

Virginia
Resource Directory
For
Parents of Children
with Hearing Loss

A parent guide was first produced in 2000 through collaboration among the Virginia Department of Health, the Virginia Department of Education, the Virginia Department for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, and the Infant & Toddler Connection at the Virginia Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services.

This resource directory provides parents and caregivers of children who have hearing loss with a comprehensive list of sources for support and information regarding hearing loss.

Every effort has been made to provide current contact information. For the most current version, visit the Virginia Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program Web site at www.vahealth.org/hearing.

Should you find information that is not correct or a link that is broken, please contact the Virginia Early Hearing Detection and Information Program at hearing@vdh.virginia.gov.

Virginia Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program
Division of Child and Adolescent Health
Virginia Department of Health
109 Governor Street, 8th Floor, Richmond, VA 23219
Phone (804) 864-7713 • Fax (804) 864-7721
Toll Free 1-866-493-1090
VA Relay 7-1-1 or 1-800-828-1120

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STATE AGENCY RESOURCES

Virginia Department of Health (VDH)

Virginia Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program

The Virginia Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) Program is mandated by Virginia law. The EHDI Program goals are that all newborns are screened prior to hospital discharge or by 1 month of age, that infants who do not pass the screening receive a diagnosis before 3 months of age, and that all infants with confirmed hearing loss receive intervention services before the age of 6 months. Program services include ensuring that each new parent understands the importance of initial screening and receives information about how the screening is conducted as well as their child's results, assuring that infants needing screening or further testing are referred to appropriate facilities, providing materials to families of children with hearing loss that will assist them in making communication and educational choices, providing assistance in linking with other resources, and linking families of children with confirmed hearing loss to early intervention services and parent-to-parent support.

For information and referral contact the EHDI Program:

Virginia Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program
Virginia Department of Health
109 Governor Street, 8th Floor
Richmond, VA 23219
(866) 493-1090
VA Relay 7-1-1 or 1-800-828-1120
www.vahealth.org/hearing

Information on the Virginia Hearing Aid Loan Bank, sponsored by VDH, can be found on page 17 and at www.vahealth.org/hearing/valoanerbak.asp.

Information on the Virginia Guide By Your Side Program, funded by grant monies, can be found on 17 and at www.vcu.edu/partnership/guide_side.html

Care Connection for Children

www.vahealth.org/specialchildren

www.specialneedsresourcesva.org

(Care Connection for Children Resource Directory)

Care Connection for Children (CCC) is a statewide network of Centers of Excellence for children with special health care needs (CSHCN) sponsored by the Virginia Department of Health. CCC services include access to specialty medical care and Medical Homes, assistance coordinating care and services, assistance in obtaining health insurance for the child, information and referral to community resources, and family-to-family support. There are some limited funds to pay for certain services not covered by health insurance. Children are eligible to receive CCC services if they are residents of Virginia under the age of 21, and have a chronic physical condition that requires health care and other services beyond those which are needed by children generally. Services are free of charge. Each of the six CCC centers serves a large geographic area. Toll free numbers are listed below:

Blue Ridge (866) 596-9367

Central Virginia (866) 737-5965

Hampton Roads (800) 864-8903

Northern Virginia (866) 222-0372

Roanoke Area (866) 906-2999

Southwest Virginia (800) 704-1285

Genetic Hearing Loss and Genetic Counseling

Some types of hearing loss are inherited. This means the child's genetic makeup includes a hearing loss. Inherited hearing loss can run in families. Genetic hearing loss can be conductive, sensorineural, or mixed in nature. Sometimes genetic hearing loss is part of a syndrome or a combination of features that go together. About one-half of cases of hearing loss that occur early in a child's life are due to genetic factors.

Genetic counseling is a process that deals with the human problems that go along with the chance of having a genetic disorder in a family. A genetic counselor can help find out whether hearing loss is inherited and the chance that another family member may be affected. The Virginia Department of Health sponsors regional genetic centers where testing, counseling, and education for genetic hearing loss are available.

Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters

Department of Pediatrics, Genetics
Division

601 Children's Lane
Norfolk, VA 23507
(757) 668-9723
(888) 668-9723

University of Virginia Health System

Department of Pediatrics, Genetics
Division

PO Box 800386
Charlottesville, VA 22908
(434) 924-2665
(800) 251-3627, Ext. 42665

Virginia Commonwealth University

Department of Human Genetics
PO Box 980033
Richmond, VA 23298
(804) 828-9632

Testing, counseling, and education are also available at:

Gallaudet University

Genetics Program, Department of
Biology
800 Florida Avenue, NE
Washington, DC 20002
(202) 651-5258 V/TTY
(877) 651-5258 V/TTY

Genetics and IVF Institute

3015 Williams Drive
Fairfax, VA 22031
(703) 698-7355
(800) 552-4363

Virginia Department for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (VDDHH)

VDDHH is a state agency that operates with the full understanding that communication is the most critical issue facing persons who are deaf and hard of hearing. The foundation of all programs at VDDHH is communication - both as a service (through interpreters, technology, and other modes) and as a means of sharing information for public awareness (through training and education). VDDHH works to reduce and, ultimately, eliminate the communication barriers between persons who are deaf or hard of hearing and those who are hearing.

Contact VDDHH for information about:

- Getting a qualified interpreter
- Applying for assistive technology
- Borrowing assistive listening devices
- Making a phone call through the state's Telecommunications Relay Service
- Taking a skills assessment for sign language and cued speech interpreters and translators
- Seeing a demonstration of various assistive technology for persons who are deaf or hard of hearing
- Borrowing books and videotapes on topics such as sign language, education, and Deaf culture
- Receiving the VDDHH newsletter
- Receiving training on subjects related to persons who are deaf or hard of hearing

With funding from the Virginia Department of Health, VDDHH has developed a special collection of materials for the exclusive use of providers in Virginia's Early Intervention system - the Infant & Toddler Connection of Virginia.

Please contact the VDDHH (contact information can be found below) for information on how to access this collection of materials and/or any materials in their extensive lending library.

VDDHH has contracts with several organizations across Virginia to provide outreach services locally. Outreach providers serve deaf and hard of hearing persons by providing consultation to schools, businesses, churches, government agencies, and organizations; information and referral; workshops; training; equipment loans, a device demonstration center; newsletter exchange; TTY paper sales; meeting room, meeting space for deaf senior citizens, speaker's bureau; classes in parenting, sign language and coping skills; a newsletter with community events listings; and a professional resource bank. Contact VDDHH for an up-to-date list of regional outreach contacts.

For more information about the services listed above or the local outreach provider near you, VDDHH may be contacted at:

Virginia Department for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Rolling Hills Drive

Ratcliffe Building, Suite 203

Richmond, VA 23229-5012

(800) 522-7917 V/TTY

(804) 662-9502 V/TTY

www.vddhh.org

Infant & Toddler Connection of Virginia

Virginia Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services (DMHMRSAS)

Virginia's Early Intervention System

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) includes legislation (Part C of the Act) for provision of services for children from birth to the age of 3 with disabilities and their families. In Virginia, these services are coordinated through the Infant & Toddler Connection (ITC) of Virginia.

A child is eligible for early intervention services if he/she has a diagnosed condition (including hearing loss) with a high probability of it resulting in developmental delay, has a 25 percent or more delay in one or more developmental areas, or shows atypical development. A multidisciplinary evaluation and assessment are required to determine eligibility and the child's status in all developmental areas, as well as to identify the parents' concerns, priorities and resources related to their child's development. An Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) is developed for eligible children by a team that includes the family, a service coordinator, and service provider(s). The plan is based on the developmental needs of the child and the priorities and needs of the family to help the child learn. The plan identifies outcomes and the early intervention supports and services needed to attain those outcomes

The early intervention supports and services available through the Infant & Toddler Connection of Virginia include audiology, speech/language pathology, sign language and cued language services, assistive technology services and devices, nutrition services, occupational and physical therapy, special instruction, social work services, and psychological services. A service coordinator is available to assist each family in finding access to needed supports and services. The early intervention supports and services included on the IFSP should begin soon after the plan is created.

No child or family will be denied services because of an inability to pay. Virginia has a statewide system for family cost participation that includes a sliding fee scale.

Infant & Toddler Connection of Virginia
Office of Child and Family Services
Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and
Substance Abuse Services
1220 Bank Street
Richmond, VA 23219
(804) 786-3710 Voice
www.infantva.org

To obtain information about early intervention services available in your area:

- Call (800) 234-1448 and ask for the number for your local Infant & Toddler Connection system.
- OR-
- Go to the Infant & Toddler Connection of Virginia Web site (www.infantva.org) and click on Information for Families, then Central Directory to get the phone number, email, and address for your local Infant & Toddler Connection system.

