



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

Email: 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/

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.

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.dcfs.html

Contact: Rebecca Patton

Email: 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

<https://dscc.uic.edu/>

Email: dscc@uic.edu

Phone: (800) 322-3722

Fax: (217) 558-0773

Languages Spoken: English, Spanish

Chicago Administration Office

1309 S. Halsted St, 3rd Floor, Suite 307 Chicago, Illinois

<https://dscc.uic.edu/>

Email: dscc@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

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

VideoPhone: (217) 303-5807

Phone: (217) 786-0023

Fax: (217) 786-0024

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

555 W. Monroe, Chicago, Illinois 60661

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, 3rd 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

VP: (224) 265-7000

Jennifer Schmidt

Jennifer.Schmidt@illinois.gov

VP: (224) 265-7001

Chicago Heights DRS Office

Rehabilitation Services

1010 Dixie Highway, 4th 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

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

Humboldt Park DRS Office

Rehabilitation Services

2753 W. North Avenue, 3rd Floor

Chicago, Illinois 60647

Cell: (217-606-0718

TTY: (888) 261-2824

Fax: (773) 292-4432

Contact(s): Meghan Williams

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

VP: (773) 273-6646

Joliet/Kankakee DRS Office

1420 W. Jefferson St., Joliet, IL 60435

Contact(s): Kimberly Mokris

Kimberly.Mokris@illinois.gov

VP: (779) 456-5425

Main: (815) 730-4200

Fax: (815) 730-4224

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

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) 606-9342

TTY: (888) 472-0963

Fax: (708) 409-8831

Contact(s): Miranda Carey

Miranda.Carey@illinois.gov

VP: (708) 223-7390

**Wrightwood DRS Office
Rehabilitation Services**

8620 S Pulaski Road, 2nd 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

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

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

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/M 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

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

Chicago Police Department

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

Cook County

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

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
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
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

Contact Person: ADA Compliance Officer
Email: 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

Email: 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

Phone: (312) 376-1880

Fax: (312) 376-1885

Website: 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.

Deaf Equality

www.deafequality.org

Email: 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.

Equip for Equality (EFE)

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

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

Phone/TTY: (312) 413-1407

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

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

Illinois Legal Aid Online (ILAO)

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

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

Email: 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

Email: info@5starinterpreting.com

VideoPhone: (801) 471-2971

Phone: (801) 960-3046

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

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

Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf

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

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

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

Email: info@cshil.org

Voice: (815) 332-6800

Fax: (815) 332-6810

Chicago Hearing Society

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

www.chicagohearingsociety.org

Phone: (773) 248-9121

VideoPhone: (773) 904-0154

Email: 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

Columbia College

ASL Studies

600 S Michigan Ave., Chicago, Illinois 60605

Website: www.colum.edu

College of DuPage

425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn, Illinois 60137

www.cod.edu/programs/american-sign-language-interpreting/

Contact: Adam Wasilewski, Coordinator/Instructor

Phone: (630) 318-6806

Email: Wasilewskia54@cod.edu

Harper College

1200 Algonquin Rd., Palatine, Illinois 60067

www.harpercollege.edu/academics/liberal-arts/world-languages/asl/

Contact: Marcos Aguilar, Instructor

Phone: (224) 836- 4725

Email: am24646@harpercollege.edu

Moraine Valley Community College

9000 W. College Pkwy, Palos Hills, Illinois 60465

www.morainevalley.edu

Phone: (708) 974-4300

Email: 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

Phone: (630) 466-7900

INDIVIDUAL PROVIDERS**Carmen Aguilar**

Email: 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

Linguistics Experts / Evaluators

Betty M. Colonomos

Bilingual Mediation Center, Inc. (BMC)

www.visitbmc.com

Email: 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

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

Email: 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

Email: 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.

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Forensic Placement Evaluator
Illinois Department of Human Services
Division of Mental Health
Bureau of Forensic and Justice Services
401 South Clinton Street, 2nd Floor, Chicago, IL 60607
DHS.mhforensics@illinois.gov
Email: 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
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

Email: 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

National Court Reporters Association
www.ncra.org

AGENCIES

Chicago Hearing Society (CHS)
2017 N. Mendell St., Suite 3NE, Chicago, IL 60614
Email: CHSInterp@anixter.org
VP: (773) 328-8788
Phone: (773) 248-9121 Ext. 311 or 312
Fax: (312) 525-2057
Website: www.chicagohearingsociety.org

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

Dillon Reporting Service**Tina Dillon, CRC, CSR**

Elmhurst, Illinois

Phone: (630) 254-5652

Email: tina@dillonreporting.com**Efficiency Reporting****Catherine A. Rajcan, CRC, CSR**

