

Alexander Graham Bell Montessori School (AGBMS) and Alternatives in Education for Hard of Hearing / Deaf Individuals (AEHI)

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Geographic Region: Suburbs of Chicago

ITHI Area(s) 9

Modes of Communication:

- Total Communication Sign Language, English based ASL Certified Sign Language Interpreter
- Auditory Oral Program in Instructional Setting Auditory Oral in Itinerant Resource Setting
- Cued Speech

Types of Services Offered:

- Itinerant Services Deaf /HH Resource Classroom
- Deaf /HH Instructional /Self Contained Classroom Residential

Description

Alexander Graham Bell Montessori School (AGBMS) and Alternatives in Education for Hard of Hearing/Deaf Individuals (AEHI) is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to empowering individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing to achieve age-appropriate language, literacy, and overall academic skills through unique educational options.

AGBMS is a model full-inclusion program where we provide the combined benefits of:

- a challenging, mainstream Montessori curriculum
- individualized and small-group instruction
- unlimited opportunities for interaction with hearing peers
- an intense focus on oral communication skills
- Cued Speech as a supplement to English -- especially in difficult listening situations, in cases where new and/or complex information is being presented, and in cases where there are language delays that must be resolved in an accelerated fashion.

Our school provides special services for children from birth to twelve years old. In addition to our regular staff of certified teachers, we employ a team of specialists, including certified teachers of the deaf, a speech/language pathologist, Early Interventionists, and a certified Special Education teacher. These specialists collaborate with each other and the classroom teaching staff to provide on-site therapeutic and educational services in accordance with each child’s IEP or IFSP. AGBMS is approved by the Illinois State Board Education (ISBE) to provide services to Deaf and Hard of Hearing children and children with speech/language delays.

AEHI is the outreach component of our program. AEHI provides outreach services including Cued Speech workshops, individualized parental training and support, educational consulting, professional development opportunities, and access to a wide variety of information on Cued Speech and its benefits. AEHI also supports a model Cued Speech inclusion program for the education of children who are deaf or hard of hearing within AGBMS.

Center on Deafness / Centerview Therapeutic School

Centerview Therapeutic School
3444 Dundee Road
Northbrook, IL 60062

(847) 559-0110

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Description

Centerview serves Hard of Hearing and Deaf students ages 6 through 21 from all over the country who have additional handicapping conditions such as Emotional Disorders, Behavior Disorders, and Developmental Disabilities.

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Centerview Therapeutic School
3444 Dundee Road
Northbrook, IL 60062
847 559-0110

Child's Voice School

180 Hansen Ct.
Wood Dale, IL 60191

(630) 595-8200
www.childsvoice.org

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Description

Child's Voice is a non public Listening and Spoken Language program where children with hearing loss learn to talk through the development of aural / oral skills. Child's Voice, founded in 1996 by a group of determined parents, has programs for infants and their families, home and center based, a toddler program for 18 month olds, as well as an academic program for children ages 3-8 years, and a mainstream outreach program that tracks our graduates. Child's Voice offers several support groups and educational seminars for parents. As the only state-approved non-public program of our kind in the Chicago area, the goal is for our students to join hearing classmates in their local school as soon as they have acquired the skills to be academically viable. Children will spend approximately 4 years in our program before returning to their local school where they require minimal on-going assistance or special education services.

Contact Info: Dr. Michele Wilkins, Executive Director, LSLS Cert. AVEd

Child's Voice School
180 Hansen Ct.
Wood Dale, IL 60191
(630) 595-8200
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www.childsvoice.org
info@childsvoice.org

Cooperative Association for Special Education (C.A.S.E.)

1104 N. Main St.
Lombard, IL 60148

(630) 629-2600

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Description

The C.A.S.E. Itinerant Services Office provides hearing itinerant services to 64 school districts in western Cook and eastern DuPage counties. Special education cooperatives served include: C.A.S.E., AERO, LADSE, LASEC, and PAEC. In addition, C.A.S.E. provides itinerant services to a number of independent districts. Finally, C.A.S.E. Itinerant Services also provides technical supervision to a small number of districts and cooperatives that have their own D/HH classroom and /or itinerant teachers.

Contact Info.:

Mary Furbush, Director
C.A.S.E. Itinerant Services Office
1104 N. Main St.
Lombard, IL 60148
(630) 629-2600

Hinsdale South High School / LADSE

7401 Clarendon Hills Road
Darien, IL 60561

(630) 468-4460
www.hinsdale86.org

Geographic Region: Suburbs of Chicago

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LADSE is a part of the DuPage West Cook Regional Program, which serves 93 districts in the western suburbs of Chicago. Services are provided to students ages 3-21. SASSED operates the elementary and junior high programs; LADSE operates the high school program. The high school program is located in Hinsdale South High School. The program offers a range of options including full mainstream with deaf supports, partial mainstreaming, full self-contained, and modified curriculum self-contained. An off-site Community Based Program is also offered. Students who prefer to remain in their home school are provided with itinerant services, interpreters, and related services as stated in their IEP.

