**

2653 W Ogden Ave., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60608

VideoPhone: (773) 321- 0094

Voice: (773) 257-5300

Contact: Jarom Matheson, MSW, LCSW

Email: [jarom.matheson@sinai.org](mailto:jarom.matheson@sinai.org)

Description: Staff is fluent in ASL and culturally sensitive. Close collaboration with Sinai Deaf Team for a comprehensive treatment approach. Adult inpatient psychiatric unit is accessible to deaf and hard of hearing individuals. Outpatient behavioral health services for adults and children include: comprehensive mental health assessment, psychiatric evaluations, medication management, case management, individual therapy, family therapy and group therapy.

**Statewide Deaf and Hard of Hearing Mental Health**

Packard Mental Health Center

901 Southwind Dr., Springfield, Illinois 62703

[www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=155329](http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=155329)

VideoPhone: (217) 303- 5807

Phone: (217) 786-0023

Services: Mental Health Services for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, DeafBlind, and Late-Deafened Communities, Psychiatric Services, Case Management, Individual & Placement program; Recovery Services.

**Thresholds**

4101 N. Ravenswood Ave., Chicago, Illinois 60613

[www.thresholds.org/our-work/programs/deaf-program/](http://www.thresholds.org/our-work/programs/deaf-program/)

Deaf CSI Team Leader: (773) 537-3341

VideoPhone: (773)886-1182

Phone: (773) 537-3341

Services: Comprehensive list of services for persons with severe mental illness who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing. Offers psychiatric and medical care, housing options (group homes, supportive apartments), outreach services, life skills and social groups.

**Martha Welch, Psy.D., SPSA**  
Forensic Placement Evaluator  
Illinois Department of Human Services  
Division of Mental Health  
Bureau of Forensic and Justice Services  
401 South Clinton Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Chicago, IL 60607  
[Dhs.mhforensices@illinois.gov](mailto:Dhs.mhforensices@illinois.gov)  
Email: [martha.welch@illinois.gov](mailto:martha.welch@illinois.gov)  
Phone: (312) 350-8763

**Alabama Mental Health**

100 N. Union St., Montgomery, Alabama, 36130  
[www.mh.alabama.gov/division-of-mental-health-substance-abuse-services/deaf-services/](http://www.mh.alabama.gov/division-of-mental-health-substance-abuse-services/deaf-services/)  
VideoPhone: (334) 239-3558  
Phone: (334) 353-4703  
Email: [alabama.dmh@mh.alabama.gov](mailto:alabama.dmh@mh.alabama.gov)

Description: The Alabama Department of Mental Health has established an Office of Deaf Services to support the mental health needs of over 39,000 deaf or hard of hearing individuals in the state. This initiative includes culturally affirmative services, regionally based staff, small group homes, and specialized training programs for interpreters and clinicians, making Alabama a leader in mental health support for the deaf community and a valuable resource for Illinois.

**Wilson Clinical Services, PLLC**

1117 A Street, Tacoma, Washington 98402  
[www.wilsonclinical.com](http://www.wilsonclinical.com)  
Email: [frontdesk@wilsonclinical.com](mailto:frontdesk@wilsonclinical.com)  
Phone: (253) 200-0255

Provides: Exceptional holistic care for psychological well-being for all - with a specialty in Deaf, Hard of Hearing, DeafBlind, and Blind. Services include psychopharmacology, comprehensive psychological and neuropsychological evaluations, psychotherapy and counseling services, forensic services, telepsychiatry and telehealth, presentations, group therapy and interpersonal development, psychoeducational assessments and school interventions, organizational consultations, case management and consultation, research, and supervision. Services provided by qualified Deaf professionals directly in sign language without the need for an interpreter.

## **NATIONAL TELEHEALTH SERVICE PROVIDERS**

### **Deaf Counseling Center**

[www.deafcounseling.com](http://www.deafcounseling.com)

Email: [frontdesk@deafcounseling.com](mailto:frontdesk@deafcounseling.com)

VideoPhone: (240) 380-2577

Services: Deaf Counseling Center is a Deaf-owned and operated therapy, counseling, coaching, assessments, and psychiatric and consulting practice staffed by Deaf licensed professional therapists. It is always Deaf Counseling Center's goal to offer accessible Deaf therapy services nationwide.

### **National Deaf Therapy**

[www.nationaldeaftherapy.com](http://www.nationaldeaftherapy.com)

Services: From initial contact to intensive ASL therapy sessions, our team is here to center mental health care in every part of the human experience by offering full-service support. We are here to partner with you on your healing journey. We take care of the hassles, so you can focus on yourself.

