

State Resources for Children who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing

CAIRS

4801 Southwick Drive, Suite 610 312 895-4300
Matteson, IL 60443 312 957-4896 VP www.cairs.net

CAIRS provides Interpreting Services on a 24-hour basis, seven days a week. CAIRS Mission, Vision and Values statements prioritizes service excellence. CAIRS serves and supports the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community in the areas of focused charitable giving, education and community networking. CAIRS serves and supports the interpreter community by funding educational workshops throughout the year, managing the CMP Sponsor Program and collaborating with the Illinois Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (IRID) and the Indiana Interpreter Certification Program.

Catholic Office of the Deaf

Catholic Office of the Deaf 312 534-7899 voice www.deafchurchchicago.parishesonline.com
3525 South Lake park Ave 312 751-8368 TTY
Chicago. IL 60653 312 957-4766 VP

The Catholic Office of the Deaf provides services such as religious education, church services, referrals, and other various kinds of assistance for Deaf adults with their families and Catholic deaf children who attend public schools and their families. We serve the children at various locations within the boundaries of Cook County and Lake County, but can make referrals for children in other areas, or they can drive in to our services.

Chicago Hearing Society

2001 N. Clybourn Avenue, 2nd Floor 773-248-9121 voice
Chicago, IL 60614 773-248-9174 tty
www.chicagohearingociety.org CHSInterp@anixter.org to request an interpreter

Chicago Hearing Society (CHS) empowers deaf, hard of hearing and hearing people to communicate, contribute and collaborate by providing a wide array of programs, services and assistive technology products throughout the Chicago metropolitan area. CHS is a resource for social services, advocacy and support programs, and provides products that enhance communication for deaf and hard of hearing people.

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CHOICES for Parents

Carrie Balian, Coordinator
P.O. Box 806045
Chicago, IL 60680-4121

312 523-6400 v / tty 866 733-8729 v/tty
www.choicesforparents.org
choicesforparents@yahoo.com

CHOICES for Parents is a statewide coalition of parents and professionals who aid parents of children with newly identified hearing loss by providing them with immediate access to support, information, and resources to meet their family's needs. The Guide By Your Side Program offers parent-to-parent emotional support. Parents of children who are deaf and hard of hearing have been trained to provide unbiased support and resources, and to mentor other parents whose children have been identified as having a hearing loss. CHOICES for Parents has partnered with Illinois Hands & Voices and the Illinois Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program to offer Guide By Your Side. .

Deaf Communication by Innovation (DCI)

3711 N Ravenswood, Suite 144
Chicago, IL 60613

773 857-7709 voice

312 445-8571 VP
www.deafcomm.net

Deaf Communication by Innovation (DCI) is a Deaf owned and operated business created to improve communication between deaf and hearing people through advanced technology. Although technology often provides the most expeditious means of communication, DCI works hard to maintain a personal relationship with customers, interpreters and the deaf individuals they serve. Our Interpreting Service matches qualified sign language interpreters/transliterators with assignments via the Internet. Because it is Web-based, our service allows 24/7 access to both customers and interpreters, and permits fast, accurate and convenient scheduling and reporting. Our Multimedia Service also assists with presentations, film production, consulting, marketing strategies and web design, all geared toward the Deaf community.

Division of Specialized Care for Children (D.S.C.C.)

800 322-3722 phone

217 785-4728 tty

www.uic.edu/hsc/dscc

The major focus of DSCC is to offer care coordination and cost-supported diagnosis and treatment for children with chronic health impairments determined eligible for program support. DSCC supports non-investigational treatment recommended by physician specialists, such as therapy, medications, specialized equipment, and supplies. D.S.C.C. can help medically and financially qualified people receive financial assistance for hearing aids. Application forms are available on the Core Program page of our website.

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Hearing and Visions Early Intervention Outreach (HVEIO)

Sue Brosmith, Interim Coordinator 217 470-4318
HVEIO www.illinoisdeaf.org/Outreach/HVEIO.htm
125 Webster
Jacksonville, IL 62650

Hearing and Vision Early Intervention Outreach is a statewide training and technical assistance program regarding infants and toddlers who are deaf, hard of hearing or visually impaired. Our goal is for all children in Illinois who are deaf, hard of hearing or visually impaired to have appropriate Early Intervention Services.