Contact Info:

LADSE

Patricia Even

DHH Program Coordinator

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Indian Prairie School District 204

780 Shoreline Dr.
Aurora, IL 60504

(630) 375-3000

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Description

Indian Prairie School District 204 offers itinerant services to it's preschool through high school students. Certified sign language interpreters are provided when indicated on a student's IEP.

Contact Info:

Indian Prairie School Dist 204
780 Shoreline Dr.
Aurora, IL 60504

(630) 375-3000

Mental Health and Deafness Resources, Inc.

1941 Rohlwing Rd
Rolling Meadows, IL 60008

(847) 509-8260
www.mentalhealthanddeafness.org

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Description

Mental Health and Deafness provides educational and therapeutic services, to students who are deaf or hard of hearing and have emotional and or behavioral problems in addition to their hearing loss, in group home settings in the Northbrook and Bloomington areas of Illinois. In addition, we have an inpatient psychiatric program. We have opened a young adult CILA in the Bloomington area.

Contact Info:

Corporate Office:

Mental Health and Deafness

847 509-8260

847 509-8257 [TTY]

847 509-8157 [Fax]

Northwest Suburban Special Education Organization (NSSEO) DHH Program

799 W. Kensington Rd.
Mt. Prospect, IL 60056

(847) 463-8100

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NSSEO DHH Program provides programs for students who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing at the following schools: Forest Elementary School (preschool through 5th grade), MacArthur Middle School (6th through 8th grade), and John Hersey High School (9th through 12th grade). NSSEO serves 44 school districts in the north and northwest suburbs of Chicago and provides itinerant services to the following districts:
In Cook Co. Districts # 21, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 57, 59, 62, 63, 64, 65, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 73.5, 74, 202, 203, 207, 211, 214, 219, and 225
In Lake Co. Districts # 65, 67, 106, 109, 112, 113, and 115.

NSSEO DHH Program also provides full diagnostic services, including audiologic, behavioral, speech /language, cognitive and academic evaluation, to students in its member districts.

Contact Info:

Forest School	MacArthur M.S.	John Hersey H.S.
1375 Forest Ave	700 North Schoenbeck Rd	1900 E. Thomas
Des Plaines, IL 60018	Prospect Heights, IL 60070	Arlington Heights, IL 60004
847 824-6362	847 870-3879	847 718-4800

For School Program information, contact: Sheryl Goldman, Program Coordinator (847) 463-8174
For itinerant services, contact: Melissa Swanson, Program Coordinator (847) 463-8135

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Mt. Prospect, IL 60056
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School Association for Special Education In DuPage County (SASED DuPage / West Cook)

6S331 Cornwall Road
Naperville, IL 60540

(630) 778-4500

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SASED's Deaf / Hard of Hearing Program serves the educational needs of students from age 3 through 8th grade for DuPage /West Cook. Sites now serving students for SASED include:

Fairwood Preschool

(ages 3 through 5)

(630) 705-0691

Supervisor: Joyce Zimmerman

North School

(Grades kdg through 2nd)

(630) 530-6274

Supervisor: Joyce Zimmerman

Westmont Jr. High School

(Grades 6 through 8)

(630) 468-8251

Supervisor: Shelley Rowland

The SASED self-contained program serves students with a wide variety of educational needs for 93 districts across the DuPage West Cook area. Services are provided in mainstream or self-contained settings. Curricular options within the self-contained program include modified academics, applied academics, or community-based programming. All related services identified on a student's IEP are provided using an inclusive model.

Contact Info: Shelley Rowland, Supervisor

Westmont Jr. High

(630) 468-8251

School Association for Special Education in DuPage County (SASED) Hearing Itinerant Program

543 E. Taylor Rd.
Lombard, Illinois 60148

630 705-0691
www.sased.org

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The SASED Itinerant Offices provides itinerant services to the following school districts: Keeneyville #20, Benjamin School District # 25, West Chicago Elementary District #33, Winfield School District # 34, School District of DuPage #45, Salt Creek School District # 48, Downers Grove Grade School District #58, Maercker District # 60, Cass School District # 63, Center Cass School District # 66, Woodridge School District #68, DuPage High School District # 88, Community High School District # 94, Community High School District # 99, Community Consolidated District # 180, Westmont Community Unit District # 201, Lisle Community Unit District # 202, and Elmhurst Community Unit District # 205. Under the itinerant model, modes of communication used are based upon the needs of the individual student.

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jzimmerman@d45.org or jzimmerman@sased.org

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