Wheaton, Illinois

Phone: (630) 682-8887

Email: Efficiencyrptg@cs.com**LMH Certified Reporting****LeAnn M. Hibler, CRC, CSR**

Joliet, Illinois

Phone: (815) 922-6221

Email: LMHReporting@aol.com**Zeke Alicea**

3705 N. Kedzie, Apt. 202, Chicago, Illinois 60618

Phone: (773) 620-6791

Email: Ezekiel.captioner@gmail.com**REMOTE ONLY - nationwide****Jane Piles, CSR, RPR, CRR, CBC**

Phone: (785) 231-9306

Email: Jane@JanePilesInc.com**Dana Bostian**Email: Dana@BostianCaptioning.com

Assistive Technology

CapTel

www.captel.com

Phone: 800-233-9130

State of Illinois

www.captel.com/states/illinois/

Email: 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

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

Email: info@clearsounds.com or 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

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

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

Email: 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

Voice/VideoPhone: (510) 629-5622

Purple Communications*

www.purplevrs.com

Voice/VideoPhone: (877) 885-3172

Sorenson Communication*

www.sorenson.com

Voice/VideoPhone: (801) 386-8500

ZVRS

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

Contact: Amber Smock

Email: asmock@accessliving.org

Phone: (312) 640-2100

VideoPhone: (312) 957-4843

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

<https://aim-cil.org>

Email: support@aim-cil.org

VideoPhone: (630) 984-4251

Phone: (630) 469-2300

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.

American Society for Deaf Children

<https://deafchildren.org>

Email: 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

Phone/TTY: (815) 200-9339

ALDA Chicago

P.O. Box 102, Lombard, Illinois 60148

www.aldachicago.org

Email: 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

Email: AskCHS@anixter.org

VideoPhone: (773) 904-0154

Phone: (773) 248-9121

Fax: (773) 409-1544

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

Email: CHSYouth@anixter.org

Email: CHSCOA@anixter.org

VideoPhone: (773) 904-0154

Phone: (773) 248-9121

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

Email: 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

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

www.chicagohearingsociety.org

Email: CHSCOA@anixter.org

VideoPhone: (773) 904-0154

Phone: (773) 248-9121

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.

Chicagoland Deaf Seniors (CDS)

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

Contact: Ellen Cooke

Email: ecqqke@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

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.

DEAF, Inc.

25 E. Frisco Ave, Webster Groves, MO 63119

www.deafinc.org

Email: info@deafinc.org

Phone: (314) 714-6400

Fax: (314) 968-8872

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

Disability Resource Center of Joliet (DRC)

77 N. 129th Infantry Dr., Joliet, Illinois 60435

www.drcjoliet.org

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

Email: 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

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

Email: 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

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 11th Street, Rock Island, IL 61201

www.iicil.com

Contact: Hershel Jackson, Deaf Services Coordinator

Email: hershel@iicil.com

VideoPhone: (309) 948-6050

Voice: (309) 793-0090

Fax: (309) 793- 5189

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

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

VideoPhone: (217) 408-0181

Fax: (217) 245-2562

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

Email: nad.info@nad.org

Purple/ZVRS VideoPhone: (301) 587-1788

Sorenson VideoPhone: (301) 328-1443

Convo VideoPhone: (301) 338-6380

TTY: (301) 910-3182

Fax: (301) 587-1791

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

Contact: Carol Nemecek-Kowalski, Deaf Services Coordinator

Email: 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 Deaf Services

1 Illinois Blvd., Hoffman Estates, Illinois 60169

Contact: Sarita Phadke, Deaf Services Coordinator

Email: sphadke@schtn.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. 83rd Place, Merriville, IN 46410

www.tradewindsnwi.org

Email: 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/

Canine Companions

www.canine.org/service-dogs/our-dogs/hearing-dogs/

Paws with a Cause

www.pawswithacause.org/what-we-do/assistance-dogs/hearing-dogs/

US Service Animals

www.usserviceanimals.org/blog/service-dog-for-the-deaf/

International Hearing Dogs

www.hearingdog.org

DeafBlind Programs / Services

Chicago Hearing Society (CHS)

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

www.chicagohearingsociety.org

Contact: Jason Weiland, DeafBlind Program Coordinator

Email: 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

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

Email: info@cshil.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.

DeafBlind Service Center

1620 18th Ave, Suite #200, Seattle, Washington 98122

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/

Email: 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

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, 2nd Floor, Chicago, IL 60657
www.advocatehealth.com

Contact: Carrie Vasquez
Email: 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
Phone: (773) 973-7900 ext. 230 (office)
Fax: (872) 203-0389

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
VideoPhone: (224) 412-4874
Phone: (847) 559-0110
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

<https://evolvetherapeuticcenter.com>

Email: 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., Northbrook, Illinois 60090

www.nsseo.org/services/isrc

Contact person: Cheri Sinnot, Springer Director LCSW

Email: cheris@isrc.us

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., 2nd 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

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

Packard Mental Health Center

901 Southwind Dr., Springfield, Illinois 62703

www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=155329

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/

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, 2nd Floor, Chicago, IL 60607

Dhs.mhforensics@illinois.gov

Email: 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/

VideoPhone: (334) 239-3558

Phone: (334) 353-4703

Email: 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

Email: 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

Email: frontdesk@deafcounseling.com

VideoPhone: (240) 380-2577

Fax: (301) 493-6044

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

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.cardonal@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 167th St., Tinley Park, IL 60451

Telehealth and In-Person

Phone: (708) 623-8000

Email: 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@arborecounselingcenter.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

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

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

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, 2nd Floor, Chicago, IL 60657

www.advocatehealth.com

Email: 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/

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/

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

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/

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. 6th St., Minneapolis, Minnesota 55454

On 5th and 6th floors in the West Building

www.mncddeaf.org

VideoPhone: (651) 964-1427

Phone: (612) 273-4459

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., 1st Floor, Springfield, IL 62704

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

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

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

Email: ask@jcfs.org

Phone: (855) 275-5237

Services: Employment training, job placement, and support services

Youth & Teens Programs and Services

American Society for Deaf Children

<https://deafchildren.org>

Email: 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

Phone: (970) 315-0513

Email: 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

Phone: (315) 207-5706

Email: 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.

Deaflympics

International Committee of Sports for the Deaf

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

www.deaflympics.com

Email: 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

Phone: (608) 234-5049

Email: 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.

NAD Youth Leadership Camp (YLC)

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

www.youth.nad.org

Purple VP: (301) 587-1788

SorensonVP: (301) 328-1443

Convo VP: (301) 338-6380

TTY: (301) 810-3182

Fax: (301) 587-1791

Email: 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

Email: 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

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

Contact: Sarah B. Faber, Program & Events Coordinator

Phone: (773) 796-3525

Email: sarah.faber@chicagoparkdistrict.com

Northern Suburban Special Recreation Association (NSSRA)

1221 County Line Rd, Highland Park, IL 60035

www.nssra.org

Phone: (847) 509-9400

Fax: (847) 509-1177

Email: 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

Phone: (847) 392-2848

Fax: (847) 392-2870

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

Email: 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 80th Ave., Tinley Park, Illinois 60487

www.sssra.org

Phone: (815) 806-0384

Email: 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

Phone: (708) 389-9423

Fax: (708) 389-6458

Email: 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.net

Phone: (847) 455-2100

Fax: (847) 455-2157

Email: 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

Synagogue Office: (847) 917-7726

Email: 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

Email: info@bethelministries.org

Phone: (847) 885-3230

First Baptist Church of Hammond

473 Sibley St. Hammond, Indiana

Email: connect@fbchammond.com

Phone: (219) 932-0711

Website: www.fbchammond.com

St. Francis Borgia

St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center (Small Building)

8025 W. Addison St., Chicago, Illinois 60634

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

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

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

American Society of Deaf Children

<https://deafchildren.org>

Association of Late Deafened Adults (ALDA), Inc.

www.alda.org

Chicago Lighthouse

www.chicagolighthouse.org

Chicago Club of the Deaf (CCD)

<http://chicagoclubdeaf.org>

Chicagoland Black Deaf Advocates (CLBDA)

www.clbda.weebly.com

Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA)

www.hearingloss.org

Illinois Association of the Deaf (IAD)

www.iadeaf.org

Illinois Deaf and Hard of Hearing Commission (IDHHC)

www.illinois.gov/idhhc

National Asian Deaf Congress (NADC)

<https://nadc1997.org>

National Association of the Deaf (NAD)

www.nad.org

Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID)

www.rid.org

Swoboda Deaf Center (SDC)

www.swobodadeafcenter.org

West Suburban Association of the Deaf (WSAD)

www.wsad1981.org

World Federation of the Deaf (WFD)

www.wfdeaf.org

DEAF NEWS

The Daily Moth

www.dailymoth.com/blog

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

Deaf Nation

www.deafnation.com

DEAFWIRE / WORLDSIGN Week

www.h3world.tv/shows-name/worldsign-week

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

Publications

Dawn Sign Press

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

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

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



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://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>