## **SIGNING THERAPISTS**

### **Vivian Cardona, MS, LCPC**

Cardona Counseling and Consultation (private practitioner)

*Telehealth only*

Email: [viv.cardona1@gmail.com](mailto:viv.cardona1@gmail.com)

Phone: (773) 960-7955

Insurance: Blue Cross Blue Shield, Magellan, Cigna, Aetna

Specialties: Anxiety, Trauma, Depression, Individual and Couples, CODA, and ASL users.

### **Alisa Cohen Stein, LCWS**

5225 Old Orchard Rd., # 27a, Skokie, Illinois 60077

Phone: (847) 673-0511

Insurance: Blue Cross, Cigna, Medicare, Magellan, Aetna, United Health Care, Credit Card

Specialties: Anxiety/Panic/Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, Depression, Relationship Issues, LGBTQIA+ Friendly

**Sophie Follenweider, LPC, PEL, CLC**

**Olive Branch Counseling Associates**

6819 167<sup>th</sup> St., Tinley Park, IL 60451

*Telehealth and In-Person*

Phone: (708) 623-8000

Email: [sophief@olivebranchcounselingassociates.com](mailto:sophief@olivebranchcounselingassociates.com)

Insurance: Blue Cross Blue Shield

New Lenox, IL 6047

*Telehealth and In-Person*

Phone: (815) 623-0417

Specialties: Anxiety, addictions, deaf adults, CODAs (Children Of Deaf Adults), depression, co-dependency, narcissistic abuse, stress management, self-esteem, trauma, workplace issues, conflict resolution, ACOA's, and family dysfunction.

**Kate Geiser, LCPC**

*Telehealth with Illinois residents only*

Email: [kgeiser@arborcounselingcenter.com](mailto:kgeiser@arborcounselingcenter.com)

Insurance: Blue Cross/Blue Shield, UHC, Aetna, PPOs only; BCBS Northshore HMO

**Karen K. Graham, LCSW**

Cary, Illinois

Email: [Karen.k.graham@gmail.com](mailto:Karen.k.graham@gmail.com)

Phone: (847) 387-9000 (847) 386-8957

Insurance: Blue Cross Blue Shield PPO

**Erika Lohmiller, Ph.D., LCPC, CADC, MISA II**

155 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 631, Chicago, Illinois 60601

Email: [Erikalohmiller@gmail.com](mailto:Erikalohmiller@gmail.com)

VideoPhone: (312) 535-2599

Phone: (773) 875-1238

Insurance: PPO plans only

Specialties: ADHD, Adoption, Behavioral Issues, Drug Abuse, Gambling, Suicidal Ideation, Alcohol Abuse, Bipolar Disorder, Codependency, Divorce, Dual Diagnosis, Sexual Addiction, Substance Abuse, Sexuality Issues.

**Cheri Sinnott, LCSW**

Northbrook, Illinois

*Telehealth only*

Email: [cheris@isrc.us](mailto:cheris@isrc.us)

Phone: (847) 602-1102

Insurance: Blue Cross Blue Shield PPO/HMO, United Healthcare, Tricare, Human Family Health Network, ComPsych

Specialties: Anxiety/Panic Disorder, Asperger's Syndrome, Depression, Stress, Parenting issues, Autism Spectrum, Behavioral Problems, Bipolar Disorder, Developmental Disabilities.

**Carrie Vasquez, LCSW**

Illinois Masonic Medical Center / Outpatient Behavioral Health

913 W. Wellington Ave, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Chicago, IL 60657

[www.advocatehealth.com](http://www.advocatehealth.com)

Email: [carrie.vasquez@aah.org](mailto:carrie.vasquez@aah.org)

VideoPhone: (773) 904-0126

Office Phone: (872) 843-0200

(872) 862-0208

Direct: (708) 872-7382

Specialties: Therapy with children, adolescents, and adult, family and couples therapy, mood disorders, postpartum depression and anxiety, severe mental illness, behavioral issues, personality disorders

## Emergency Crisis Services

### **National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (Call 988)**

[www.988lifeline.org/help-yourself/for-deaf-hard-of-hearing/](http://www.988lifeline.org/help-yourself/for-deaf-hard-of-hearing/)

VideoPhone: 9-8-8

Text: 9-8-8

Provides: Our network of contact centers offers many services for people who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing, including veterans.

### **National Crisis Chat and Text Line**

<https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/chat/>

Text “HOME”: 741741

Provides: Live trained volunteer Crisis Counselor receives the text and responds. Services include anxiety, bullying, climate anxiety, depression, doomscrolling, eating disorders, emotional abuse, financial stress, grief, gun violence, loneliness, relationships, self-harm, suicide, international support.