Virginia Department of Education (VDOE)

Services in Virginia's Public Schools

Public schools in Virginia provide services to children with disabilities from the age of 2 through 21 (or high school graduation with a standard or advanced diploma). Children who are deaf or hard of hearing may be eligible for special education or related services. A team of professionals, including the parents, meets to review the results of a child's evaluation. Each child's eligibility for special education and related services is determined. When children are found to be eligible, an Individualized Education Program (IEP) team is formed. The IEP team includes parents, not less than one regular education teacher of the child, not less than one special education teacher or provider of the child, an administrator or designee, and when appropriate, the student. The IEP addresses the goals and objectives for the child's education. As much as possible, children receive services in the general education program.

Federal special education law (the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004) requires that the IEP team address the child's communication needs. For a child who is deaf or hard of hearing, the IEP team must consider the child's language and communication needs. These needs include opportunities for communicating directly with his or her teacher and peers in American Sign Language, if that is the child's communication system.

Children who are deaf or hard of hearing must receive services from qualified personnel. Qualifications for teachers are set forth in the *Virginia Licensure Regulations for School Personnel*. Professionals in other fields (e.g., audiology, interpreting) must meet requirements for their profession.

Parents should contact the director of special education in their school division if they have any questions regarding their child's special education services. A directory of school divisions is available on the Virginia Department of Education Web page (www.doe.virginia.gov) under "Educational Directory" in the blue toolbar at the top of the home page.

Many school divisions have Parent Resource Centers that provide information about special education for parents. The Virginia Department of Education publishes *A Parent's Guide to Special Education* to help parents understand their

responsibilities and the rights of their children. The guide includes a description of the special education process and what is required for the parents and school divisions during each step of the process. Parents can download the document from the Virginia Department of Education Web site or obtain a hard copy directly from the Virginia Department of Education or their local school division.

Virginia Department of Education

Office of Special Education and Student Services

P.O. Box 2120

101 N. 14th Street

Richmond, VA 23219

(800) 422-2083 Voice

(800) 422-1098 TTY

www.doe.virginia.gov

Virginia Schools for the Deaf and Blind

- **Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind at Staunton**
- **Virginia School for the Deaf, Blind and Multi-Disabled at Hampton**

The mission of the two schools is to assist in the provision of essential services for children who are deaf or blind by providing quality day and residential instructional programs to children referred by local school divisions and by serving as a resource for children with similar disabilities educated throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The two schools offer comprehensive educational programs and support services to students of all ages. The schools provide both day and residential options for most students, depending upon distance from the child's home and the child's needs. In addition, the schools' educational philosophy is to provide students with many opportunities to learn in an environment that recognizes individual differences, challenges students to do their best, and actively involves the student in the learning process. For more information on the Virginia schools, contact:

VA School for the Deaf and the Blind at Staunton

Superintendent's Office
P.O. Box 2069
Staunton, VA 24401
(540) 332-9000 V/TTY
(800) 522-VSDB (Virginia only)
<http://www.vsdb.virginia.gov>

VA School for the Deaf, Blind and Multi-Disabled at Hampton

Superintendent's Office
700 Shell Road
Hampton, VA 23661
(757) 247-2033 V/TTY
<http://www.vsdbmh.virginia.gov>

Virginia Department of Education
Director of State Schools and State Operated Programs
P.O. Box 2120
Richmond, VA 23218-2120
(804) 225-3161 Voice

Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS)

The Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services administers Virginia's Medicaid and Medicare programs. Virginia has two state sponsored health insurance programs for children. FAMIS Plus is Virginia's name for children's Medicaid. FAMIS is Virginia's children's health insurance program. Both are operated by DMAS.

Eligibility for FAMIS and FAMIS Plus are based on income. An application and income guidelines for FAMIS or FAMIS Plus can be obtained through local Departments of Social Services and at www.famis.org.

For a child that qualifies for FAMIS Plus (Medicaid), hearing aids may be covered under a package of benefits available to children under the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) Program. Under EPSDT, children and youth (under aged 21) are entitled to regular physical exams and full physical and mental health care to treat any conditions found as a result of the examinations. These screenings must include examinations in four areas - physical health, dental health, vision, and hearing.

The FAMIS program offers hearing aids as a FAMIS-covered health benefit. For more information on EPSDT and hearing aid coverage through EPSDT, contact the Managed Care help line at (800) 643-2273 or DMAS at (800) 421-7376.

Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services

600 E. Broad Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219
(804) 786-7933
(800) 343-0634
www.dmas.virginia.gov

OTHER VIRGINIA RESOURCES

Assistive Technology Loan Fund Authority

1602 Rolling Hills Drive, #107
Richmond, VA 23229
(866) 835-5976
atlfa@atlfa.org
www.atlfa.org

The ATLFA makes loans to people with disabilities in Virginia for equipment and technology that increases independence, quality of life, and employment opportunities. In partnership with SunTrust, the fund provides loans with easier approval criteria, more flexible terms, and more favorable interest rates than other loans. Loans not approved by SunTrust may qualify for an ATLFA guaranteed loan.

Camelot Hearing Association

1714 Esquire Lane
McLean, VA 22101
(703) 448-3703

This is a parent association for parents whose children are enrolled in Camelot Center, the Fairfax County Public School system's oral program.

Central Virginia Lions Hearing Aid Bank

1512 Willow Lawn Drive
Richmond, VA 23230
(804) 545-5937
www.lions24b.org/cvlhab.htm

The purpose of the CVLHAB is to recycle used hearing aids within Central Virginia. This means collecting, repairing, and placing hearing aids for persons who have a "*solvable hearing loss*" and a "*verifiable Financial Need*". Working through other affiliated Lions Hearing Aid Banks, assistance is available in placing aids anywhere in Virginia. Visit the Web site for an application for assistance.

Children with Hearing Impairments in Mainstream Educational Settings

8205 Treebrook Lane
Alexandria, VA 22308
(703) 765-6928/992-367

CHIMES is a support group for parents of children with hearing loss who are mainstreamed (included in regular education classrooms). Meetings feature guest speakers on various topics.

**Family Involvement Project
Arc of Virginia**

2025 E. Main Street, #120

Richmond, VA 23223

(888) 604-2677

dholloway@arcfip.org

www.arcfip.org

The Family Involvement Project, a program of the Arc of Virginia, works to assure that Virginia's Infant & Toddler Connection program is of the highest quality. The project focuses on strengthening family involvement with local interagency coordinating councils, ensuring parent-to-parent support for families receiving early intervention services, and working to recruit and train parents to serve on state early intervention review teams.

**Northern Virginia Resource Center
for Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Persons**

3951 Pender Drive, #130

Fairfax, VA 22030

703-352-9055 Voice

703-352-9056 TTY

info@nvrc.org

<http://www.nvrc.org>

This private, non-profit center empowers deaf and hard of hearing individuals and their families through education, advocacy, and community involvement. The organization provides access to a database on topics related to deafness, a parent resource guide, directory of interpreters, and a lending library.

Parent to Parent of Virginia

P.O. Box 38341

Richmond, VA 23231

(804) 795-1481

PTPofVA@aol.com

www.ptpofva.com

PTPofVA is a parent support network. Veteran parents are trained to mentor parents just learning of their child's diagnosis by offering one-to-one emotional, informational, and advocacy support. PTPofVA produces the Care Coordination Notebook, which provides basic information on various state and federal programs that pay for health care services for children with disabilities.

**Parent Educational Advocacy
Training Center**

Main Office

100 N. Washington St. - Suite 234
Falls Church, VA 22046.

Richmond Regional Office

2922 W. Marshall St.

Richmond, VA 23230

(800) 869-6782 (VA only)

(703) 923-0010 Voice/TTY

partners@peatc.org

www.peatc.org

PEATC assists families of children with disabilities statewide through education, information, and training. PEATC builds parent-professional partnerships to promote success in school and community life.

**Partnership for People with
Disabilities**

Virginia Commonwealth University

700 E. Franklin Street, 10th Floor

Richmond, VA 23219

(804) 828-3876 Voice

(800) 828-1120 TTY

www.vcu.edu/partnership

The Partnership is a university center for excellence in disability issues that operates more than 20 federal and state programs that support children and adults with disabilities and their families. The Partnership's mission is to create communities where all people live, work, and play together with choices and independence.

**Tidewater Association for Hearing
Impaired Children**

1821 Old Donation Parkway, #10

Virginia Beach, VA 23454

(757) 481-1826

www.tahic.org/annual.htm

tahic@seva.net

TAHIC is a regional organization for families, teachers, and professionals. Membership is drawn from the Tidewater area (Chesapeake, Portsmouth, Virginia Beach, Norfolk, Hampton, Newport News).