Illinois Assistive Technology Program (IATP)

1 West Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 100 (217) 522-7985 voice www.iltech.org
Springfield, Illinois 62701 (217) 522-9966 tty (800) 852-5110 v/tty

The Illinois Assistive Technology Program (IATP) is a not-for-profit agency that promotes the availability of assistive technology services and programs for people with disabilities. IATP serves all people with disabilities in the state of Illinois, their families, service providers, state agencies, private industry, educators, and other interested individuals, regardless of age or income.

Illinois Association of the Deaf (I.A.D)

www.iadeaf.org

The Illinois Association of the Deaf (IAD) strives to promote advancement of the social, educational and economic well-being of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing citizens of Illinois. The primary goal of I.A. D. is to provide activities in the general community that are available and accessible to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing population, as well as to the general public. I.A.D. supports special services such as sign language interpreters, to break down the barriers of activities in society, so that Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals are welcome to participate. I.A.D. stands by the idea that Deaf and Hard of Hearing people can participate, with great success in all community activities.

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Illinois Deaf and Hard of Hearing Commission

528 South 5th St. 877-455-3323 v 888 261-2698 tty
Springfield, IL 62701 217 557-4495 v 217 303-8010 VP
www2.illinois.gov/idhhc

IDHHC serves as a conduit of information about hearing loss to the State of Illinois. This information includes public awareness about hearing loss, demographic information on hearing loss in Illinois, statutes at the Federal and State level affecting the deaf and hard of hearing, a statewide captioned movie calendar, and a statewide calendar where organizations can post events related to hearing loss. The IDHHC also oversees all licensed interpreters throughout Illinois and maintains a referral database divided by geographic region.

Illinois Families for Hands & Voices

630 697-3544 v/tty www.ilhandsandvoices.org
630 378-1346 tty

Illinois Families for Hands & Voices is a parent-driven, non-profit organization dedicated to supporting families that have children who are deaf and hard-of-hearing without a bias toward communication modes or methodologies. We want to provide Illinois families with the necessary resources, networking, and information in order to improve communication access and educational outcomes for their children. Our statewide activities, advocacy efforts, and parent/professional collaboration are all focused on enabling our deaf and hard-of-hearing children to reach their fullest potential!

Illinois Network of Centers for Independent Living (CILs)

1 West Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 501 217 525-1308 v/tty
Springfield, IL 62701 800 587-1227 toll free
www.incil.org

CILs provide comprehensive information regarding services available in the community to help disabled persons live independently, such as accessible housing, transportation, employment opportunities, personal assistants, readers for people who are visually impaired and more.

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Illinois Relay Service- 711

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The Illinois Relay Service is a free service available 24 hours a day. A person who uses a TTY types their conversation to a Sprint Relay operator, who then reads aloud the typed conversation to the person at the other end of the line. The operator then types that person's spoken words and relays them to the TTY user.

Illinois RID

P.O. Box 4584
Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60522-4584

www.igid.org

The philosophy of IRID is that excellence in the delivery of interpretation/transliteration services among deaf and hard of hearing and people who are hearing will ensure effective communication. As the professional association for interpreters and transliterators, IRID serves as an essential arena for its members in their pursuit of excellence. Additionally, the IRID website lists helpful resources such as Interpreter Education Programs, Interpreter Service Agencies, as well as a directory of licensed Illinois interpreters.

Illinois Service Resource Center - (ISRC)

Cheri Sinott, Director
3444 W. Dundee Rd.
Northbrook, IL 60062

847 559-8195 v / tty
800 550-4772 Helpline
www.isrc.us

224 545-5199 VP

The Illinois Service Resource Center provides behavior support for students who are deaf or hard of hearing in Illinois. Behavior support can be for individual students with challenges, or at the preventive level with classrooms or school programs. ISRC serves students with hearing loss regardless of communication mode. ISRC is a component of the Illinois Statewide Technical Assistance Center (ISTAC) funded by the Illinois State Board of Education. ISRC provides training, onsite assistance and resources for parents and educators of students who are deaf or hard of hearing. ISRC team members visit homes and schools to work with families and educators in developing positive behavior support plans for DHH students in need of intensive level supports.