### **National Deaf Domestic Violence Hotline (NDDVH)**

VideoPhone: (855) 812-1001

Provides: Deaf NDDVH advocates answer videophone calls and emails 24/7 who, due to their experience working with Deaf survivors and extensive training, are uniquely able to provide crisis intervention, education, information and referrals for Deaf callers

### **Deaf LEAD Deaf Crisis Line**

[www.deaflead.org/services/crisis-intervention/disaster-distress-helpline/](http://www.deaflead.org/services/crisis-intervention/disaster-distress-helpline/)

VideoPhone: (321) 800-3323

Provides: Support for individuals and their families with a trauma-informed approach as they navigate severe distress, disaster, or being the victim of a crime. Crisis intervention, safety planning, mental health support, services, advocacy for survivors of domestic violence, child abuse, elder abuse, mental health challenges, and more.

## Alcohol & Drug Treatment

### **Anixter Center Substance Use Disorders Treatment Services (SUD - Office) with Mental Health**

1945 W. Wilson, Chicago, IL 60640

<https://anixter.org/mental-health/substance-use-counseling/>

Phone: (773) 973-7900

Email: [askanixter@anixter.org](mailto:askanixter@anixter.org)

Services: In-person or virtually through telehealth; Provides individual, couples, or family therapy and case management, group therapies, community support groups, and/or psychosocial rehabilitation groups.

### **Central East Alcoholism and Drug Council**

635 Division, Charleston, Illinois 61920

[www.sarahbush.org/cord/program/71/](http://www.sarahbush.org/cord/program/71/)

Phone: (217) 348-8108

Services: Aftercare, Alcoholism, Assessment/Intake, Detox, Drug Abuse, Family Programs, Halfway Housing, Informational/Referral, Inpatient/Outpatient Treatment, Prevention/Education.

### **Minnesota Chemical Dependency Program for Deaf / HOH**

Mailing address: 2450 Riverside Ave., Minneapolis, Minnesota 55454

Program address: 2312 S. 6<sup>th</sup> St., Minneapolis, Minnesota 55454

On 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> floors in the West Building

[www.mncddeaf.org](http://www.mncddeaf.org)

VideoPhone: (651) 964-1427

Phone: (612) 273-4459

Services: Dedicated to enhancing services to meet the needs of Deaf, Hard of Hearing and DeafBlind clients within the Lodging Plus program that also serves hearing individuals. Interpreters will be provided for 30 hours of group therapy and fluent support staff will be provided for transportation to outside 12-step meetings and activities. M Health will continue to serve Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals that are fluent in sign language from all over the United States and Canada. This intensive residential outpatient program provides treatment seven days a week.

## Employment & Placement

### Department of Human Services

#### Division of Rehabilitation Services

100 S. Grand Ave E., 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Springfield, IL 62704

[www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=29975](http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=29975)

Contact Person: Christy Pean, Manager of Services for Deaf & Hard of Hearing

Email: [Christina.Pean@illinois.gov](mailto:Christina.Pean@illinois.gov)

Cell: (217) 381-5127

TTY: (866) 264-2149

VideoPhone: (217) 717-9112

### Goodwill Industries of Metropolitan Chicago, Inc.

#### Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services

6054 S. Western Ave., Chicago, Illinois 60636

[www.goodwillchicago.com/help-for-the-job-seeker/training-and-supportive-services/deaf-and-hard-of-hearing-services](http://www.goodwillchicago.com/help-for-the-job-seeker/training-and-supportive-services/deaf-and-hard-of-hearing-services)

VideoPhone: (312) 957-4832

Services: Goodwill offers comprehensive services to individuals who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing. Working with staff that are fluent in American Sign Language (ASL), the individual receives one-on-one employment counseling, vocational training, job placement and job coaching to ensure successful employment and job retention.

### Jewish Child and Family Services – Chicago

#### Deaf and Hard of Hearing

216 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Illinois 60606

[www.jcfs.org/jvs](http://www.jcfs.org/jvs)

Email: [ask@jcfs.org](mailto:ask@jcfs.org)

Phone: (855) 275-5237

Services: Employment training, job placement, and support services

## Youth & Teen Programs and Services

### **American Society for Deaf Children**

<https://deafchildren.org>

Email: [info@deafchildren.org](mailto:info@deafchildren.org)

Phone: (800) 942-2732 (ASDC)

Provides: The American Society for Deaf Children (ASDC) is committed to empowering all families with deaf and hard-of-hearing children and youth by embracing full language and communication access in inclusive environments through mentoring, advocacy, resources, and collaborative networks.