Together We Can

700 E. Franklin Street, 10th Floor

Richmond, VA 23219

(877) 295-7799 (VA only)

(804) 828-3876 Voice

(800) 828-1120 TTY

www.twc-deafblind.state.va.us

This project provides training and technical assistance in community and school settings for children (birth to aged 22) who have dual sensory impairments (deaf-blindness). Major activities include supporting families through the Dream Catchers support group; providing information and training on educating, screening, and identifying children who have dual sensory (deaf-blind) impairments; assisting in building partnerships with parents, families, and community members; presenting strategies and information on how to include children who are deaf and blind in general education settings; and collecting and maintaining a statewide census of children and youth who are deaf-blind.

Virginia Association of the Deaf

P.O. Box 692

Merrifield, VA 22116

www.vad.org

VAD is a non-profit organization composed of people who are dedicated to the welfare of the deaf and hard of hearing in Virginia.

Virginia Family to Family Health Information and Education Center

Medical Home Plus, Inc.

8660 Staples Mill Road

Richmond, VA 23228

(877) 264-8366

www.va-info.org

A partnership between Parent to Parent of Virginia and Medical Home Plus, Inc., the Center's mission is to ensure that families of children and young adults with special needs obtain the optimal and most current knowledge, supports, and services. The Center provides information and referral, education, and advocacy support to families of children and youth with disabilities. The Center also sponsors a family support coalition (called the Virginia Integrated Network of Family Organization, or VA INFO)—comprised of parents, state agency representatives, and providers—that meets bimonthly in the Richmond area.

Virginia Guide By Your Side Program
700 E. Franklin Street, 10th Floor
Richmond, VA 23219
(804) 828-3876 Voice
(800) 828-1120 TTY
dvyarbrough@vcu.edu
<http://www.vcu.edu/partnership/gbys/>

The Virginia GBYS program trains veteran parents of children who are deaf or hard of hearing as Family Guides to be matched with parents just receiving their child's diagnosis of hearing loss. Family Guides provide timely, unbiased, and complete information regarding communication options and available resources to families of children who have recently been diagnosed as deaf or hard of hearing; emotional support; and timely referral to Part C Early Intervention services.

Virginia Hearing Aid Loan Bank
Virginia Department of Health
Blue Ridge Care Connection for
Children
(434) 924-0222 or (866) 596-9367
[www.vahealth.org/hearing/
valoanerbank.asp](http://www.vahealth.org/hearing/valoanerbank.asp)

The Virginia Hearing Aid Loan Bank, sponsored by VDH, is open to children under the age of 18 whose hearing loss is confirmed by an audiologist. The bank lends hearing aids and FM systems for up to six months. The initial loan period can be extended for an additional six months in certain circumstances. To qualify, families must be residents of Virginia and be in the process of securing permanent hearing aids through insurance or other means. Parents can apply for hearing aids and FM systems by completing an application form. The child's audiologist must complete a portion of the application.

Virginia Lions Hearing Foundation & Research Center, Inc.
P.O. Box 800477
University of Virginia Health Sciences
Center
Charlottesville, VA 22908
(800) 251-3627, ext. 4-9805

This center is a service organization that provides answers to questions about hearing loss and referral to local Lions clubs for assistance with hearing aid purchases.

NATIONAL RESOURCES

Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

3417 Volta Place, NW
Washington, DC 20007

(202) 337-5220 Voice

(202) 337-5221 TTY

info@agbell.org

www.agbell.org

AG Bell is an international, non-profit membership organization that helps promote better public understanding of hearing loss in children and adults. First year of membership is free to parents who have children with hearing loss. The association provides newsletters, journals, and information relating to oral education.

American Academy of Audiology

11730 Plaza America Drive, #300
Reston, VA 20190

(800) 222-2336 V/TTY

www.audiology.org

AAA is a professional organization dedicated to providing quality hearing care to the public. The academy offers professional development, education, research, and increased public awareness of hearing disorders and audiologic services.

American Academy of Otolaryngology, Head & Neck Surgery

One Prince Street

Alexandria, VA 22314

(703) 836-4444 Voice

www.entnet.org

The OOA-HNS provides the art and science of medicine related to otolaryngology and head and neck surgery, including providing medical education courses and publications. The academy distributes leaflets related to ear problems and makes referrals to physicians.

American Association of the Deaf- Blind

8630 Fenton Street, #121

Silver Spring, MD 20910

(301) 495-4403 Voice

(301) 495-4402 TTY

AADB-Info@aadb.org

www.aadb.org

The AADB provides information on deaf-blind and resources for assistance in education.