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Illinois State Board of Education -Special Education

Dr. Christopher Koch, Ed.D.
State Superintendent

Springfield Office
217 782-4870
www.isbe.net/spec-ed

The Illinois State Board of Education partners with school districts to provide programs and services for students with specialized educational needs. Special Education Services assures that these programs and services meet state and federal requirements.

Interagency Committee on Employees with Disabilities (ICED)

Department of Human Rights
222 S. College, Room 101(A)
Springfield, IL 62704

(217) 785-5119 (Voice)
(866) 740-3953 (TTY)

www.state.il.us/ICED

The Committee advocates for the rights of state employees with disabilities. It also serves as a resource for state agencies on disability-related issues. The Committee achieves its goals through education and legislation.

International Center on Deafness and the Arts (ICODA)

Dr. Patricia Scherer, Founder and President
Kathleen Herman, Executive Director
614 Anthony Trail
Northbrook, IL 60062

(847) 509-8260 VOICE
(847) 509-8257 TTY
www.icodaarts.org

The International Center on Deafness and the Arts is a place where children (2-102!), teens and adults who are deaf, hard of hearing and hearing are encouraged to Imagine, Create and Dream through shared artistic expression. ICODA provides access to educational resources and professional arts opportunities which instills principles, cultivates character and nurtures talent in children who are deaf and hard of hearing to assist their development in becoming successful adults.

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ISD Outreach

Marcia Breese, Coordinator of Outreach
125 S. Webster Ave
Jacksonville, IL 62650

877 339-2686 v/tty
www.isdoutreach.org

ISD's Outreach Services are available to parents, teachers, students and educational personnel who work with children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing in Illinois. Training, consultation and technical assistance is provided on site or via telephone. All services are free.

Mental Health and Deafness Resources, Inc.

1941 Rohlwing Rd. 847-509-8260 voice ext.231
Rolling Meadows, IL 60008 847-509-8257 tty www.mentalhealthanddeafness.org

We provide intensive mental health services to children, adolescents and adults who are deaf or hard of hearing, and who are emotionally troubled or behaviorally disordered. . We offer a psychiatric in-patient mental health program at Maryville Behavioral Health Hospital specifically designed to serve persons who are deaf or hard of hearing, group homes and day/residential therapeutic school programs for children and adolescents located in the northern suburbs of Chicago, A group home in a rural environment in mid-central Illinois near Bloomington/Normal, and Diagnostic evaluations and consultations with school districts and special education co-ops for students who are deaf or have communication problems.

Project Reach Illinois Deaf - Blind Services , Phillip Rock Center and School

Philip Rock Center 630 790-2474 voice
818 DuPage Blvd. 800 771-1158 v/tty
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137 www.philiprockcenter.org/project-reach

Project Reach provides technical assistance, information, and training to address the early intervention, special education, related services, and transitional services needs of children with deaf-blindness and enhance state capacity to improve services and outcomes for children and their families.

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State of Illinois Department of Human Services, Division of Rehabilitation Services

Services for People Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing
www.dhs.state.il.us

Helpline: 800 843-6154 voice
800 447-6404 tty

DRS staff provide services to people with disabilities in 48 local offices located in communities throughout the state. Use the DHS Office Locator and search for Rehabilitation Services to find the nearest local office or call toll-free: (800) 843-6154 (Voice, English or Español) or (800) 447-6404 (TTY).

Wrightslaw Yellow Pages for Kids with Disabilities

www.yellowpagesforkids.com

At the Yellow Pages for Kids with Disabilities, you will find educational consultants, psychologists, diagnosticians, health care specialists, academic tutors, speech language therapists, advocates, and attorneys. You will also find government programs, grassroots organizations, special education schools, and parent support groups.