### **Aspen Camp**

4862 Snowmass Creek Rd., Snowmass, Colorado 81654

[www.aspencamp.org](http://www.aspencamp.org)

Phone: (970) 315-0513

Email: [office@aspencamp.org](mailto:office@aspencamp.org)

Description: Aspen Camp is a renowned retreat in Colorado, USA, offering immersive experiences for the deaf and hard of hearing and families. Through diverse programs and a supportive environment, it fosters personal growth, communication skills, and community connections.

### **Camp Mark 7**

144 Mohawk Hotel Rd., Old Forge, New York 13420

[www.campmark7.org](http://www.campmark7.org)

Phone: (315) 207-5706

Email: [campdirector@campmark7.org](mailto:campdirector@campmark7.org)

Description: Camp Mark 7 is a specialized summer camp designed for deaf and hard of hearing and kids of deaf adults (KODA) individuals, providing a unique and inclusive environment for fun, learning, and personal growth. Located in upstate New York, Camp Mark 7 offers a wide range of activities such as outdoor adventures, arts and crafts, sports, and leadership development programs, all tailored to the needs and interests of deaf campers. With a focus on fostering independence, communication skills, and cultural pride, Camp Mark 7 creates unforgettable experiences and lifelong friendships within the deaf community.

**CODA Connections, Inc.**

P.O. Box 1556, Greensboro, North Carolina 27402

[www.codaconnectionsinc.org](http://www.codaconnectionsinc.org)

Email: [codaconnectionsinc@gmail.com](mailto:codaconnectionsinc@gmail.com)

Description: CODA Connections unites Deaf families and children with critical resources to help them thrive and reach their fullest potential. From financial assistance to educational workshops, mentorship programs, advocacy, and interpreting services, we function as a holistic resource for Deaf families. We bridge the communication gap between the Deaf and hearing worlds, offering support for daily essentials, emergency assistance, and more.

**CODA International**

41041 Trimboli Way, #1788, Fremont, California 94538

[www.coda-international.org](http://www.coda-international.org)

Email: [membership@coda-international.org](mailto:membership@coda-international.org)

Provides: Global community and resource network for hearing individuals with deaf parents, celebrating their unique bilingual and bicultural heritage. Celebrates unique heritage and multicultural identities of adult hearing individuals with deaf parents.

**Deaflympics**

International Committee of Sports for the Deaf

Maison du Sport International, Av. de Rhodanie 54, Lausanne, CH-1007, Switzerland

[www.deaflympics.com](http://www.deaflympics.com)

Email: [office@ciss.org](mailto:office@ciss.org)

Description: The Deaflympics is an international multi-sport event specifically for athletes who are deaf or hard of hearing. Held every four years, the Deaflympics feature a wide range of sports, from athletics to swimming, where deaf athletes from around the world compete at the highest level. These games not only showcase athletic talent but also promote inclusivity, cultural exchange, and awareness of deaf culture on a global scale.

**KODA Camp Midwest**

420 Meadow Oak Trail, Deforest, Wisconsin 53532

[www.kodamidwest.org](http://www.kodamidwest.org)

Phone: (608) 234-5049

Email: [karen@kodamidwest.org](mailto:karen@kodamidwest.org)

Description: KODA Midwest is a community organization dedicated to supporting Children of Deaf Adults (CODAs) in the Midwest region of the United States. Through various programs, events, and resources, KODA Midwest aims to provide a supportive network for CODAs, offering opportunities for connection, cultural understanding, and personal development. Whether through social gatherings, workshops, or advocacy efforts, KODA Midwest strives to empower CODAs to embrace their unique experiences and identities while fostering a sense of belonging within the deaf and hard of hearing community.

**KODA Heart**

P.O. Box 83, Boyds, Maryland 20841

[www.kodaheart.com](http://www.kodaheart.com)

Email: [oneKODAheart@gmail.com](mailto:oneKODAheart@gmail.com)

Provides: Educational resources and activities for hearing kids of deaf adults and their families.

**KODA Camp Midwest**

W7303 County Road, CS-Q Poynette, Wisconsin 53955

[www.kodamidwest.org](http://www.kodamidwest.org)

Email: [karen@kodamidwest.org](mailto:karen@kodamidwest.org)

Provides: KODA Camp Midwest is a summer camp dedicated to KODAs (Kids of Deaf Adults). KODAs ages 7-16 attend KODA Camp Midwest with their peers to find their identity, self-confidence, and belonging.

**KODA West**

3727 W Magnolia Blvd, #273, Burbank, CA 91505

[www.kodawest.org](http://www.kodawest.org)

Email: [KODAWest@gmail.com](mailto:KODAWest@gmail.com)

Provides: Annual summer camp, mentorship, parental support, and community events for hearing kids, under age 18, of deaf adults.

### **NAD Youth Leadership Camp (YLC)**

8630 Fenton St., Suite 202, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

[www.youth.nad.org](http://www.youth.nad.org)

Purple VP: (301) 587-1788

SorensonVP: (301) 328-1443

Convo VP: (301) 338-6380

TTY: (301) 810-3182

Email: [nad.info@nad.org](mailto:nad.info@nad.org)

**Description:** The NAD Youth Leadership Program is an initiative aimed at empowering young individuals to develop their leadership skills within the context of the National Association of the Deaf (NAD). Through workshops, mentorship, and community engagement, participants gain valuable experience in advocacy, communication, and decision-making, fostering the next generation of leaders within the deaf and hard of hearing community.

### **Stan Mikita Hockey School for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing**

[www.ahiha.org](http://www.ahiha.org)

Email: [kdelaney@ahiha.org](mailto:kdelaney@ahiha.org)

**Description:** The Stan Mikita Hockey School for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing offers specialized hockey instruction for participants who are deaf or hard of hearing. Through a unique blend of sign language and on-ice training, the school promotes inclusion, skill development, and community camaraderie within the hockey world.

## Recreation Programs

### **Special Recreation Associations Network of Illinois (SARNI)**

[www.specialrecreation.org](http://www.specialrecreation.org)

Description: The Special Recreation Associations Network of Illinois (SARNI) is a network of therapeutic recreation agencies. Special Recreation Associations provide community-based special recreation services to children and adult with disabilities. These agencies are members of the Illinois Therapeutic Recreation Section of the Illinois Park and Recreation Association (IPRA).

### **Chicago Park District**

#### **Deaf / HOH Programs**

Kennicott Park

4434 S Lake Park Ave., Chicago, Illinois 60653

[www.chicagoparkdistrict.com](http://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com)

Contact: Sarah B. Faber, Program & Events Coordinator

Phone: (773) 796-3525

Email: [sarah.faber@chicagoparkdistrict.com](mailto:sarah.faber@chicagoparkdistrict.com)

### **Northern Suburban Special Recreation Association (NSSRA)**

1221 County Line Rd, Highland Park, IL 60035

[www.nssra.org](http://www.nssra.org)

Phone: (847) 509-9400

Email: [Info@nssra.org](mailto:Info@nssra.org)

Description: NSSRA provides and facilitates year-round programs and services for children, teens and adults with disabilities who live in the partner communities.

### **Northwest Special Recreation Association (NWSRA)**

Park Central

3000 Central Rd., Suite 205, Rolling Meadows, Illinois 60008

[www.nwsra.org](http://www.nwsra.org)

Phone: (847) 392-2848

Description: NWSRA supports community access to recreation for people with disabilities.

**South East Association for Special Parks And Recreation (SEASPAR)**

4500 Belmont Rd., Downers Grove, IL 60515

[www.seaspar.org](http://www.seaspar.org)

Email: [info@seaspar.org](mailto:info@seaspar.org)

Phone: 630.960.7600

Description: SEASAPAR is an organization that focuses on providing specialized recreational programs and services for individuals with disabilities in the southeastern region of the United States. SEASAPAR aims to promote inclusion, accessibility, and opportunities for recreational activities for people of all abilities.

**South Suburban Special Recreation Association (SSSRA)**

19910 80<sup>th</sup> Ave., Tinley Park, Illinois 60487

[www.sssra.org](http://www.sssra.org)

Phone: (815) 806-0384

Email: [info@sssra.org](mailto:info@sssra.org)

Description: SSSRA is a therapeutic recreation program organized to provide individuals with disabilities or special needs, the opportunity to be involved in year-round recreation. The programs are for individuals from birth through adult who are in special education classes, sheltered workshops, or who have recreational needs not met by traditional park district programs. This could include individuals who have carrying degrees of physical disabilities, mental handicaps, learning disabilities, emotional difficulties, hearing or visual impairments, and developmental delays.

**South West Special Recreation Association (SWSRA)**

12521 S. Kostner Ave., Alsip, Illinois 60803

[www.swsra.org](http://www.swsra.org)

Phone: (708) 389-9423

Email: [info@swsra.com](mailto:info@swsra.com)

Description: Year-round quality recreation programs and services for individuals with disabilities or special needs. Programs are designed to increase independence and enhance the quality of life for each individual (early childhood to adulthood) and to meet the individual recreation needs of any person who take special education classes, participates in sheltered workshops, is referred from a local hospital or rehabilitation center, or whose special needs restrict or prohibit their participation in traditional park district or recreation department programs; including individuals who have varying degrees of physical or mental disabilities, learning disabilities, behavior disorders, attention deficit disorders, and hearing or visual impairments.

**West Suburban Special Recreation Association (WSSRA)**

2915 Maple St., Franklin Park, Illinois 60131

[www.wssra.net](http://www.wssra.net)

Phone: (847) 455-2100

Email: [wssra@wssra.net](mailto:wssra@wssra.net)

Description: WSSRA provides recreational programs for adults and children who have a physical impairment, a mental disability, or any other type of disability.

## Senior Citizen Resources

### **Apache ASL Trails**

2428 East Apache Boulevard, Tempe, Arizona 85288

[www.apacheasltrails.com](http://www.apacheasltrails.com)

Phone: (480) 305-0221

VideoPhone: (480) 305-0221

Provides: Affordable housing specifically designed with amenities for individuals who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or DeafBlind. Managed by Cardinal Capital Management, the community offers asset and property management services focused on fostering a mission-driven, accessible environment. Staff is fluent in ASL.

### **California Home for the Adult Deaf (CHAD)**

[www.chadhome.org](http://www.chadhome.org)

Contact: Scott Hostetler

Email: [scott@chadhome.org](mailto:scott@chadhome.org)

Phone: (626) 701-8960

Provides: Deaf residents with a home where they can feel safe and part of a family environment. Provides personal and individualized care promoting health and well-being to enrich each resident's quality of life.

### **Chicagoland Deaf Seniors (CDS)**

407 W. Clarendon St, Prospect Heights, IL 60070-1403

Contact: Ellen Cooke

Email: [ecqke@aol.com](mailto:ecqke@aol.com)

VideoPhone: (847) 637-5156

Provides: Support, education and social gathering for Deaf, DeafBlind and Hard of Hearing Senior Citizens

### **Columbus Colony Housing**

1165 Colony Dr., Westerville, OH 43081

[www.unitedchurchhomes.org/communities/columbus-colony-housing/](http://www.unitedchurchhomes.org/communities/columbus-colony-housing/)

Phone: (614) 794-2011

Provides: Affordable independent living community in Westerville, Ohio, specifically designed for seniors who are Deaf, DeafBlind, or Hard of Hearing. Offering income-based apartments featuring specialized safety systems and a barrier-free environment where residents can communicate easily – physical and limited mobility accessible options available. The community fosters a supportive atmosphere that prioritizes the unique cultural and communication needs of the Deaf community. Services include: independent living, assistive living, memory care, fast track rehab, affordable housing, and skilled nursing.

### **Deaf Senior Citizens of America (DSA)**

[www.deafseniors.us/senior-resources-listing](http://www.deafseniors.us/senior-resources-listing)

Email: [info@deafseniors.us](mailto:info@deafseniors.us)

Provides: As a joint venture between NAD and DSA, many resources are listed by state when available – independent living and residential facilities, assisted living facilities, nursing facilities, specialized facilities, social clubs and organizations, state agencies and commissions, and AARP.

### **Gallaudet Opportunities for Advancement and Learning**

#### **Deaf-Centered National Caregiver Course**

[www.gallaudet.edu/continuing-education/pst-93-deaf-centered-national-caregiver-course-5/](http://www.gallaudet.edu/continuing-education/pst-93-deaf-centered-national-caregiver-course-5/)

Email: [goal@gallaudet.edu](mailto:goal@gallaudet.edu)

Phone: (202) 250-3154

VideoPhone: (202) 250-2071

Description: Gallaudet University's PST-93 Deaf-Centered National Caregiver Course is a self-paced online training program designed for Deaf caregivers and individuals who support Deaf senior citizens. Offered in partnership with the American Caregiver Association (ACA), the course covers essential caregiving responsibilities such as patient care, hygiene, safety, dementia awareness, and disease prevention, while emphasizing culturally and linguistically appropriate support for the Deaf community. Students who complete the course and exam receive a nationally recognized caregiver certification from the ACA.

## **National Association of the Deaf Senior Citizen Resources**

[www.nad.org/seniors/senior-resources/](http://www.nad.org/seniors/senior-resources/)

Provides: Large directory of services and support resources for Deaf and hard-of-hearing older adults in the U.S. and Canada. It focuses on housing, care facilities, government assistance, and social/community connections.

## **New England Homes for the Deaf**

154-160 Water Street, Danvers, MA 01923

[www.nehd.org](http://www.nehd.org)

Email: [info@nehd.org](mailto:info@nehd.org)

Phone: (978) 744-0445

VideoPhone: (978) 767-8784

Provides: Barrier-free life plan community offering independent living, skilled nursing, and rehabilitation services for Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard of Hearing seniors. All services are delivered in an environment where staff are proficient in American Sign Language (ASL) and specialized in Deaf culture.

## **Silent Cooperative Apartment (SCA)**

2500 W Belmont Ave, Chicago, IL 60618

Phone: (773) 935-0640

Provides: A Deaf-oriented cooperative housing community historically associated with Chicago's Deaf senior community. These kinds of co-ops are valued because residents can communicate directly in ASL and maintain strong Deaf cultural connections.

## **Water Tower View (WTV)**

3983 S. Prairie Hill Lane, Greenfield, WI 53228

[www.accmanagementgroup.com/properties/property.php?propertyid=307](http://www.accmanagementgroup.com/properties/property.php?propertyid=307)

Phone: (414) 253-1505

Provides: Water Tower View apartments in Greenfield, WI is an affordable community, beautifully designed for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and DeafBlind seniors 55 years of age or better. We are located near the famous Candy Cane Lane. Also, conveniently located near hospitals, parks, shopping and entertainment. Water Tower View is proudly sponsored by SWDSC (Southeastern WI Deaf Senior Citizens).

## Religious Services

### **Anshe Tikvah**

[www.anshetikvah.org](http://www.anshetikvah.org)

Synagogue Office: (847) 917-7726

Email: [ros@anshetikvah.org](mailto:ros@anshetikvah.org)

Mailing Address: 3320 Dundee Road  
Northbrook, Illinois 60062

Shabbat Evening Service Addresses:

#### **Alcott Center**

530 Bernard Dr.  
Buffalo Grove, Illinois 60089-3351

#### **Beit K'nesset**

214 W University Dr.  
Arlington Heights, Illinois 60004-1810

### **Bethel Baptist Church (BBC)**

200 N. Roselle Rd., Schaumburg, IL 60194

[www.bethelministries.org](http://www.bethelministries.org)

Email: [info@bethelministries.org](mailto:info@bethelministries.org)

Phone: (847) 885-3230

### **First Baptist Church of Hammond**

473 Sibley St. Hammond, Indiana

Email: [connect@fbchammond.com](mailto:connect@fbchammond.com)

Phone: (219) 932-0711

Website: [www.fbchammond.com](http://www.fbchammond.com)

### **St. Francis Borgia**

St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center (Small Building)

8025 W. Addison St., Chicago, Illinois 60634

[www.deafchurchchicago.weconnect.com](http://www.deafchurchchicago.weconnect.com)

Phone: (312) 534-7899 (Call for dates and times)

VideoPhone: (773) 461-0205

Voice/Text: (312) 685-7899

Services: Mass every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in TOTAL COMMUNICATION – sign and spoken Mass for deaf and Hispanic community.

**Catholic Office of the Deaf**

3525 South Lake Park Ave., Chicago, Illinois 60653

[www.deafchurchchicago.weconnect.com](http://www.deafchurchchicago.weconnect.com)

Phone: (312) 534-7899

VideoPhone: (773) 461-0205

Description: The Catholic Office of the Deaf is an agency of the Archdiocese of Chicago. The Office provides for the pastoral, spiritual, religious education, and social justice issues of Deaf and Hard of Hearing people in metropolitan Chicago. It is also the site of the official listing of signed/interpreted masses in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

**Global Deaf Muslim**

5510 Cherokee Ave., Suite 300 #1050, Alexandria, VA 22312

[www.GlobalDeafMuslim.org](http://www.GlobalDeafMuslim.org)

Description: GDMUSA is a nonprofit organization registered in the United States of America. The organization was established in 2005 by Deaf Muslim college students to address the rights and needs of Deaf Muslims across the global ummah. For Deaf Muslims, accessing Islamic information has always been a challenge. Information about Islam is seldom available in sign language making it difficult to educate Deaf Muslims about Islam and for individuals to conduct their own research.

## Organizations

Non-profit organizations in Illinois collaborate to advocate for the rights and welfare of the diverse deaf, deafblind, and hard of hearing community. They provide resources, support, services, socialization, and sports while promoting inclusivity, cultural awareness, linguistic access, social justice, equality, and empowerment within their respective communities.

**American Association of the Deaf-Blind (AADB)**

[www.aadb.org](http://www.aadb.org)

**American Society of Deaf Children**

<https://deafchildren.org>

**Association of Late Deafened Adults (ALDA), Inc.**

[www.alda.org](http://www.alda.org)

**Chicago Lighthouse**

[www.chicagolighthouse.org](http://www.chicagolighthouse.org)

**Chicago Club of the Deaf (CCD)**

<http://chicagoclubdeaf.org>

**Chicagoland Black Deaf Advocates (CLBDA)**

[www.clbda.weebly.com](http://www.clbda.weebly.com)

**Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA)**

[www.hearingloss.org](http://www.hearingloss.org)

**Illinois Association of the Deaf (IAD)**

[www.iadeaf.org](http://www.iadeaf.org)

**Illinois Deaf and Hard of Hearing Commission (IDHHC)**

[www.illinois.gov/idhhc](http://www.illinois.gov/idhhc)

**National Asian Deaf Congress (NADC)**

<https://nadc1997.org>

**National Association of the Deaf (NAD)**

[www.nad.org](http://www.nad.org)

**Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID)**

[www.rid.org](http://www.rid.org)

**Swoboda Deaf Center (SDC)**

[www.swobodadeafcenter.org](http://www.swobodadeafcenter.org)

**West Suburban Association of the Deaf (WSAD)**

[www.wsad1981.org](http://www.wsad1981.org)

**World Federation of the Deaf (WFD)**

[www.wfdeaf.org](http://www.wfdeaf.org)

## DEAF NEWS

### **The Daily Moth**

[www.dailymoth.com/blog](http://www.dailymoth.com/blog)

Provides: Current USA News in American Sign Language (ASL)

### **Deaf Nation**

[www.deafnation.com](http://www.deafnation.com)

### **DEAFWIRE / WORLDSIGN Week**

[www.h3world.tv/shows-name/worldsign-week](http://www.h3world.tv/shows-name/worldsign-week)

Provides: Current International Deaf News in American Sign Language (ASL)

## Publications

### **Dawn Sign Press**

[www.dawnsign.com](http://www.dawnsign.com)

Description: Dawn Sign Press creates, develops, and publishes quality American Sign Language (ASL) and Deaf-culture related DVDs and books. Dedicated to the principle that Deaf people are the natural experts regarding their language and culture, Dawn Sign Press wholeheartedly supports the efforts of Deaf people to document ASL, Deaf culture, history, heritage, and literature.

### **Gallaudet University Press**

<https://gupress.gallaudet.edu>

Description: Provides knowledge about deaf and hard of hearing people, their languages, their communities, their history, and their education through print and electronic media.

### **National Association of the Deaf (NAD)**

[www.nad.org](http://www.nad.org)

Description: The National Association of the Deaf (NAD) is the nation's premier civil rights organization of, by and for deaf and hard of hearing individuals in the United States of America. Established in 1880, the NAD was shaped by deaf leaders who believed in the right of the American deaf community to use sign language, to congregate on issues important to them, and to have its interests represented at the national level.

### **National Consortium of Interpreter Education Centers (NCIEC)**

[www.interpretereducation.org](http://www.interpretereducation.org)

Resources: Information, Research, Education, and Recommendations on Deaf Interpreters, Legal Interpretation, Healthcare Interpretation, Video Relay Service (VRS), Video Remote Interpreting (VRI), Deaf-Blind Interpretation, Trilingual Interpretation, and Vocational Rehabilitation. Legal vocabulary dictionary in American Sign Language.

## Deaf and Hard of Hearing Resources



**“An Interpreter Isn’t Enough: Deafness, Language, and Due Process”** by Michele LaVigne and McCay Vernon  
*Abstract Paper: Deafness & Language Acquisition, Interpreting Profession & Process, Legal Implications of Deafness and Language Impairment, What do you propose we do now, Counsel?*

Website: [http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=1744291](http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1744291)



### **Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID)**

*National sign language interpreter organization’s Standard Practice Papers (SPPs) articulate the consensus of the membership in outlining standard practices and positions on various interpreting roles and issues.*

Website: <http://rid.org/about-interpreting/standard-practice-papers/>



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Website: <http://www.interpretereducation.org>



### **National Association of the Deaf (NAD)**

*Civil Rights Law with American with Disabilities Act: Employment, State and Local Government, Public Accommodations, Telecommunications Relay Services, and Miscellaneous Provisions*

Website: <https://nad.org/issues/civil-rights/ADA>



### **Gallaudet University Research & Publications**

*Publications on various Deaf- related studies: Literacy, Psychology, Education, Sign Language, Technology, Mental Health, Adult Hearing Loss, and the Elderly.*

Website: <https://gupress.gallaudet.edu>



**Linguistic Neglect of Deaf Children in the United States**

*This website discusses the issue of linguistic neglect of deaf children in the United States, highlighting the challenges they face and the importance of addressing their linguistic needs effectively.*

Website: <https://ballardbrief.byu.edu/issue-briefs/linguistic-neglect-of-deaf-children-in-the-united-states>