American Athletic Association of the Deaf

3916 Lantern Drive
Silver Spring, MD 20902
(301) 942-4042 V/TTY

The AAAD approves and promotes athletic tournaments in the U.S and promotes the participation of athletes who are deaf in international competitions.

American Deafness & Rehabilitation Association

P.O. Bo 480
Myersville, MD 21773
ADARAorgn@aol.com

ADARA is an organization and network that promotes, develops, and expands services, research, and legislation to persons who are deaf.

American Hearing Research Foundation

8 South Michigan Avenue, #814
Chicago, IL 60603
(312) 726-9670 Voice
www.american-hearing.org

The AHRF informs physicians and non-medical personnel of the latest developments in research and education related to hearing. The foundation also publishes a newsletter.

American Society for Deaf Children

3820 Hartzdale Drive
Camp Hill, PA 17011
(800) 942-2732 V/TTY
asdc@eafchildren.org
www.deafchildren.org

The ASDC is a non-profit parent organization that provides a positive attitude toward signing and Deaf culture. It also provides current information, support, and encouragement to parents and families with children who are deaf or hard of hearing.

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association

10801 Rockville Pike
Rockville, MD 20852
(800) 638-8255 Voice
(301) 897-5700 ext. 4157 TTY
www.asha.org

ASHA is a national professional association for speech-language pathologists (SLPs) and audiologists that provides information for professionals and consumers on topics related to communication disorders.

A.V. Mayes Memorial Gift Fund

Teresa Robinson
Audibel Hearing Aid Center
11923 Centre Street, Suite A 3
Chester, VA 23831
(804) 796-3210

This fund was established to help deserving individuals with hearing loss or an institution serving this community. Funds may be used for hearing aids, TTYs and other devices, special tutoring, speech therapy, aural rehabilitation, or medical/surgical procedures.

Beginnings

P.O. Box 17646
Raleigh, NC 27619
(919) 850-2746 (V/TTY)
www.beginningssvcs.com

Beginnings provides impartial information and referral services to parents of children who are deaf or hard of hearing in order to help families make their own choice about communication methods.

Better Hearing Institute

515 King Street, #420
Alexandria, VA 22314
(703) 684-3391 Voice
mail@betterhearing.org
www.betterhearing.org

BHI is a non-profit educational organization that has developed public information programs on hearing loss. This organization provides information on topics such as medical techniques, hearing aids, and rehabilitation.

DB-LINK

345 N. Monmouth Avenue
Monmouth, OR 97361
(800) 438-9376 Voice
(800) 854-7013 TTY
dblink@tr.wosc.osshe.edu
www.tr.wou.edu/dblink

The National Information Clearinghouse on Children Who Are Deaf-Blind is a federally funded information and referral service that identifies, coordinates, and disseminates information related to children and youth who are deaf-blind.

Described and Captioned Media Program

1447 E. Main Street
Spartanburg, SC 29307
(800) 237-6213 Voice
(800) 237-6819 TTY
info@dcmp.org
www.dcmp.org

The mission of DCMP is to promote and provide equal access to communication and learning through described and captioned educational media.

Dogs for the Deaf, Inc.
10175 Wheeler Road
Central Point, OR 97502
(541) 826-9220 V/TTY
info@dogsforthedeaf.org
www.dogsforthedeaf.org

Gallaudet University
800 Florida Avenue, NE
Washington, DC 20002
(202) 651-5000 V/TTY
www.gallaudet.edu

Hands & Voices
P.O. Box 371926
Denver CO 80237
(866) 422-0422 V/TTY
parentadvocate@handsandvoices.org
www.handsandvoices.org

Hear Now
6700 Washington Avenue, South
Eden Prairie, MN 55344
(800) 648-4327 V/TTY
<http://www.sotheworldmayhear.org/hearnow/>

DFD rescues and professionally trains dogs to assist people and enhance lives.

Gallaudet serves individuals from birth through adulthood. It is a multipurpose educational institution for persons with hearing loss that includes Kendall Demonstration Elementary School, the Model Secondary School for the Deaf, Gallaudet University, the Centers for Continuing Education, the National Academy, and a variety of research programs.

H&V is a nation-wide, non-profit organization dedicated to supporting families and their children who are deaf or hard of hearing, as well as the professionals that serve them. It is a parent-driven, parent-professional collaborative group that is unbiased towards communication modes and methods. Virginia chapter information can be obtained by sending an email to vahandsandvoices@gmail.com.

