



# 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 and Hard of Hearing Accessibility Division. 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

### 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

100 W Randolph Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60601  
Phone: (312) 814-5684

**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.

### Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)

#### Deaf Services

Division of Clinical Services

406 E. Monroe St., Sta. 50, Springfield, Illinois 62701

[www.illinois.gov/agencies/agency.dcf.html](http://www.illinois.gov/agencies/agency.dcf.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 Road, Springfield, Illinois 62704-6488

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

Email: [dsc@uic.edu](mailto:dsc@uic.edu)  
Phone: (800) 322-3722  
Fax: (217) 558-0773  
Languages Spoken: English, Spanish

#### Chicago Administration Office

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

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

Email: [dsc@uic.edu](mailto:dsc@uic.edu)  
Phone: (800) 322-3722  
Fax: (217) 558-0773



**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

Fax: (217) 557-4492

**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)

Contact Person: Dr. Yetunde Johnson

Email: [dhs.dmh.dhhdcoordinator@illinois.gov](mailto:dhs.dmh.dhhdcoordinator@illinois.gov)

Phone: (773) 794-4111

**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**

401 S. Clinton Street, Chicago, Illinois 60607

[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

TTY: (888) 614-2380

Fax: (847) 758-3473

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

Phone: (708) 709-3333

TTY: (888) 472-0943

Fax: (708) 709-3328

Contact(s): Vickie Trice

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

VP: (708) 473-0943

**Emerald City DRS Office  
Rehabilitation Services**

6221 S Emerald Drive  
Chicago, Illinois 60621

Phone: (312) 338-6600

TTY: (888) 261-7925

Fax: (312) 338-6628

VP: (773) 496-4144

**Ford City & Avalon Park DRS Office  
Rehabilitation Services**

Ford City East Shopping Plaza  
7600 S Pulaski Road

Chicago, Illinois 60652

Phone: (773) 838-5745

TTY: (888) 261-8570

Fax: (773) 838-5748

Contact(s): Julie Somers

[Julie.somers@illinois.gov](mailto:Julie.somers@illinois.gov)

VP: (773) 340-4109

**Humboldt Park DRS Office  
Rehabilitation Services**

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

Cell: (217-606-0718

TTY: (888) 261-2824

Fax: (773) 292-4432

Contact(s): Meghan Williams

[Meghan.Williams@illinois.gov](mailto:Meghan.Williams@illinois.gov)

VP: (773) 904-0137

**Hiawatha DRS Office  
Rehabilitation Services**

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

Phone: (773) 989-5000

Fax: (773) 628-0109

Contact(s): Jonathan Veach

[Jonathan.veach@illinois.gov](mailto:Jonathan.veach@illinois.gov)

VP: (773) 273-6646

**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

**North Pulaski DRS Office  
Rehabilitation Services**

743 N Pulaski Road  
Chicago, Illinois 60624

Phone: (773) 638-3070

TTY: (888) 340-0897

Fax: (773) 638-3079

Contact(s): Christopher Dureno

[Christopher.dureno@illinois.gov](mailto:Christopher.dureno@illinois.gov)

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

TTY: (888) 440-8982

Fax: (773) 838-5693

*The office only provides Home Services (HSP).*

**Westchester DRS Office  
Rehabilitation Services**

2215 Enterprise Drive, Suite 1502  
Westchester, Illinois 60154

Cell: (217) 606-9380

TTY: (888) 472-0963

Fax: (708) 409-8831

Contact(s): Miranda Mantilla

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

VP: (708) 223-7390

**Wrightwood DRS Office  
Rehabilitation Services**

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

Cell: (217) 606-9131

TTY: (888) 261-2835

Fax: (773) 838-5087

Contact(s): Sheila O'Donnell

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

VP: (773) 840-8268

# City of Chicago

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

City Hall  
121 N. LaSalle Street, Room 104  
Chicago, Illinois 60602  
[www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/mopd.html](http://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/mopd.html)

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

Contact: Nina Campbell  
VP: (312) 625-2227  
Phone: (312) 744-7050  
Fax: (312) 744-3314  
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

Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community  
[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/)  
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  
Fax: (312) 603-9932

**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  
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

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

Phone: (312) 376-1880

Fax: (312) 376-1885

Website: [www.cdelaw.org](http://www.cdelaw.org)

**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.

### **Equip for Equality (EFE)**

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

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

Phone: (312) 341-0022

Toll Free: (800) 537-2632

**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

VideoPhone: (312) 767-0377

Fax: (312) 413-1856

**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. They work with legal aid advocates and pro bono professionals who represent 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. People can access user-friendly online legal information and services from anywhere they can connect to the Internet, including their mobile phone.

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

8630 Fenton St., Suite 820, Silver Springs, MD 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)

Fax: (301) 587-1791

**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.



## 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)

VP: (773) 328-8788

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

Fax: (312) 525-2057

### 5 Star Interpreting

[www.5starinterpreting.com](http://www.5starinterpreting.com)

Phone: (312) 895-4300

\* 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:

### National Center for State Courts (NCSC)

#### Model Code of Professional Responsibility for Interpreters in the Judiciary

[www.ncsc.org/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0017/19700/court-interpretation-consortium-model-guides-for-policy-and-practice-in-the-state-courts.pdf](http://www.ncsc.org/_data/assets/pdf_file/0017/19700/court-interpretation-consortium-model-guides-for-policy-and-practice-in-the-state-courts.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

### Center for Sight & Hearing

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

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

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

Voice: (815) 332-6800

Fax: (815) 332-6810

### 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

600 S Michigan Ave., Chicago, Illinois 60605

Phone: (312) 369-7130

Website: [www.colum.edu/academics/liberal-arts-and-sciences/american-sign-language/](http://www.colum.edu/academics/liberal-arts-and-sciences/american-sign-language/)

### 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**

900 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)

**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

### **Betty M. Colonomos**

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

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

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

Betty M. Colonomos is the director of the Bilingual Mediation Center. She was awarded the Masters Comprehensive Skills Certificate (MCSC) from RID in 1980 and was the second recipient of the Mary Stotler Award for excellence in Interpreter Education from CIT. Her education background is in Speech Pathology, Audiology and Deaf Education (undergraduate), Counseling with Deaf and HoH (graduate), and Linguistics (doctoral). 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.

### **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)

Educational background: B.A. Psychology; Brandeis University, Massachusetts; M.A. Intercultural Relations; Lesley University, Massachusetts; PhD Linguistics from Macquarie University, Australia. She has taught interpreting for 24 years, and her interpreting and translation practice spans over three decades. She has published on interpreting mentorship, linguistic features of international signing (IS), and collaborative works on sign language translation and multilingual interpreting.

Lori is a qualified community, legal, conference interpreter, maintaining credentials from the US Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (CI, CT, SC: Legal), NAATI (Australian Sign Language - Auslan), and World Federation of the Deaf (WFD)/ World Association of Sign Language Interpreters (WASLI) (International Sign accreditation). Her working languages are English, ASL, Auslan, French, and International Signing strategies.

Lori is available to provide 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 professional mentoring and supervision.

### **MORE LINGUISTS TO BE ADDED**

# 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  
Email: [CHSInterp@anixter.org](mailto:CHSInterp@anixter.org)  
VP: (773) 328-8788  
Phone: (773) 248-9121 Ext. 311 or 312  
Fax: (312) 525-2057  
Website: [www.chicagohearingsociety.org](http://www.chicagohearingsociety.org)

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

**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)

# 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/)

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

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

Phone: 800-841-6167

Fax: 217-698-0942

**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.



**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.



**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

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

TTY: (312) 640- 2102

Fax: (312) 640-2101

**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

TTY: (630) 469-2300

VP: (630) 984-4251

FAX: (630) 469-2606

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

### 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)

Contact: Marsha Swetin

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

**Provides:** Support, Camaraderie, Education, Advocacy & 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)

VP: (773) 904-0154

Phone: (773) 248-9121

Fax: (312) 525-2057

**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)

Phone: (773) 248-9121 ext. 257

Mobile: (312) 523-6400

VideoPhone: (773) 904-0143

Fax: (773) 409-1544

**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, IL 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

Fax: (773) 409-1544

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

**CHS Domestic Violence Program (DVP)**  
2017 N. Mendell St. Suite 3NE, Chicago, IL 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

Fax: (773) 409-1544

**Services:** Assist survivors of domestic violence who are DDBHH and their children to secure shelter from further abuse. Provide information, support, counseling, and advocacy to help survivors exercise their rights and take advantage of their options. Collaborate with other programs in the community to provide services to help survivors become self-sufficient.

**Daniel Roche**

**Early Intervention Specialist – Independent Provider**

**Developmental Therapy – Hearing Specialist**

Email: DRoche4559@gmail.com

Phone: (708) 829-9188

**Provides:** Independent provider serving DHH families in Illinois. When a baby is identified as deaf or hard of hearing, the parents embark on a new discovery path. At the very beginning, Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) programs refer parents and caregivers to resources that support positive parenting with appropriate and comprehensive information. Dan is one of many professionals in Illinois that work 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.

**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

TTY: (815) 729-2085

VideoPhone: (815) 768-2582

Fax: (815) 729-3697

**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.

## **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.

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

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

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

## **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)

VideoPhone: (301) 587-1788

**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 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

Fax: (708) 209-1735

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

**Schaumburg Township**

1 Illinois Blvd., Hoffman Estates, Illinois 60169

Contact: Sarita Phadke, Deaf Services Coordinator

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

VideoPhone: (224) 520-9463

**Services:** Social Services, Senior Citizens Program, Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP), Devices Distribution Program

## **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/)

### **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/)

### **Canine Companions**

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

Contact: Jason Weiland, DeafBlind Program Coordinator

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

VideoPhone: (312) 957-4865

Text: (773) 796-1373

Fax: (312) 525-2057

**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.centerforsightandhearing.org](http://www.centerforsightandhearing.org)

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

Voice: (815) 332-6800

Fax: (815) 332-6810

**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. CARF accredited since 2000, we service northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin.

**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.hellenkeller.org](http://www.hellenkeller.org)

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 (ICRE)**

[www.icre-roosevelt.org](http://www.icre-roosevelt.org)

1950 W Roosevelt Rd., Chicago, Illinois 60608

Voice: (312) 433-3100

Fax: (312) 433-3254

Admissions Office: (312) 433-3125

**Statement:** The mission of ICRE-R 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.

## Mental Health Services and Deafness

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

Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program  
Behavioral Health Services  
938 N. Nelson St., 3rd Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60657  
[www.advocatehealth.com](http://www.advocatehealth.com)

**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's Day Mental Health Program Connect**

[www.chicagohearingsociety.org](http://www.chicagohearingsociety.org)  
Contact: Charita Graham (Director)  
Email: [AskAnixter@anixter.org](mailto:AskAnixter@anixter.org)  
Phone: (773) 973-7900 ext. 230 (office)

**Description:** Support for individuals with mental illness to recover and function at a higher level, become self-reliant and related better to their community, skills building

### **Center on Deafness (C.O.D.) - Centerview Therapeutic Center**

3444 W. Dundee Rd., Northbrook, Illinois 60062  
[www.centerondeafness.org](http://www.centerondeafness.org)  
Phone: (847) 559-0110  
VP: (224) 412-4874  
Fax: (847) 559-8199

**Services:** Students who are deaf and hard of hearing, ages 6-21 who are experiencing: Behavioral or Emotional Disorders, mental Illness, Attention Deficit Disorder, Autism, Hearing or Developmental Disabilities.

### **Evolve Therapeutic Services**

304 W. Mondamin, Suite 104, Minooka, IL 60447  
[www.evovletherapeuticcenter.com](http://www.evovletherapeuticcenter.com)  
Contact: Teri LaRae Griswold-Dodgson  
Phone: (815) 770-5230

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

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

959 W. Dundee Rd., Northbrook, Illinois 60090

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

Contact person: Cheri Sinnott, Springer Director LCSW

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

Phone: (224) 481-2020

**Services:** Provides 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. Provides services for the deaf or hard of hearing community with cognitive disabilities.

**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

Fax: (773) 257-5330

Contact: Jarom Matheson, MSW, LCSW

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

**Description:** The staff are fluent in ASL and are culturally sensitive. They collaborate closely with Sinai Deaf Team for a comprehensive treatment approach. Their adult inpatient psychiatric unit is accessible to the deaf, and hard of hearing individuals. SBH provides an array of outpatient Behavioral Health services for adults and children. Services 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**

McFarland Mental Health Center

901 Southwind Rd., Springfield, Illinois 62703

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

Contact Person: Dr. Yetunde Johnson

Email: [Yetunde.Johnson@illinois.gov](mailto:Yetunde.Johnson@illinois.gov)

VideoPhone: (217) 303- 5807

Phone: (217) 786-0023

Fax: (217) 786-0024

**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.

## **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/)

Phone: (334) 242-3454

Fax: (334) 242-0725

Email: [alabamadmh@mh.alabama.gov](mailto:alabamadmh@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.

## **NATIONAL TELEHEALTH SERVICE PROVIDERS**

### **Deaf Counseling Center**

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

**Service:** 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

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

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

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

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

New Lenox, IL 6047

*Telehealth and In-Person*

*Telehealth and In-Person*

Phone: (708) 623-8000

Phone: (815) 623-0417

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

Insurance: Blue Cross Blue Shield

**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.

**Marla Friedman, Psy.D.**

Police Psychologist, Director of Investigations, Chief Psychologist – Field Training Associates  
869 E. Schaumburg Rd., Suite 322, Schaumburg, Illinois 60194

*Telehealth only* – 24-hour live answering service

Phone: (630) 510-3966

Email: [support@badgeoflife.org](mailto:support@badgeoflife.org)  
[booklight@att.net](mailto:booklight@att.net)

**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

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

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

Phone: (847) 387-9000

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

938 W. Nelson, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Chicago, Illinois 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

**Martha Welch, Psy.D., SPSA**

Clinical Psychologist Director

Elgin Mental Health Center

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## Alcohol & Drug Treatment

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

1945 W. Wilson, Suite 3000, Chicago, IL 60640

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

Phone: (312) 430-1563

Email: [MentalHealth@Anixter.org](mailto:MentalHealth@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, P.O. Box 532, Charleston, Illinois 61920

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

Phone: (217) 348-8108

Fax: (217) 345-6794

**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)

Phone: (612) 273-4459

VideoPhone: (651) 964-1427

Fax: (612) 273-4461

**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 & Teens Programs and Services

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

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

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

Purple VP: (301) 587-1788

SorensonVP: (301) 328-1443

Convo VP: (301) 338-6380

Fax: (301) 587-1791

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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

## 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

Fax: (847) 509-1177

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

Fax: (847) 392-2870

TTY: (847) 392-2855

**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

Fax: 630.960.7601

**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

Fax: (815) 806-0390

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)**

Apollo Recreation Center

12521 S. Kostner Ave., Alsip, Illinois 60803

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

Phone: (708) 389-9423

Fax: (708) 389-6458

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

**Description:** SWSRA provides year-round quality recreation programs and services for individuals with disabilities or special needs. The programs are designed to increase independence and enhance the quality of life for each individual (early childhood through adulthood.) The programs are designed to meet the individual recreation needs of any person who is in special education classes, participates in a sheltered workshop, is referred to SWSRA from a local hospital or rehabilitation center, or whose special needs restrict or prohibit their participation in traditional



park district or recreation department programs. This would include 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.org](http://www.wssra.org)

Phone: (847) 455-2100

Fax: (847) 455-2157

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.

## 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: P.O. Box 2455  
Northbrook, Illinois 60065-2455

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

### **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) 655-7899 (Call for dates and times)  
(773) 625-5070 (Voice and TTY)

**Services:** Mass every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in TOTAL COMMUNICATION – sign & 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

**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.

## 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)

**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)

**Illinois Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (IRID)**

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

## 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

[www.gupress.gallaudet.edu/index.html](http://www.gupress.gallaudet.edu/index.html)

**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

[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/>



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

*Resources: Deaf Interpreter, Legal, Healthcare, Video Relay Service (VRS), Video Remote Interpreting (VRI), Deaf-Blind, Trilingual Interpreting, and Vocational Rehabilitation, and ASL Legal Vocabulary Dictionary*

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://research.gallaudet.edu/Publications/>



**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>