Hear Now is a national, non-profit program committed to assisting deaf and hard-of-hearing persons with limited financial resources who permanently reside within the United States.

Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment

233 West 6th Street

Papillion, NE 68046

(402) 592-7987

www.thehikefund.org

HIKE Fund, Inc. is a not-for-profit charity and a project of the International Order of Job's Daughters. The purpose of the Hike Fund, Inc. is to provide hearing devices for children with hearing impairments from newborn through 20 years of age, whose parents are financially unable to meet this special need.

**Hearing Loss Association of America
(formerly Self Help for Hard of
Hearing People-SHHH)**

7910 Woodmont Avenue, #1200

Bethesda, MD 20814

(301) 657-2248 V/TTY

www.hearingloss.org

HLAA is the nation's largest organization for people with hearing loss. The Hearing Loss Association of America exists to open the world of communication for people with hearing loss through information, education, advocacy, and support.

John Tracy Clinic

806 W. Adams Blvd.

Los Angeles, CA 90007

(800) 522-4582 V/TTY

www.jtc.org

John Tracy Clinic is a private, non-profit education center whose mission is to offer hope, guidance, and encouragement to families of infants and preschool children with hearing loss by providing free, parent-centered services worldwide. Free correspondence courses are available in English and Spanish for parents to help them work with their children at home from infancy to school age.

Let Them Hear Foundation

1900 University Avenue, #101

E. Palo Alto, CA 94303

(877) 432-7435

<http://advocacy.letthemhear.org>

If an insurance provider has denied a request from a medical provider for certain hearing-related services, the Let Them Hear Foundation has a nationwide Insurance Advocacy Program to assist in appealing the denial, free of charge.

Midwest Hearing Industries, Inc.
4510 W. 77th Street, #201
Minneapolis, MN 55435
(800) 821-5471
www.mwhi.com

Midwest Hearing Industries is an insurance company that offers protection against loss, theft, and fire for hearing aids. Information can be obtained directly from Midwest or from the hearing aid vendor. Homeowners should check their homeowner's insurance policy to see if hearing aid loss is covered or could become a covered item.

Miracle Ear® Children's Foundation
P.O. Box 59261
Minneapolis, MN 55459
(800) 234-5422 Voice
http://www.miracleear.com/resources/children_request.asp

The foundation provides new or reconditioned Miracle Ear® hearing aids and services free of charge to a child who is a resident of the United States, 16 years or younger, and has a hearing loss that requires amplification. The child's family must have an income level that does not allow them to receive public support and falls within the foundation's guidelines.

National Association of the Deaf
8630 Fenton Street, #820
Silver Spring, MD 20910
(301) 587-1788 Voice
(301) 587-1789 TTY
www.nad.org

The mission of the NAD is to promote, protect, and preserve the rights and quality of life of deaf and hard of hearing individuals in the United States.

National Center for Hearing Assessment and Management
Utah State University
2880 Old Main Hill
Logan, Utah 84322
(435) 797-3584
www.infanthearing.org

NCHAM serves as the National Resource Center for Early Hearing Detection and Intervention. NCHAM collaborates with government agencies, professional organizations, and advocacy organizations to provide technical assistance, develop public awareness materials, and deliver education and training opportunities.

National Cued Speech Association

23970 Hermitage Road
Cleveland OH 44122-4008
(800) 459-3529 V/TTY

www.cuedspeech.org

The National Cued Speech Association champions effective communication, language development, and literacy through the use of Cued Speech.

National Deaf Education Project

info@ndepnow.org

<http://ndepnow.org>

NDEP was established in 1998 to articulate and work toward the development of a quality communication and language-driven educational delivery system for students who are deaf or hard of hearing.

National Information Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities

P.O. Box 1492
Washington, DC 20013
(800) 695-0285 V/TTY

nichcy@aed.org

www.nichcy.org

NICHCY is the national information and referral center that provides information on disabilities and disability-related issues for families, educators, and other professionals. Special focus is on children and youth, birth to aged 22.

National Institute on Deafness and Communication Disorders

National Institutes of Health
31 Center Drive, MSC 2320
Bethesda, MD 20892
800-241-1044 Voice
800-241-1055 TTY

nidcdinfo@nidcd.nih.gov

<http://www.nidcd.nih.gov/health/>

NIDCD is one of the National Institutes of Health and is mandated to conduct and support research and research training in the normal and disordered processes of hearing, balance, smell, taste, voice, speech, and language. The Institute also conducts and supports research and research training related to disease prevention and health promotion; addresses special biomedical and behavioral problems associated with people who have communication impairments or disorders; and supports efforts to create devices that substitute for lost and impaired sensory and communication function. Health information and resources are available on the Web site as well as in various publications.

National Technical Institute for the Deaf

52 Lomb Memorial Drive
Rochester, NY 14623
(585) 475-6700 V/TTY
www.ntid.rit.edu

NTID is a college of Rochester Institute of Technology and is the world's largest technological college for students who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Option Schools

(877) 672-5332
www.oraldeafed.org

This Oberkotter Foundation Web site provides information and resource materials for families and other audiences about oral deaf education including location of oral schools in the United States and Canada.

Paws with a Cause®

4646 South Division
Wayland, MI 49348
(800) 253-7297 V/TTY
www.pawswithacause.org

This organization trains assistance dogs nationally for people with disabilities and provides lifetime team support that encourages independence. PAWS® promotes awareness through education.

Supplemental Security Income

(800) 772-1213 Voice
(800) 325-0778 TTY
www.ssa.gov

SSI is a federal income supplement program designed to help aged, blind, and disabled people—including children with disabilities—whose families have little or no income. SSI also provides cash to meet basic needs for food, clothing, and shelter. To apply for SSI, contact your local Social Security office.

TOPICAL CROSS-REFERENCE LIST

Audiology

American Academy of Audiology
American Speech-Language-Hearing Association

Associations for the Deaf

American Athletic Association of the Deaf
National Association of the Deaf

Cochlear Implants

American Academy of Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery
Cochlear Implant Association, Inc.

Cued Speech

National Cued Speech Association

Deaf Colleges/Universities

Gallaudet University
National Technical Institute for the Deaf

Deaf - Blind / Multi-Sensory Disability Organizations

American Association of the Deaf-Blind
DB-LINK
Together We Can

Deaf Culture Resources

American Society for Deaf Children
DeafPride
National Association of the Deaf

Early Intervention

Beginnings
Family Involvement Project
Infant & Toddler Connection of Virginia
John Tracy Clinic
National Center for Hearing Assessment and Management

Funding Sources for Hearing Technology

Assistive Technology Loan Fund Authority
A.V. Mayes Memorial Gift Fund
Hear Now
Hearing impaired Kids Endowment
Miracle Ear Children's Foundation
Supplemental Security Income
Virginia Hearing Aid Loaner Program
Virginia Lions Hearing Foundation & Research Center, Inc.

Genetic Counseling

Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters
Fairfax-Northern Virginia
Gallaudet University
University of Virginia Hospital
VCU Health Systems (formerly the Medical College of Virginia)

Health Care Needs

Care Connection for Children
Virginia Family to Family Health Information and Education Center

Hard of Hearing

Better Hearing Institute
Hearing Loss Association of America

Hearing Aids

Better Hearing Institute
Central Virginia Lions Club Hearing Aid Bank
Hear Now
Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment
Miracle Ear® Children's Foundation
Virginia Hearing Aid Loaner Bank

Insurance Coverage for Hearing Technology

Let Them Hear Foundation (insurance appeals)
Midwest Hearing Industries, Inc.

Oral / Aural

Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Camelot Hearing Association
Option Schools

Parent Support Information and Organizations

Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Arc of Virginia's Family Involvement Program
Camelot Hearing Association
Children with Hearing Impairments in Mainstream Educational Settings
Cochlear Implant Association, Inc.
Hands and Voices
National Information Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities
Parent to Parent of Virginia
Parent Educational Advocacy Training Center
Tidewater Association for Hearing Impaired Children
Together We Can
Virginia Family to Family Health Information & Education Center
Virginia Guide By Your Side Program

Research

American Deafness & Rehabilitation Association
American Hearing Research Foundation
National Institute on Deafness and Communication Disorders
Virginia Lions Hearing Foundation & Research Center, Inc.

Resource Centers

Northern Virginia Resource Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Persons
Virginia Department for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Resource Material/Lending Library

Any organization listed under Virginia Resources and National Resources
Captioned Media Program
National Center for Hearing Assessment and Management
Virginia Department for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Service Dogs

Dogs for the Deaf, Inc.
Paws with a Cause®

Sign Language Support

American Society for Deaf Children
Captioned Media Program

Speech/Language

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association

Technology Assistance

Assistive Technology Loan Fund Authority
Virginia Department for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing