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INTRODUCTION

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www.captionlit.com/resource/resource.htm

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The Deaf and Hard of Hearing Council of Southeastern Pennsylvania is composed of non-profit agencies and organizations serving the deaf and hard of hearing populations in the Delaware Valley. The information provided in this directory was updated from previous directories.

This directory complements other sources of information about services available to members of the deaf and hard of hearing communities. If you are seeking information that you do not find in this directory, you may find it in the directory produced by *Delaware Valley Telecommunications for the Deaf, Inc.* In addition, the ***Council*** has a more extensive list of audiologists, hearing aid dealers, and hospitals that provide audiological services.

Future updates of this directory are planned. If your organization wishes to be included, or if there are changes in your entry, please contact:

THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING COUNCIL OF SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

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1. Advocacy/ Parent Groups

ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL ASSOCIATION FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING

3417 Volta Place, NW
Washington, DC 20007-2778

TTY: (202) 337-5221
VOICE: (202) 337-5220
FAX: (202) 337-8314
E-Mail: chapters@agbell.org
Web Site: www.agbell.org

AG Bell is a membership organization and information center on pediatric hearing loss, advocating the use of technology to maximize residual hearing, written and spoken language, and speech-reading skills. AG Bell provides ongoing support and advocacy for parents and professionals.

AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR DEAF CHILDREN

P.O. Box 3355
Gettysburg, PA 17325

TTY/VOICE: (800) 942-ASDC
Toll-free parent hotline
E-Mail: asdc1@aol.com
Web Site: www.deafchildren.org

This parent helping parent organization provides support, encouragement, and current information about deafness to families with deaf and hard of hearing children. The web site has a list of links, excellent for finding resources. a magazine, *endeavor*, is published quarterly. membership is \$40.

CENTER FOR DISABILITY LAW & POLICY

Client Assistance Program

One Penn Center Plaza
1617 JFK Boulevard, Suite 800
Philadelphia, PA 19103

TTY: (215) 557-7112
VOICE: (215) 557-7112 or (888) 745-2357
E-Mail: info@equalemployment.org
Web Site: www.equalemployment.org
Stephen S. Pennington, Esq./

Attorney/Advocate

The Center is a public interest law center that handles individual Title I ADA claims as well as a variety of other disability-related claims. Services include advocacy, legal representation, and information and referral. The Client Assistance Program is the statewide advocate for disabled individuals who are seeking or receiving services from vocational rehabilitation programs.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES/OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS

***** See Office for Civil Rights below**

DISABILITIES LAW PROJECT

1315 Walnut St., Suite 400
Philadelphia, PA 19107-4798

TDD: (215) 789-2498
VOICE: (215) 238-8070
FAX: (215) 772-3126
E-Mail: dlp.phila@dlp-pa.org
Web Site: www.dlp-pa.org

DPL provides legal services to people with all types of disabilities in the areas of discrimination and access to community-based disability services. DLP focuses on issues and cases that affect large numbers of people, but also gives advice, information, and referrals to individuals.

EDUCATION LAW CENTER

1315 Walnut St., 4th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19107

TDD: (215) 238-5892
VOICE: (215) 238-6970
FAX: (215) 772-3125
E-Mail: elc@elc-pa.org
Web Site: www.elc-pa.org

The Education Law Center (ELC) provides free legal advice to parents, children, and advocates regarding the rights of children in the public school system in Philadelphia, and throughout Pennsylvania. We also provide Fact Sheets on specific topics, and our two manuals for parents, "The Right to Special Education in Pennsylvania: A Guide for Parents" and "Special Education in a Nutshell." Our manuals and fact sheets are available on our web site: www.elc-pa.org.

INDEPENDENT RESOURCES, INC.

Two Fox Point Centre,
6 Denny Rd., Suite 101
Wilmington, DE 19809

TDD: (302) 765-0194

VOICE: (302) 765-0191

FAX: (302) 765-0195

E-Mail:

chenesy@independentresources.org

Independent Resources, Inc. (IRI) acts as a resource center, designed to assist persons with disabilities to achieve and maintain individual lifestyles. IRI encourages personal empowerment and independence through advocacy, information and referral, peer counseling/peer support, while educating the community-at-large. IRI provides independent living skills training to people who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing or otherwise disabled. The services of IRI are available only to Delaware residents and are free of charge. The hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 9am to 5pm..

LEGAL CLINIC FOR THE DISABLED, INC.

c/o Magee Rehabilitation Hospital
Six Franklin Plaza
1513 Race St.
Philadelphia, PA 19102

TTY: (215) 587-3352 (10:00am-1:00pm)

VOICE: (215) 587-3350

FAX: (215) 587-3166

E-Mail: legalclinic@mageerehab.org

Web Site: www.mageerehab.org/legal.html

The Clinic provides free legal services to low-income persons with physical disabilities living in Philadelphia and its surrounding Pennsylvania counties, (Bucks, Chester, Delaware and Montgomery). Legal services are provided by licensed practicing attorneys and paralegals who volunteer their time. Persons must meet Official Poverty Guidelines. Client may have a mental disability in addition to physical disabilities. Clinic does not handle criminal or fee-generating cases, such as worker's compensation, personal injury and medical malpractice.

MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Municipal Services Bldg
1401 JFK Blvd., 9th fl. Rm. 900
Philadelphia, PA 19102-1660

TTY: (215) 564-1782
VOICE: (215) 686-2798

This agency provides information and referral services to persons with disabilities, serves as ombudsmen with city offices, and advocates on behalf of disabled individuals. No fee for services.

OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS
(Philadelphia Regional Office)
Department Of Health And Human Services
Public Ledger Building, Suite 372
150 S. Independence Mall West
Philadelphia, PA 19106

TTY: (215) 861-4440 or (800) 537-7697
VOICE: (215) 861-4440 or (800) 368-1019
FAX: (215) 861-4431
Web Site: www.hhs.gov/ocr/

Alan Zamochnick, Investigator
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The Office for Civil Rights (OCR) is the Federal civil rights compliance and enforcement agency within the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). OCR enforces Federal civil rights laws and regulations prohibiting discrimination based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, and age in programs and activities receiving Federal financial assistance from DHHS.

OCR investigates discrimination complaints and conducts reviews of the compliance status of hospitals, health clinics, nursing homes, home health agencies, social service agencies, state and local government health and human services programs and other health and human service agencies and programs.

Additionally, OCR provides information, training, and technical assistance on Federal civil rights statutes and regulations. The Philadelphia Regional Office covers the states of Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, plus the District of Columbia.

PARENTS FOR TORAH FOR ALL CHILDREN--P'TACH
Box 310
Wynnewood & Argyle Rds.
Ardmore, PA 19003

TTY/VOICE: (215) 477-7123
FAX: (215) 477-4230
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Khana Globman, President

The purpose is to service Jewish disabled children by providing educational supports to further Jewish education (resource rooms, tutors), limited camp scholarship, holiday children's parties, parent support group, general information meetings on learning differences, resource room classes in some of the Jewish day schools. Interpreters provided when requested for all public events.

Membership (yearly):

Member: \$18
Donor: \$25
Sponsor: \$50
Patron: \$100

Children being serviced must have a diagnosed disability; and, if financial aid is needed, must apply for scholarship.

THE PENNSYLVANIA SOCIETY FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE DEAF (PSAD)

The Greater Philadelphia Chapter

1726 Earlington Road
Havertown, PA 19083

TTY - 610-446-1856
FAX - 610-789-9354
e-mail: ASD61@aol.com
Website: www.psadweb.org

The Pennsylvania Society for the Advancement of the Deaf was established in 1881 and incorporated as a nonprofit association in 1891 to bring the deaf of different parts of the state together to determine and advance the needs and interests of the deaf of Pennsylvania.

Since its founding, PSAD's goals have been to serve the deaf and promote their special needs in legislation, education, communication, health, research, taxes, rehabilitation, family and community life, and in fighting discrimination and public misconceptions in insurance and employment.

Toward these aims, the members and officers of PSAD actively participate in national, regional, statewide and local workshops and conferences, and maintain correspondence with organizations, public officials, schools, colleges and interested individuals.

PSAD encourages and recognizes special services and achievements in connection with the deaf through sponsorship of special awards.

Individuals of all ages are welcome. Deaf individuals who pay the membership dues become active members; hearing individuals who pay membership dues become associate members. Associate members are free to participate on any committees. Active members can hold offices and have the right to vote.

PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER OF BLACK DEAF ADVOCATES

P.O. Box 8492

Philadelphia, PA 19101-8492

TTY: (601) 259-1365

E-Mail: bhender836@aol.com

Betty Henderson, President

The purpose of the organization is to better inform ourselves and the community about the rights and responsibilities of Black Deaf Citizens and to encourage leadership development. Activities provide a forum for the Black Deaf Community to share experiences, ideas, hope, talents and abilities and to nurture leadership skills and educate individuals about laws and opportunities. We also hold a Miss Black Deaf Pageant.

2. Assistive Devices

ADCO HEARING PRODUCTS, INC.

5661 S. Curtice St.,
Littleton, CO 80120

TTY/VOICE: (800) 726-0851
FAX: (303) 794-3704
E-Mail: sales@adcohearing.com
Web site: www.adcohearing.com

Retail store selling products for Deaf and Hard of Hearing people including equipment and novelties. Open Monday – Friday, 8:00am – 6:00pm Mountain Time. National Catalog Sales.

ASSISTED ACCESS, INC.

822 Preston Ct.
Lake Villa, IL 60046

TTY: (800) 950-9655 OR (847) 265-8022
VOICE: (800) 950-9655
FAX: (847) 265-8044
E-Mail: diana@assitedaccess.com
Web site: www.assitedaccess.com
Diana J. Tischler, President

Assited Access, Inc. is a customer service oriented organization that provides access to assistive devices for the blind/low vision, deaf/hard of hearing, disabled, and aging.

Low vision items, Talking items, Specialty Computer Products such as Talking Software, Large Keyboards and Maltron Keyboards for the disabled, Money Identifiers for the Blind and Blind/Deaf, Slates, Braille and Braille items, Tactile Labels and Identifiers, Canes and Mobility Products, Bath Safety Items, Magnifiers and Magnified Mirrors, Lamps with Magnifiers.

Assitive Listening Devices, Alerting Systems and Devices, Amplified Telephones and Devices, FM Systems and Personal Listening Systems. We also have access to wheelchairs and related items.

Hours of Operation: 10am – 5pm CST
(24-hour voice mail)

ASSOCIATED HEARING INSTRUMENTS

6796 Market St.
Upper Darby, PA 19082

VOICE: (610) 352-0600
Dr. Gary Bond, VP

This company sells hearing aids, assistive listening devices for the hard of hearing and FM and infrared listening classroom devices.

CAPTION*LIT

1700 Harris Rd.
Glenside, PA 19038

VOICE: (215) 485-0094
FAX: (215) 836-9348
E-Mail: info@captionlit.com
Web Site: www.captionlit.com
Yona Diamond Dansky, Owner

CaptionLit is a full service video captioning company offering closed and open captioning on all video formats.

Professional development presentations promote the use of captioning for educational benefits for all viewing audiences.

Watch Your Language is CaptionLit's video production available for informing and encouraging parents about the use of captioning for improving reading skills.

CENTER ON HEARING AND DEAFNESS, INC.

(See listing in Section 10)

DEAF AND HEARING IMPAIRED TELECOMMUNICATIONS

2429 Bryn Mawr Ave.
Ardmore, PA 19003
TTY/VOICE: (610) 642-4472
FAX: (610) 896-0219
E-Mail: mgoose1@prodigy.net
Mike Gusikoff, TDI Agent

Sales and service for alerting devices, flashing clocks, TTYs and repairs

DELAWARE VALLEY TELECOMMUNICATIONS FOR THE DEAF, INC. (DVTCD)

P.O. Box 2722
Philadelphia, PA 19118

TTY: (215) 826-8426
FAX: (215) 826-8427
Bud Schrader, Pres.

The purpose of the organization is to acquire authorized agents and repairmen for maintenance of telecommunication devices; to inform deaf and hearing people about the form of communication and to expand its use both in private homes and in public places. Goals also include: to keep abreast of new developments, to serve users of this equipment, and to improve and expand telecommunications for the deaf in this tri-state area of SE PA, New Jersey and Delaware.

Business meetings are held three times a year; fund raising events are held to provide financial support for services related to telecommunications (Message Relay Service, TV decoders, etc.).

An extensive TDD directory is printed and distributed to members. To become a member, send \$6.00 (\$8.00 for family) annual dues to the address listed above. Membership includes TDD directory and quarterly newsletters which contain up-to-date local, national and international news in the area of telecommunications.

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P O Box 27055
Philadelphia, PA 19118

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FAX: (215) 836-9285
E-Mail: dlurwick45@aol.com

Sales and service for alerting devices, TTYs and repairs.

HARRIS COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

15155 Technology Drive
Eden Prairie, MN 55344

TTY: (800) 825-9187
VOICE: (800) 825-6758
FAX: (952) 906-1099
E-Mail: mail@harriscomm.com
Web Site: www.harriscom.com
Lori Saunders, Marketing Director
Bill Williams, National Sales Manager

A national distributor of products for deaf and hard-of-hearing people. Products include assistive devices, books, videos, and novelty items. Over 1000 products available. Free catalog.

THE HEARING DISCOVERY CENTER (HDC)

Friendship Circle Sr. Center
1515 Lansdowne Ave.
Darby, PA 19023

TTY: (610) 237-6231
VOICE: (610) 237-6222, ext. 28
Claire B. Carroll, Coordinator

This organization has a free lending library of assistive devices for deaf and hard of hearing people. Borrowers may try a device to see whether it is satisfactory for them. The Center does not sell devices but can refer borrowers to local dealers or catalogue agencies.

In addition to lending devices, the Center provides instruction, non-professional counseling, education, referral and "road shows" of devices for interested groups. The Center serves the entire Delaware Valley area, and is funded by the Delaware County Office of Services for the Aging; cosponsored by Senior Community Services, a non-profit community corporation. It is open Monday through Friday, 10 – 2, or by appointment. Call to make an appointment.

HEARMORE.COM

42 Executive Blvd.,
Farmingdale, NY 11735

TTY: (800) 281-3555
VOICE: (800) 881-4327
FAX: (631) 752-0689
E-Mail: sales@hearmore.com
Web site: www.hearmore.com

Hearmore.com offers products on-line to help the hearing impaired. On our web site, find: amplified phones, TTY, TDD, alert systems, amplification devices, vibrators, door sensors, watches, books, and videos

NFSS COMMUNICATIONS-ILL, INC.

(formerly DeafNation Shopping)

822 Preston Ct.
Lake Villa, IL 60046

TTY: (888) 589-6670 or (888) 265-0230
VOICE: (888) 589-6670 or (888) 265-0230
FAX: (847) 265-8044
E-Mail: info@nfss.com
Web site: www.nfss.com
Michael J. Tischler III, President
Diana J. Tischler, Secretary

NFSS Communications specializes in high quality and well-known Deaf/Hard of Hearing Assistive Devices at discount pricing. We offer repairs on most assistive devices as well as needed replacement parts and batteries. TTYs, Alerting Systems, Amplified Telephones and devices for Telephones, Computer TTY Products, Assistive Listening Devices and FM Systems, Closed Caption Decoders, Money Identifier for the Deaf/Blind.

TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICE DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM (TDDP)

PA Statewide Independent Living Council
108-110 North Second St.
Harrisburg, PA 17107-1401

TTY: (800) 440-0347
VOICE: (866) 542-3788

Persons who are deaf, hard of hearing, deaf-blind or speech impaired may qualify for telecommunication devices to help them use telephone service. Some devices are: TTY, Amplifier, Voice-Carryover TTY, Telebraille, TTY with large visual display, and others. Those without such equipment now, may call the agency for information on where and how to apply for the program.

ULTRATEC, INC.

450 Science Drive
Madison, WI 53711

TTY/VOICE: (608) 238-5400 or
(800) 482-2424
FAX: (608) 238-3008
Web Site: www.ultratec.com

Ultratec is the leading manufacturer of text telephones (TTYs) and amplified telephones for use in businesses, homes, and public facilities, by people who are deaf, hard of hearing, or speech impaired. They work extensively with relay systems, 9-1-1 and emergency services, business and government facilities, and national and local advocacy groups to provide greater telecommunication accessibility for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing. Ultratec's products meet the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

VOICEPRINT, INC.

1617 S. Broad St., Suite 4
Avenue of the Arts
Philadelphia, PA 19148

VOICE: (215) 463-4923

FAX: (215) 463-2932

E-Mail: info@voiceprintinc.com

Terry Tumolillo, President

Voiceprint, Inc. specializes in CART (Communication Access RealTime Translation) which is instant and simultaneous voice-to-text transcription displayed on a laptop, projected, etc. CART can be supplied within any setting, making it possible for deaf and hard of hearing people to attend anything, anywhere - along side their hearing peers. A disk of the displayed text is also supplied. CART services are also available for business meetings, round-table discussions, focus groups, etc., with specially trained court reporters (stenographers) using their skills to provide instant copy of text on computer disk or printed out hard copy.

3. Audiological/ Speech Services

There are numerous facilities that participate in the state hearing aid program. The state purchases hearing aids or provides assistance for many families. For more information, contact the audiologist for Philadelphia Elwyn or Elwyn Institute, which provide low cost hearing aids and complete audiological services. School nurses may also provide this information.

CHILDRENS SEASHORE HOUSE of CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF PHILA.

***** See Department of Audiology – Center for Childhood Communication, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia below**

DEPARTMENT OF AUDIOLOGY - Center For Childhood Communication Children's Hospital Of Phila.

3405 Civic Center Blvd.
Philadelphia, PA 19104-4388

VOICE: (800) 551-5480
FAX: (215) 590-5641
Web Site: www.chop.edu
Carol Knightly, Director

This is an audiology program with 24 audiologists, primarily with diagnostic services. Offices also in Exton, King of Prussia, and Chalfont, PA, and Voorhees, Atlantic City, and Princeton, NJ.

Services include: hearing tests, auditory brain stem response (ABR) testing, otoacoustic emissions testing, hearing aid evaluations and checks, limited hearing aid dispensing, central auditory processing testing, Cochlear Implant Program. Programs are for children ages birth through 21 years with referrals from any source.

HEARING TECHNOLOGY ASSOCIATES

1015 Chestnut St., Suite 300
Philadelphia, PA 19107
VOICE: (215) 413-0800
FAX: (215) 413-0808

143 Bala Ave.
Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004
VOICE: (610) 747-1100
FAX: (610) 747-1118
Gail Brenner, Au.D.
Doctor of Audiology

This is a private audiology practice dedicated to providing the highest quality hearing health care specializing in advanced Hearing Aid Technology, Hearing Testing, Assistive Listening Devices, and Custom Hearing Protection. We also have a Tinnitus Treatment Center for those who have intrusive ear/head noises.

JEFFERSON HEARING CENTER

925 Chestnut St., 6th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19107-5211

VOICE: (215) 955-6760
Paula Marcinkevich

PEDIATRIC COCHLEAR IMPLANT PROGRAM -

Center For Childhood Communication

Children's Hospital Of Phila.

34th St. and Civic Center Boulevard
Philadelphia, PA 19104

VOICE: (215) 590-7463
FAX: (215) 590-5641
Kevin H. Franck, Ph.D. CCC-A, Director

The Pediatric Cochlear Implant Program at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, established in 1991, is one of the largest exclusively pediatric implant programs in the country.

The experienced cochlear implant team provides a complete range of services including ongoing therapy and educational consultation. The Cochlear Implant Program participates in multiple FDA clinical trials for devices and in-house research activities.

Candidacy for cochlear implantation includes children older than 12 months of age with severe to profound sensorineural hearing loss in both ears who receive little benefit from hearing aids.

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH HEARING AND SPEECH PROGRAM

P.O. Box 90
Harrisburg, PA 17108

VOICE: (717) 783-8143

FAX: (717) 705-9386
E-Mail: karlhoffman@state.pa.us
Karl Hoffman

State services are provided for communicatively impaired, ages 0-21. The services include medical, rehabilitation, hearing aids, and social services, interpreting and ancillary care. Clients are usually referred by school nurses, but can be eligible for private/self referral when school is not in session. Financial eligibility is evaluated after the initial appointment.

The Department of Health also administers a statewide infant hearing screening program through this office to facilitate early identification and appropriate intervention for newborns with hearing loss.

Karl Hoffman, Program Administrator
Infant Hearing Screening Program
Department of Health
Health and Welfare Building
7th Floor East
P.O. Box 90
Harrisburg, PA 17108
VOICE: (717) 783-8143
FAX: (717) 705-9386

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, SPEECH AND HEARING DEPARTMENT

Erie Ave. at Front St.
Philadelphia, PA 19134-1095

TDD: (215) 427-5305
VOICE: (215) 427-5469
FAX: (215) 427-4651
Dawn Berducci, MA CCC-A
Lindsay Bondurant, MS CCC-A
Judy Kozubal, MA CCC-A
Kristine Tomlinson, MA CCC-A

This organization specializes in pediatric in- and out-patient audiology service. Services include newborn hearing screenings, behavioral audiometry, impedance, auditory brainstem response testing, otoacoustic emissions, central auditory processing evaluations, and hearing aid evaluations and checks. Some staff members have Spanish and sign language skills. Patients birth to 21 years of age are eligible for service.

TINNITUS & SOUND SENSITIVITY TREATMENT CENTER OF PHILADELPHIA

1015 Chestnut St., Suite 300
Philadelphia, PA 19107

VOICE: (215) 413-0800
FAX: (215) 413-0808

143 Bala Ave.
Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004

VOICE: (610) 747-0757
FAX: (610) 747-1118
Gail B. Brenner, Au.D.
Doctor of Audiology

The Center offers evaluation and treatment of Tinnitus (ear/head noises) and sound sensitivity. They offer Tinnitus Retraining Therapy, trained by Dr. Pawel Jastrehoff, in addition to other therapies that may alleviate Tinnitus.

4. Cultural/Entertainment/Deaf Clubs

ANNENBERG CENTER UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

3680 Walnut St.
Philadelphia, PA 19104

VOICE: (215) 717-2173
Groups Sales Manager

Annenberg Center is a performing arts institution that presents quality theater and dance for adults and children. Selected performances are signed in American Sign Language. Infrared listening devices are available. A subsidized ticket program is available to those that qualify.

CHESTER COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF, INC.

P.O. Box 224
West Chester, PA 14381-0224

TTY: (610) 626-0807
FAX: (610) 626-0647
E-Mail: exceled@myexcel.com
Web Site: www.ccadeaf.org
Edward Williams, President
Rev. Beth Lockard, Secretary

CCAD, Inc. is a social and educational organization that serves the deaf and hard-of-hearing residents of Chester County and surrounding communities. A newsletter is published quarterly, the Board of Directors meets monthly, and events are planned throughout the calendar year. All are welcome to participate in our activities. Some past events have been a Corn Maze, Parliamentary Procedure Workshop, Flea Market, HIV/AIDS Workshop, and a New Year's Eve Party. We are family-oriented and also host Bingo Games at Valley View Assisted Living Center for the Deaf.

CREATIVE ACCESS

100 S. Broad St., Suite 1515
Philadelphia, PA 19110

TTY: (215) 569-1833
VOICE: (215) 569-1833
FAX: (215) 569-8104
E-MAIL: craccess@ aol.com.
www.creativeaccess.org
Constance Dellmuth, President
Karen Leslie-Garrison, V.P. Programs
Robin Miller Oliver, V.P. Advocacy
Marcia O. Halbert, Secretary
Eric Frint, Treasurer

Creative Access is the advocacy, arts-service, and presenting organization created to ensure visibility, accessibility, opportunity, and inclusion of Deaf and Hard of Hearing people of all ages in the arts and cultural life of the Greater Philadelphia area and beyond.

Programs include: Accessible Broadway, Theatre Access Project, Accessible Accent on Dance, Museum Access Project, Movie Access Project, Deaf Performing Arts Initiative and Sign Language Interpreter Services.

Consultations regarding outreach to Deaf and hard of hearing audiences, and to include professional Deaf artists in public performance and arts-education programming welcome. For further information about membership and Calendar, please contact Creative Access via e-mail or our web site.

DEAF AND HARD-OF-HEARING SENIOR CITIZENS OF DELAWARE VALLEY, INC.

4031 Ludlow St., Room 233
Philadelphia, PA 19104-3039

TTY: (215) 895-5567
FAX: (215) 895-5566
E-Mail: Zwillingsp@aol.com
Peggy S. Antal, Coordinator

This organization provides weekly educational, social and recreational programs to deaf and hard-of-hearing senior citizens. They have a drop-in center, field trips, lectures, games, socials, lunches, captioned TV and bi-monthly newsletters. The seniors are 55 years or older; deaf and hard-of-hearing persons under 55 may join if on disability. Dues are \$7.00 per year. Knowledge of sign language is helpful.

DELAWARE COUNTY GROUP FOR THE HARD OF HEARING (DELHOH)
Chapter of SHHH International (Self Help for Hard of Hearing People)

Silberman Ctr., past Crozier Chester Medical Center
Upland, PA

VOICE: (610) 284-4807
E-Mail: gerlhoh@snip.net
Gerry Rusher, President

Meetings are held the first Sunday of the month from October to June and the last Sunday in August. DELHOH meets at 2 PM at the Silberman Center of the Crozer-Chester Medical Center, Upland, PA. This chapter of SHHH has a long history of service to deaf and hard of hearing people in the Delaware Valley. Programs are geared to the needs of the audience to improve their lives and coping skills. Group socializing is also a part of the program.

THE FREE LIBRARY OF PHILADELPHIA

1901 Vine St.
Philadelphia, PA 19103

TTY: (215) 686-5451
VOICE: (215) 686-5322 (general information)
FAX: (215) 563-3628
E-Mail: eref@library.phila.gov
Web Site: www.library.phila.gov
Mary Flournoy, Contact Person
VOICE: (215) 686-5372

Free public library system of 50 branch libraries, 3 regional libraries, the Central Library, and the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (which serves deaf-blind patrons). Provides information, education and recreation through books, videotapes, programs and services. Public programs are listed in the monthly Calendar of Events (available at all libraries) and on the Free Library's web site.

An infrared listening system is available in the Central Library Auditorium. Programs can be interpreted if requested 2 weeks before the program. (Call 686-5372 voice or relay). All libraries have videotapes for adults and children, some of which are closed captioned.

You need a Free Library card to borrow books and videos. The card is free to anyone who lives, works, or goes to school in Philadelphia. Pennsylvania library users may get a free Library Card through the ACCESS PA system.

FRIENDS OF THE DEAF
ROSE OLANOFF COMMUNITY
CENTER

8027 Castor Ave.
Philadelphia, PA 19152

TTY: (215) 725-9010

VOICE: (215) 569-3345

H,M, Weber, Secretary/Treasurer

This is a non-profit organization serving the needs of the deaf and hard of hearing through donations made to schools and deaf/HOH oriented non-profits. They encourage group and senior citizen social activities at the Center.

**GALLAUDET ALUMNI
ASSOCIATION -**

Penjerdel Chapter

c/o Arlene Kim Weinstock

407 Santa Anita Drive

North Wales, PA 19454

E-Mail: philaoreo@aol.com

HEBREW ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF, Inc.

8027 Castor Ave.

Philadelphia, PA 19152

TDD: (215) 725-9010 (Tuesdays only) Phone calls may not be answered on other days.

<http://hometown.aol.com/katzbob>

Robert Katz, President

H.A.D. has meetings, socials, and services at the Rose Olanoff Community Center (ROCC). We also publish our newsletter, the H.A.D News, four times a year. Shabbat Services are held at ROCC on the second Saturdays of each month (except July and August).

H.A.D. general meetings are held once a month on the first Sunday of each month (except July and August). High Holiday services and Passover seder are held at Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel in Jenkintown, PA. For more information about services, please call or contact Rabbi Robert Katz at 215-338-2491 or E-mail at Katzbob@aol.com.

For H.A.D. Calendar of Events on the Internet, please visit our web site.

KARDON INSTITUTE FOR ARTS THERAPY

10700 Knights Rd.

Philadelphia, PA 19154

VOICE: (215) 637-2077

FAX: (215) 637-2079

E-Mail: email@kardoninstitute.org
Web Site: www.kardoninstitute.org
Mark Bottos, Asst. Director
E-Mail: mbottos@kardoninstitute.org

Kardon Institute for Arts Therapy assists individuals with special needs to achieve personal growth through the arts.

Services: Dance / movement therapy, music therapy, and art therapy.

Individual Music and Dance Therapy:

Schedule:

Kardon Headquarters – Mon-Thu, 9am-9pm; Fri-Sat, 9am-5pm
Settlement Music School – days and hours vary at each site

Costs:

Assessment fee - \$25
Registration Fee - \$15
Session Fee - \$23 per 1/2 hour

Program Seasons:

Summer (8 weeks)
Fall to Spring (35 weeks)

Community Connections:

Outreach programs with community organizations and schools

NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF

3608 Park Ave.
Edison, NJ 08820-2506

TTY: (732) 549-0621
FAX: (732) 549-0806
E-Mail: Geocho7383@aol.com
Web Site: www.njad.org
Carl Anderson, President

This is a non-profit organization and the focal point of all cooperating agencies within the state in promoting and advocating for the welfare of the deaf in educational measures, in employment, legislation, and in any other field pertaining to or affecting the deaf of New Jersey in their pursuit of economic security, social equality, and all their rights and privileges as citizens. There are board meetings, town meetings, and state conferences.

THE PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF (PSD) ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

100 W. School House Lane
Philadelphia, PA 19144

TTY/VOICE: (215) 951-4700

FAX: (215) 951-4708

Donald R. Lurwick

PSD Alumni Membership Secretary

P. O. Box 27055

Philadelphia, PA 19118-0055

TTY: (215) 836-9285

FAX: (215) 836-9285

E-Mail: Dlurwick45@aol.com

The PSD Alumni Association serves to raise money for PSD and its students. It provides financial support to the PSD Heritage Museum where historical artifacts are kept on display for students and visitors to admire, and the PSD Sports Hall of Fame in which banquets are planned to honor PSD athletes. It also provides a social outlet for all those who graduated or attended PSD and provides strong political support to PSD during times of need.

The PSD Alumni Association has a variety of social activities. The annual Alumni Day is held at the PSD Campus on the third Saturday of May. The annual PSD Sports Hall of Fame banquet is held in October at the PSD campus.

Full membership is given to those who graduated or attended PSD. A single membership costs \$8.00 and a husband/wife membership costs \$10.00. Donations above the membership fee are encouraged to be made to the Heritage Museum and the PSD Hall of Fame.

All members receive the PSD Alumni newsletter which is printed four times a year. We welcome all those who attended PSD to join as members. We strongly encourage all former PSD students who, for their high school education, attended Lincoln High school, MSSD and the intermediate Units (I.U.s) in their local school districts to join the PSD Alumni Association.

PHILADELPHIA DEAF LIONS CLUB

100 West School House Lane
Philadelphia, PA 19144

TTY: (215) 836-9285

FAX: (215) 836-9285

E-Mail: dlurwick45@aol.com

Lion Donald Lurwick, President

This is a charity organization with fund raising projects to help needy children. .

PHILADELPHIA MUSEUM OF ART

26th St. and Benjamin Franklin Parkway
Philadelphia, PA 19101

TTY: (215) 684-7600

VOICE: (215) 684-7601

Carol Wisker, Manager, Accessible Programs

The Art Museum offers tours in America Sign Language by reservation. Other services include interpreted tours, captioned films, tours on request, special programs for adults and children (school groups), and family programs. If you would like to be on the mailing list to receive information about programs of special interest to hearing impaired, especially Wednesday night and Sunday family programs, call or write Carol Wisker.

READING ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF

538 Franklin St.
Reading, PA 19602-1051

TTY: (610) 373-0291

Michael R. Nelson, President

Russell McVaugh, Jr., Secretary

The goal of this organization is to build a strong deaf community, to support mainstream deaf students and to make people aware about deaf communities.

SILENT ATHLETIC CLUB, INC.

6744 Bustleton Ave.
Philadelphia, Pa 19149

TTY: (610) 626-0807

FAX: (610) 626-0647

E-Mail: exceled@myexcel.com

Web Site: <http://www.fineyard.com/eadb/>

Edward J. Williams, Gen. Chairman

Sponsors annual deaf bowling tournaments.

VSAARTS OF PA / AMARYLLIS THEATRE COMPANY

100 S. Broad St., Suite 1141
Philadelphia, PA 19110

VOICE: (215) 564-2431

FAX: (215) 717-2174

E-Mail: info@amaryllistheatre.org

Web Site: www.amaryllistheatre.org

Mimi Kenney Smith, Artistic Director

mksmith@amaryllistheatre.org

Josette Todaro, Managing Director

jtodaro@amaryllistheatre.org

Veronica Griego, Production Manager

productionmanager@amaryllistheatre.org

VSAarts of PA/ Amaryllis Theatre Company is the Pennsylvania affiliate of VSAarts International, working to create programs to include all people in the arts. Amaryllis Theatre Company is a professional company producing new forms of theatre to encourage a richer sense of community by bringing together artists and audiences from the most diverse community spectrum possible. Amaryllis Theatre provides complete accessibility for audiences and artists with disabilities. We also provide services including audio description, captioning, ASL classes, and consultancy services. For more information, please contact us at info@amaryllistheatre.org.

5. Educational Programs

ARCHBISHOP RYAN SCHOOL FOR DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING CHILDREN

233 Mohawk Ave.
Norwood, PA 19074

TTY/VOICE: (610) 586-7044
FAX: (610) 586-7053
APRyanGab01@nni.com
Sister Margaret Langer, IHM, Principal

Archbishop Ryan School exists to provide a spiritual environment where education is based on faith and centered around language. Students are nurtured to empower themselves to become successful members of the society in which they will live as they work their way toward eternity.

Our education program extends from infancy to age 14. Students follow a regular education curriculum, but modifications can be made to fit the child's needs. The school day extends from 8:00am to 2:45pm. An individual IEP guides the child's learning and weekly Speech/Language classes are provided.

Archbishop Ryan School, under the auspices of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia's Office of Catholic Education provides an appropriate education program in the Oral Academy for deaf children learning to talk, in the Total Communication Academy for students who communicate through Sign Language, and in the Auditory Processing Academy for children diagnosed with Auditory Processing Disorder.

BUCKS COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT #22

705 Shady Retreat Rd.
Doylestown, PA 18901

TTY: (215) 348-1127
VOICE: (215) 348-2940 ext. 1240
FAX: (215) 340-1639
E-Mail: Kmilller@bcIU.k12.pa.us
Dr. Kevin J. Miller, Supervisor

The Bucks County Intermediate Unit # 22 is a regional service agency serving deaf and hard of hearing children with a diagnosed hearing loss throughout Bucks County. Services include: Early Intervention (0-3); Preschool services (3 – 5 years); Resource Room Program (K – 12); Itinerant Program (K – 12); Audiological Services; Interpreting services; and Auditory-Verbal Therapy.

**CENTER ON HEARING AND
DEAFNESS, INC.**

*****See listing in Section 10**

COLLEGE AND CAREER PROGRAMS FOR DEAF STUDENTS

c/o Gallaudet Research Institute
Center for Assessment and Demographics Studies
800 Florida Ave., N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20002

TTY/VOICE: (202) 651-5575

Contact them for information on college and career programs for deaf students.

COLONIAL INTERMEDIATE

UNIT # 20

6 Danforth Drive
Easton, PA 18045-5550

TTD/TTY: (610) 252-3786

VOICE: (610) 252-5550

FAX: (610) 559-7103

Web Site: www.ciu20.org

Donna L. Hopstetter, Supervisor of Special Education

VOICE: (610) 515-6455

CIU#20 is a regional service agency that provides public school services to districts in Northampton, Monroe and Pike Counties. Programs, activities and services include hearing support services in schools within Intermediate Unit # 20; Classes for hearing impaired students: one at elementary level and one at the middle school, and one at the high school level. Placement is by request and approval by districts of residence of students and decision of the IEP teams.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF PHILADELPHIA CENTER ON DISABILITY

1700 Spring Garden St.
Philadelphia, PA 19130

TTY/VOICE: (215) 751-8050

FAX: (215) 972-6312

The Center on Disability provides accommodations and support services to all qualified students with disabilities attending the Community College of Philadelphia to ensure their access to the college's academic programs, activities, and services. Services are provided with the intention of assisting students in achieving maximum independence. The center has a staff that includes a director, counselor, learning disabilities coordinator, disability resource assistant, disability aides, and other support staff.

DELAWARE COUNTY
INTERMEDIATE UNIT #25

Hearing Department
Robert C. Gauntlett Center
32 Media Line Rd.
Newtown Square, PA 19073

VOICE: (610) 325-0396, ext. 125
Marsha Dworkin, Supervisor

The Hearing Department of DCIU serves hard of hearing and deaf students in all 15 school districts.

The age range for services begins at age of identification and continues through 21 years. Home-based, pre-school classrooms, school age itinerant or classroom programs are provided. Services include an audiologist, social worker, psychologist and career specialist in addition to well trained teachers of the hearing impaired.

Students are served in a variety of school settings. While the DCIU programs are oral, a joint program in a neighboring county or Pennsylvania School for the Deaf provide the services needed for students with sign language needs as well as servicing DCIU hearing impaired students with oral needs.

GALLAUDET UNIVERSITY

800 Florida Ave., NE
Washington, D.C. 20002

TTY/VOICE: (202) 651-5000

This is a four year accredited liberal arts university with all academic and extracurricular programs designed specifically for deaf and hard of hearing undergraduate students.

HELEN BEEBE SPEECH AND
HEARING CENTER

220 Commerce Drive, Suite 320
Fort Washington, PA 19034

VOICE: (215) 619-9083
FAX: (215) 619-9087
E-Mail: Info@beebecenter.org
Web Site: www.beebecenter.org
Stephani Doyle, MA, CCC-SLP, Clinical Programs Manager

The Beebe Center promotes the auditory-verbal philosophy for teaching children who are deaf or hard-of-hearing to listen and to speak. The center provides education, support and advocacy for children and their families.

Programs, activities and services include:

- auditory-advocacy therapy
- cochlear implant rehabilitation
- outreach programs
- Larry Jarret House for families and professionals

Consultation/evaluation is required prior to enrollment for therapy.

HIRAM G. ANDREWS CENTER

727 Goucher St.
Johnstown, PA 15905

TTY/VOICE: (814) 255-8275
FAX: (814) 255-8283
E-Mail: Lhutchison@state.pa.us
Lori Hutchison, Supervisor, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services Unit

This post-secondary vocational technical training school has vocational evaluation and counseling, interpreting, tutoring, note-taking, C-Print, life skills training, and job readiness instruction. Tours and inquiries are welcome.

MBF CENTER

15-25 East Marshall St.
Norristown, PA 19401

TTY: (610) 292-9605
voice: (610) 292-0710
E-Mail: Info@mbfcenter.org
Michele Edgcumbe, Admission/ Placement Director

MBF provides computer and clerical education, professional development training and placement to people with disabilities. The MBF Center is a post-secondary school licensed by the PA Department of Education and accredited by the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools.

Programs include: 7-month computer and business skills training, 4 month office technology training, job placement and job coaching services. Seeking students with interest in computer related and clerical tasks, high school diploma, GED or pre-graduation referral from local school district.

MID-ATLANTIC POST-SECONDARY CENTER FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING

Camden County College
P.O. Box 200
Blackwood, NJ 08012

TTY: (856) 374-4855
VOICE: (856) 227-7200 ext. 4506
FAX: (856) 374-5003
Web Site: www.camdencc.edu
Josie Durkow, Director
Kathy Earp, Program Specialist
E-Mail: Kearp@camdencc.edu

The Post-Secondary Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing at Camden County College offers challenging certificate and degree programs for Deaf and Hard of Hearing students who seek career and academic training.

Services are provided for deaf and hard of hearing students to make college life accessible. The services include qualified interpreters, note takers, C-Print Captioning, tutors, advising and counseling and assistive listening devices. Preparatory courses in reading, writing, grammar and math are offered to students whose test scores indicate the need. Remedial reading, writing and grammar and math classes are taught by teachers of the Deaf.

The Deaf Culture Club (DCC) organizes many activities allowing students to be involved in various extracurricular activities. The Sign Language Club also works closely with DCC. The Center requires a recent audiological report (no more than two years old) and high school or other college transcripts. Students will fill out a college application. Testing is done during a one week summer orientation and testing program.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY
INTERMEDIATE UNIT #23

1605 B West Main St.
Norristown, PA 19403

TTY: (610) 539-4605
VOICE: (610) 539-8550
FAX: (610) 539-7411
E-Mail: bwilliams@mciu.org
Ben H. Williams, Special Education Supervisor

This public school program services children ages 3-21, with Total Communication classroom programs and itinerant programs. Services include itinerant support, speech and language, audiologist service, and FM system support.

NATIONAL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE FOR THE DEAF

52 Lomb Memorial Dr.
Rochester, NY 14623

TTY/VOICE: (585) 475-6400
FAX: (585) 475-6500
E-Mail: otidmc@rit.edu
Web Site: www.rit.edu/ntid

The National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID) is the world's first and largest technological college for students who are deaf or hard of hearing. It is one of eight colleges of Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT), a privately endowed, coeducational university that is student centered and career focused. RIT was founded in 1829, and NTID was formally established by Congress in 1965 as one of its colleges.

NTID provides deaf and hard of hearing students with outstanding state-of-the-art technical and professional programs, complemented by a strong liberal arts and sciences curriculum that prepares them to live and work in the mainstream of a rapidly changing global community and enhances their lifelong learning.

One of the unique features of NTID/RIT is that more than 1,100 deaf and hard of hearing students study, share residence halls, and enjoy social life together with 13,000 hearing students.

OVERBROOK SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

6333 Malvern Ave.
Philadelphia, PA 19151

TTY: (215) 877-0313 x260
VOICE: (215) 877-0313 x267
FAX: (215) 877-2709
E-Mail: bm@obs.org
Web Site: www.obs.org
Bernadette M. Kappen, Director

As a leading resource in the field of visual impairment, Overbrook's mission is to develop and deliver education which enhances the options available for persons with visual impairments and other challenges so that they have the greatest opportunity to experience active and fulfilling lives.

Services: Center-based Education and Outreach services for children ages birth – 21 years old.
Hours: 8:00am to 4:30pm, Mon-Fri.
Target Population: Children with legal blindness who may have additional impairments.

Overbrook Friedlander Program is for adults who are legally blind with additional impairments.
Contact Susan Calvecchio (215) 877-0060

THE PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

100 W. School House Lane
Philadelphia, PA 19144

TTY: (215) 951-4703
VOICE: (215) 951-4700
FAX: (215) 951-4708
Web Site: www.psd.org
Joseph E. Fischgrund, Headmaster

PSD provides comprehensive, K-12 educational programs for deaf and hard of hearing students. Through its Center for Community and Professional Services (CCPS), Early Intervention programs, sign language classes, job training and placement programs and adult education programs are provided to deaf and hearing communities.

PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM

100 W. School House Lane
Philadelphia, PA 19144

TTY/VOICE: (215) 951-4725
Susan Einbender, Center Based Coordinator

This program provides support to families with young deaf children, including information on deafness, amplification, communication style, educational alternatives, and parenting skills.

Services include: home visits, weekly parent group meetings, a center program for deaf children, 18-36 months, speech and language therapy, play groups, transportation, dissemination of reading materials, physical therapy and occupational therapy. Any families of children with hearing impairments and who reside in the Delaware Valley are eligible.

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA

Programs For Students Who Are Deaf And Hard Of Hearing

Office of Specialized Services
Speech/Language/Hearing Support Programs
John Fitzgerald Kennedy Center, Room 681
734 Schuylkill Ave.
Philadelphia, PA 19146

VOICE: (215) 875-6772
FAX: (215) 875-2159
Web Site: www.philsch.k12.phila.pa.us/

Abraham Lincoln High School
Rowland & Ryan Aves.
Philadelphia, PA 19136

TTY: (215) 335-5674
VOICE: (215) 335-5653
FAX: (215) 335-5997
Web Site: www.lincolnhs.phila.k12.pa.us
Cheryl Campbell, Program Chair

The School District of Philadelphia offers a variety of programs and services for school aged children depending on individual need. These programs may include regular classroom experiences with itinerant or resource room support, or self-contained classes for students with hearing losses. Sign language interpreters are provided where needed. The appropriate placement for students in these programs is determined through the Evaluation Report process.

On the elementary level, there are Total Communication classes at Ethan Allen School, K-8th grade, Joyce Kail, Principal. There are over 65 students currently in the elementary program. Abraham Lincoln High School, in Northeast Philadelphia, with a student population of over 1,800, offers a full range of programs to students with hearing losses in grades 9 through 12, where there are over 75 students who are deaf or hard of hearing.

A school psychologist and counselor for these programs are based at Lincoln High School, but serve all grade levels. All students in Total Communication classes are taught by specially trained teachers of the deaf. All students are mainstreamed for non-academic subjects; the amount of academic mainstreaming is determined on an individual basis. Sign Language interpreters accompany students to regular education classes at the elementary and high school level. All students in the program are eligible to participate in all extracurricular programs.

SCRANTON STATE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

1800 N. Washington Ave.
Scranton, PA 18509

TTY/VOICE: (570) 963-4546
FAX: (570) 963-4544
Web Site: Ns.neiu.k12.pa.us/www/sssd
Dr. Dorothy Bambach, Superintendent

This is a state owned and operated day and residential school focusing on the needs of children who are deaf or hard of hearing, with a resource center providing statewide support to agencies and individuals who require professional level information and/or technical assistance.

Programs, services and activities include Parent/Infant Program, preschool, K through 12 academic program, alternative programs, support services, residential services, sign language services, special needs, behavioral support, state-wide consultation and ESDAA sports. Placement is by school districts.

6. Mental Health Services

BELMONT CENTER FOR COMPREHENSIVE TREATMENT

4200 Monument Rd.
Philadelphia, PA 19131-1689

VOICE: (215) 877-2000 (general hospital number)

Belmont is a psychiatric facility providing inpatient and outpatient treatment of emotional and addiction problems. Services for the deaf include some interpreted inpatient sessions and case management, admission and psychiatric consult. TTY's and decoders are available for patient use. Patients must have insurance or the ability to self-pay. Medicare and Medicaid are accepted

CENTER FOR FAMILY SERVICE, INC. Recovery Network for Deaf and Hard of Hearing

One Alpha Ave., Suite 43
Voorhees, NJ 08043

TTY: (856) 428-8373

VOICE: (856) 428-5688

FAX: (856) 428-0949

E-Mail: Jdoermann@centerffs.org

Web Site: www.centerffs.org

Julie L. Doerrmann, Program Coordinator / Counselor

Recovery Network for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing at the Center for Family Services, Inc. (formerly Reality House) program offers an outpatient substance abuse treatment to the population.

Our program offers treatment, education, support and advocacy service for deaf and hard of hearing individuals who are experiencing problems with drugs and alcohol in the population.

Our Second Chance program provides outpatient counseling to deaf and hard of hearing clients throughout the state of New Jersey who are unable to access treatment due to communication barriers.

A mobile treatment counselor provides enhanced individual counseling to clients in either residential or ambulatory facilities as well as continuing care treatment and relapse prevention services.

Our counselors are proficient in American Sign Language and include staff who are actually deaf and hard of hearing.

**CENTER ON HEARING AND
DEAFNESS, INC.**

(See listing in Section 10)

**THE DEAFNESS AND FAMILY
COMMUNICATION CENTER**

Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP)
34th St. & Civic Center Blvd., 3rd Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19104
and
CHOP, North
3535 Market St., Ninth Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19104

VOICE: (215) 590-7555

TTY: (215) 590-6890

FAX: (215) 590-7350

E-MAIL: Drannie@mail.medd.upenn.edu

Annie Steinberg, M.D., Director

The center provides limited psychiatric and mental health services for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing and their families. The center also provides school-based mental health services at the PA School for the Deaf and community based consultation for developing clinically and financially effective services for deaf and hard of hearing individuals.

The center conducts research on access to healthcare for deaf and hard of hearing patients, issues in deafness and mental health, decision making and choices for parents of deaf children, web site information regarding childhood deafness, and on the well being of the child, adolescent and family. Clinical staff are fluent in American Sign Language, Signed English and other methods of communication used by deaf and hard of hearing people.

Services include:

- psychiatric evaluation and consultation*
- forensic psychiatric evaluation and consultation*
- school-based and school-linked mental health programs*
- Psychopharmacologic consultation/ medication management*
- individual, family and group psychotherapy
- behavior management consultation
- staff in-service training
- community-based consultation to organizations serving deaf and hard of hearing people who are developmentally disabled and/or mentally ill

Referrals originate from schools, the Department of Human Services, Child/Adult Protective Services, mental health centers, individual professionals, managed care organizations, self-referrals and family members.

DEAF SERVICES CENTER OF MILESTONES COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE, INC.

614 North Easton Rd.
Glenside, PA 19038

TTY: (215) 884-4926
VOICE: (215) 884-9770
FAX: (215) 884-9774
E-Mail: rturk@salisb.com
Web Site: www.salisb.com/deafservices.asp

The Deaf Services Center (DSC) offers culturally competent, linguistically accessible behavioral health treatment for individuals who are deaf, including supervised apartment living, home-based support, and a licensed partial hospital program.

All program staff have at least intermediate fluency in ASL. Most administrative and full-time clinical staff have advanced fluency in ASL. A majority of DSC employees are deaf themselves. DSC is committed to providing residential, vocational, social, and therapeutic supports needed by people who are deaf with serious behavioral health problems that are integrated in both the general and Deaf communities.

FAMILY WELLNESS PROGRAM

Center for Childhood Communication

Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

3405 Civic Center Blvd., Room 116
Philadelphia, PA 19104

TTY: (215) 590-6890
VOICE: (800) 551-8480 or (215) 590-7100
FAX: (215) 590-7172
E-Mail: montoya@email.chop.edu

The Family Wellness Program offers peer support groups to parents and kids that enhance family wellness. Groups are formed and focused around specific topics and age groups. Groups are announced through the Family Wellness Newsletter, which is published 3 times a year. The newsletter, support groups and referrals are offered at no charge to families.

The program also offers families the opportunity to speak privately to a mental health counselor who is experienced in working with families with hard of hearing or deaf members when families need someone to listen, receive encouragement or find counseling services with mental health professionals experienced in deafness and hearing loss. Referrals to other community resources for people who are hard of hearing or deaf are also offered.

LILETTA (LEE) FINK, MSW, LCSW, QCSW

200 Old York Rd., Suite 300
Jenkintown, PA 19046

TTY/VOICE: (215) 886-8938

Counseling and psychotherapy are offered to individuals, couples and families with all issues about deafness, how it impacts on relationships, and other personal issues. I am experienced in Deaf issues, and communicate in sign language. Hours are by appointment only.

INTERAC, INC.

6122 Ridge Ave.
Philadelphia, PA 19128

TTY: (215) 487-7718

VOICE: (215) 487-2134

FAX: (215) 487-1641

Ethyl P. Treatman, MS, Deaf Services Program Manager

This multi-service agency provides aging, mental health and developmental disabilities services, with a specialized program serving deaf recipients of Intensive Case Management.

The deaf project provides coordination, linkage and monitoring of a range of mental health and other services to those who are deaf and have serious & persistent mental health concerns.

Individuals must be 18 or older, and must meet specific diagnostic and other criteria, and must be approved by Philadelphia Office of Mental Health. Leniency is granted in terms of eligibility criteria due to historic lack of accessibility of services to deaf individuals.

JEROME F. KNAST, Ph.D.

133 Heather Rd.
Suite 100
Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004

TTY/VOICE: (215) 232-1417

FAX: (215) 746-6326

Psychological services offered are in Total Communication by state licensed and school certified psychologist. Services include testing/evaluation, individual therapy, family therapy and hypnosis. Psychoeducational assessments include learning disability evaluations. Neuropsychological test battery is also available. Hours are by appointment only.

PEG ADAMUCCI COUNSELING, INC.

600 West Germantown Pike, Suite 400

Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462-1046

Mailing Address:

623 Creek Lane, Flourtown, PA 19031-1114

VOICE: (610) 940-1615

FAX: (215) 836-9840

E-Mail: pegadamucci@snip.net

Peg Adamucci, LPC, NCC

Counselor

Peg Adamucci Counseling, Inc. offers counseling and referral services for:

- individuals
- couples
- adolescents
- children

Services include issues related to:

- parenting
- parent-child problems
- children of divorce
- anxiety and panic disorders
- stress management
- relationships
- marriage
- self-esteem and confidence
- social skills
- goal-setting
- anger control
- emotional problems

Peg Adamucci is a Licensed Professional Counselor who is hard of hearing. She graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor's degree from the College of New Jersey. She earned her Master's degree at Gwynedd Mercy College and has post-graduate studies in several areas of counseling and mental health. Peg has had American Sign Language classes at Community College of Philadelphia and is an on-going student with private weekly tutoring.

Peg Specializes in counseling for children, adolescents, adults, and couples.

PHILADELPHIA ELWYN

Elwyn-Nevil Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
4031 Ludlow St.
Philadelphia, PA 19104

VOICE: (215) 895-5500
FAX: (215) 386-4436
Sandra Pickering, MSW, Director

The agency provides outpatient mental health services for deaf, hard-of-hearing and families, individual therapy and linkage to other services within mental health day programs at Philadelphia Elwyn, (i.e.: audiology, vocational training) or in the community.

CINDY SHAPIRO, MSW, LCSW

Office:
Presidential Condominiums
101 Presidential Blvd., Suite 111 B
Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004
Mail:
P.O. Box 665
Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004-0032

TTY/VOICE: (215) 886-8616

This is a private practice. Therapy services for individuals, couples, and families are provided with an emphasis on creating satisfying growth-promoting relationships. Knowledgeable about drug and alcohol issues, and capable of working with a spiritual emphasis.

This licensed clinical social worker has a CSC as an interpreter, providing therapy in both sign (ASL and sign English) and voice. Capable of doing groups in sign or voice particularly on relationships, deaf parents with hearing children and adolescent issues. Insurance accepted: BC/BS, and private.

7. Miscellaneous

CAMP OVERBROOK: IN SIGN

The Deaf Apostolate
Archdiocese of Philadelphia
222 N. 17th St.
Philadelphia, PA 19103

TTY: (215) 587-0510
VOICE: (215) 587-3530
FAX: (215) 587-3561
E-Mail: wgriffin@adphila.org
William J. Griffin, Camp Director

This is a two-week summer religious education day camp for children who are deaf or hard of hearing and use sign language. It is usually held the second and third weeks in July at St. Charles Seminary on City Avenue. Van transportation is provided from most areas of Philadelphia and some county areas.

Children who are Deaf/ HOH ages 6 – 13 are eligible. There are camp assistant counselor positions available for Deaf/HOH teens and young adults who apply. Contact William Griffin for applications.

CENTER FOR CHILDHOOD COMMUNICATION

Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
34th St. and Civic Center Blvd.,
Philadelphia, PA 19104

TTY: (215) 590-5960
VOICE: (800) 551-5480
FAX: (215) 590-5641
Web Site: www.chop.edu

The Center for Childhood Communication (CCC) of the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) brings together a multi-disciplinary group of clinicians and scientists who provide coordinated clinical services and study communication and its disorders in children. The CCC provides families with access to state-of-the-art, comprehensive, interdisciplinary clinical communication services for children. Mental Health and Family Support Services are also available. The CCC also serves as a resource to children with hearing loss, their families, clinicians and other professionals.

Also; see the following listings:

- **Department of Audiology at CCC/CHOP in Section 2**
- **Pediatric Cochlear Implant Program at CCC/CHOP in Section 2**
- **Deafness And Family Communication Center at CHOP in Section 6**
- **Family Wellness Program at CCC/CHOP in Section 6**

DAWSIGNPRESS

6130 Nancy Ridge Dr.
San Diego, CA 92121

TTY/VOICE: (858) 625-0600
FAX: (858) 625-2336
info@dawnsign.com
Web Site: www.dawnsign.com
Gigi Howland, Sales Mgr.

DawnSignPress is a small business founded, owned, and operated by deaf and hard of hearing individuals.

Certified as a minority business by the City of San Diego, DawnSignPress has, since its inception, focused on identifying and addressing issues on the cutting edge of educational technology, especially in the area of deafness and sign language studies.

DawnSignPress is dedicated to the premise that deaf and hard of hearing people are capable of excellence if given the opportunity to become involved in productive endeavors. DawnSignPress is committed to providing these opportunities for deaf and hard of hearing persons to determine their own destiny. Toward this end, DawnSignPress wholeheartedly supports the effort of deaf people to document and publish their language, culture, history, heritage and literature.

LIONS CAMP KIRBY, INC.

1735 Narrows Hill Rd.
Upper Black Eddy, PA 18972

VOICE: (215) 249-3710
TTY/VOICE: (610) 982-5731 (June - August)
FAX: (610) 982-9250
E-Mail: Dett0317@nni.com
Robert Hunsberger, President
Alice Breon, Camp Director

This is a residential summer camp for deaf boys and girls, 6-17 years old. The camp is owned and operated by the Lions of District 14-A, funded by Lions Clubs. The camp has large fields, a swimming pool, basketball Ct., playground, recreation halls, and shooting sports area. There is a computer room. Campers may camp for one to four weeks. Accommodations are newly renovated cabins.

MOSS RESOURCE NET

C/O Albert Einstein Healthcare Network
5501 Old York Rd.
Philadelphia, PA 19141

VOICE: (215) 456-5882

FAX: (215) 456-8276

Web Site: www.mossresourcenet.org

Lillian Brazin, MS, Dir. Library Services

Provides telephone information to callers on travel accessibility.

NATIONAL FRATERNAL SOCIETY OF THE DEAF (insurance)

402 Maple St.
Jenkintown, PA 19046

TTY: (215) 576-5016

FAX: (215) 887-7038

E-Mail: JLMJFITZ@aol.com

Jeffrey Fitzgerald, Agent, Board Member

Life insurance company with division meetings, conventions and other activities.

PENNSYLVANIA RELAY SERVICE

AT&T Customer Care

100 S. Jefferson St.

Suite 115

New Castle, PA 16101

TTY: (800) 682-8786

VOICE: (800) 682-8706

FAX: (888) 288-2184-

Web Page:

www.att.com/relay/feedback.html

AT&T Internet Relay: www.relay.att.com

AT&T Video Relay: www.relay.att.com/vrs

VALLEY VIEW

111 Elwyn Rd.

Elwyn, PA 19063

TTY: (610) 891-2359 / (601) 891-2356

VOICE: (610) 891-2356

FAX: (610) 891-2623

E-Mail: Csurdyke@elwyn.org

E-Mail: Jzurawski@elwyn.org

Carole Surdyke, Administrator

Joy Zurawski, Resident Services Coordinator

This is a supported/assisted living facility for the deaf and deaf-blind, providing supports as needed. Services include health care services, housekeeping, medication assistance, personal care services, communication assistance, recreation and leisure activities. Must be 55 years or older, deaf and in need of assisted living services.

8. Religious Organizations

ALL SOULS' CHURCH FOR THE DEAF

P.O. Box 27459

Philadelphia, PA 19118-0459

TTY: (215) 247-6454

VOICE/FAX: (215) 247-1059

Rev. Roger Pickering, Vicar

All Souls' is the ministry in and with the deaf community in the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania. They provide a full range of church services, social activities, educational programs, and advocacy concerning needs in the deaf community.

Sunday services are held at Seamen's Church Institute, 475 North 5th St., Philadelphia, at 11 AM, and monthly on the third Sunday at 3 PM at Valley View (formerly Nevil Home) on the campus of Elwyn Institute near Media.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

754 E. Rockhill Rd.

Sellersville, PA 18960-1799

Deaf Ministry:

TTY/TDD: (215) 679-0787

(answering machine available)

VOICE/FAX: (215) 679-4360

(answering machine available)

Web Page: www.bethelbc.org

Mr. Tom Vannatta and Mrs. Joan Vannatta-
Head and Director of Deaf Department

Hearing Ministry:

VOICE: (215) 536-9200

FAX: (215) 536-2229

E-Mail: Office@bethelbc.org

Pastor: Dr. David Smith (Senior Pastor-Hard of Hearing) and Mrs. Heidi Smith

Bethel Baptist Church offers the following to the deaf and bearing impaired community:

- Bible Study Classes for all ages
- Deaf Choir - "Hands of Praise"
- Interpreters
- Ladies Alive Ministry
- Sports--Basketball, Indoor Soccer, Lady's Volley Ball, Ball League for all ages, Fellowships, Bowling (large facilities for games with 4 large sets of bleachers).

- Men--Men's Monthly Breakfasts
- Women--Mother and Daughter Banquets
- Sportsman's Banquets with prizes and fishing in the Ocean
- Children--AWANA (children ages 3- 12) – (preschool through 6th grade)
- Teens-- Youth Ministry (camping and field trips) (7th through 12th grades)
- Children-Day Care (open Monday through Friday for child care)
- Upper Bucks Christian School (open for Hearing Children K-12 only at present)
- Hidden Meadows Camp Grounds (pool, chapel building, cafeteria hall, and cabins)
- Large facilities, heated and AC, for weddings, banquets, conferences, meetings, and gatherings
- Bus Ministry: If you need a ride please call us and tell us your name, your TTY /TDD number if available, and address, and we shall try to provide transportation to church and home again for you
- Special Speakers for the Deaf (such as Ronnie Rice, Ted Camp, Allen Snare, Reggie Remple, Betty Rice, Dr. Don Cabbage, etc.)
- Special Drama Presentations
- Large Parking Facilities
- Large Playground for children
- You may serve the Lord at Bethel, after becoming a member-Come and be a part of this joyful experience of serving others.

Church Services for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired:

- Sunday Worship Service begins at 10:15-11:30 AM in the main Auditorium
- Sunday Night Service begins at 6:30 PM-8:30 PM in the main Auditorium
- Wednesday Night Prayer Service begins at 7:30-8:30 PM in the main Auditorium
- (All services are interpreted)

Bible Study Classes for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired:

- Adult Bible study
- Adult Preaching
- Teen Bible Study Class (ages 13-17)
- Primary Classes (ages 3-8)

Oral Classes are available upon request.

Rainbow Classes for mentally handicapped Deaf and Hearing Impaired are also available upon request.

CHRIST THE KING DEAF CHURCH

730 South New St.

West Chester, PA 19382

TTY: (610) 701-0820
VOICE: (610) 696-2475
FAX: (610) 436-4844
E-Mail: BethLockardCTK@juno.com
Rev. Beth Lockard, Pastor

This Deaf church provides a spiritual center for the Deaf community, accessible to them in their language and culture. Hearing family members may also attend the on-site services of the host church, Calvary.

Programs, activities and services include:

- **Sunday Worship Services** at 10:30 AM in ASL. Usually voice interpreted.
- **Adult Bible Study** every Sunday at 9:00 AM, first Thursdays at 7:00 PM (in Downingtown area), last Thursdays at 10 AM (at Valley View Home), third Fridays at 7 PM (in Norristown area).
- **Children's Program** includes Sunday School at 9:00 AM with hearing children at Calvary; Kid's Club on Wednesdays 4:00-6:30 PM with Calvary; Sunday morning childcare 9:00-11:30 AM for infants and toddlers. Children are welcome at our Deaf worship, too!
- **Senior Program** – West Chester Deaf Seniors meet First Wednesday 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM for luncheon, games, fun, and chatting. Worship Service at Valley View Home second Sundays.
- **Singles Group** meet once or twice a month for captioned films, eating together, study, fun trips, and service projects (call for current calendar).
- **Other Groups** – Church Council, Lunch Bunch, Craft Club, Card Club, Alter Guild, Newsletter Committee, Kitchen Teams, Get involved!
- **Pastoral Care and Counseling** – Individual, family, pre-marriage, couples (call for appointment). Baptisms, weddings, memorial services and funerals. Membership classes, first communions, and confirmations. Hospital, home, and hospice visits.
- **Socials and fourth Sunday Potlucks** (Mmm, good!)

All are welcome! Contact the church for scheduling information on all services and activities. Also, call to get on the mailing list for our free Monthly Newsletter and for information on upcoming activities and events.

DEAF APOSTOLATE

Archdiocese of Philadelphia
222 N. 17th St., Room 825
Philadelphia, PA 19103

TTY: (215) 587-0510
VOICE: (215) 587-3913
FAX: (215) 587-3561
E-Mail: pcpddeaf@adphila.org
Sister Kathleen Schipani, Administrator
William Griffin, Coordinator of Religious Education

Rev. Anthony Russo, Coordinator of Deaf Ministry
Saint Boniface Rectory
174 Diamond St.
Philadelphia, PA 19122
TTY: (215) 423-9547
VOICE: (215) 423-9547
FAX: (215) 739-5102

The Deaf Apostolate provides pastoral care and religious education to the Catholic community who are deaf or hard of hearing. Masses and Sacraments in American Sign Language, interpreted Masses, sacramental preparation and providing full access into the life of the Church are the principal goals of the Deaf Apostolate.

DEAF CHRISTIAN CHURCH

24 Radio Park Lane
Brookhaven, PA 19015

TTY/VOICE/FAX: (215) 755-5003
FAX: (215) 755-4874
E-Mail: Robb@deafchurch.cc
Rev. David Robb, Pastor

This is a Deaf church committed to functioning as an indigenous Church with Deaf leadership and Deaf support with all services conducted in ASL.

Sunday morning Deaf service at 10:45 AM, Thursday evening Deaf Bible Study at 7:00 PM.
All Deaf people are welcome. Contact for other events.

DEAF COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP

Small Group Meetings - Several Locations
"Seeing Christ in the Community"
FAX/TTY: 888-237-8098
Web Site: <http://www.lovetosign.org>

For schedule, please visit the website. Services start May, 2008

Deaf Community Fellowship is committed to serving the community we live in! Are you looking for a church home? Always looking for volunteers to help in these ministries:

Website Design/Update
PowerPoint Slides
High-End Video
Mailing Lists / Outreach
Visitation / Hospital
Teachers/ Lessons
Special Event Planners
Childcare workers
Teen Ministry leaders
Digital Photography
Accounting
Song Leader
Newsletter
Food Planner

Could you see yourself involved and maybe leading a ministry like this? Please contact us. It is possible that we could provide training for many of these areas of ministry.

FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH
/DEAF DEPT.

1515 Wistar Rd.
Fairless Hills, PA 19030

TTY: (215) 943-4243
VOICE: (215) 946-7550
Raymond Leicht, Director

This religious organization provides Baptist/ Fundamental community outreach. **Sunday Service**, 9:30-11:00AM, is conducted in ASL. **Sunday School** is 11:00 AM-12:15 PM A **Worship Service** on Sunday evening, 6:00 PM and **Bible study** on Wednesday evening 7:30 PM are both interpreted. All are welcome.

FIRST DEAF MENNONITE CHURCH

2270 Old Philadelphia Pike
Lancaster, PA 17602

TTY: (717) 392-6752
FAX: (717) 392-7810
Web Site: <http://www.firstdeaf.org>

Sunday Worship Service is at 9:15 AM

Sunday School is at 10:45 AM
Wednesday Bible Study/Prayer 6:30 PM.

At First Deaf all are welcome to visit with us. Seekers, students, and the curious are all invited! Our website has helpful information for you to know about events and how to find us. You are important and we would like to serve you. Feel free to contact us on the website!

FULL GOSPEL DEAF CHURCH

***** See: DEAF CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

INTERFAITH SPECIALTY CONSULTING SERVICES

718 Arch St., 6th-N
Philadelphia, PA 19106

TTY: Relay 711
FAX: (215) 324-2539
E-Mail: issdis@aol.com
Angela V. Lundy

Angela Victoria Lundy is a 'freedom of religion' and disability rights advocate, inspirational motivator, author of autobiography, "Uphill Journey" and editor of periodical publication, "Power Along the Way". She is founder of Interfaith Specialty Services, which led to the development of Disability Outreach Ministries to which she is consultant and nurturer to developing groups in places of worship and the community. She is active in "That All May Worship Network" of Philadelphia, Self Help for the Hard of Hearing People, Speaking for Ourselves and Faith in Action, as well as many other organizations for people with disabilities.

As an ordained interdenominational minister, she preaches, conducts interactive workshops, seminars, Bible and wellness studies for educating the public and to assist in building the self-esteem of people with disabilities of all faiths.

Although totally deaf, having had strokes and other disabling occurrences, she focuses on drawing attention to the contributions of persons in spite of their disabilities by honoring them with the "Enabler" award at places of worship and community centers.

She assists groups interested in inclusion through consultation, in-house coaching, "take-out" services, visualization and goal-setting and believes that we are limited only by our imaginations, not our circumstances.

INTERNATION CATHOLIC DEAF ASSOCIATION (ICDA), CHAPTER #8

c/o 402 Maple St.
Jenkintown, PA 19046

TTY: (215) 755-5003
FAX: (215) 887-7038
E-Mail: jlmjfitz@aol.com
Jerry Fitzgerald, President

The ICDA is an organization of lay deaf/HOH Catholic adults dedicated to promoting the religious, educational, social and moral advancement of deaf/HOH persons. The ICDA meets once a month and spiritual and social activities.

MT. AIRY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

13 E. Mt. Pleasant Ave.
Philadelphia, PA 19119

VOICE: (215) 247-1303
FAX: (215) 247-0292
E-Mail: Mapresby@aol.com
Raymond K. Johnson, Administrator

This church provides worship services with hired interpreters, 3rd Sunday each month, September to June.

PASTORAL CARE OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Archdiocese of Philadelphia

222 North 17th St.
Philadelphia, PA 19103

TTY: (215) 587-0510
VOICE: (215) 587-3530
FAX: (215) 587-3561
E-Mail: pcpddeaf@adphila.org
Sister Kathleen Schipanir, Administrator

Pastoral care for persons with disability, disability awareness, family support, foster faith and the full inclusion of people with disabilities into the life of the church in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Programs, activities and services include interpreted liturgies for deaf and hard of hearing, religious education for children and adults, retreats, and summer religious education camp in sign.

REFORM CONGREGATION

KENESETH ISRAEL

8339 Old York Rd.
Elkins Park, PA 19027

VOICE: (215) 887-8702

This synagogue conducts special services with an interpreter for the deaf during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. They also have installed in the sanctuary and chapel a system for the hearing impaired.

ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

11th and Lincoln Aves. (Rte #420)
Prospect Park, PA 19076

VOICE: (610) 461-6698 (Office)

VOICE: (610) 583-3911 (Rectory)

Fr. Rory H.B.Harris, Rector

St. James' Episcopal Church offers a professionally Signed 10 a.m. Worship service each Sunday with a special section up front for the deaf and hearing impaired.

An overhead projector also displays the liturgy and songs being used to free the participant to join in signing the service and responses.

We offer the "laying on of hands" for prayers for healing after Holy Communion/Eucharist at the altar, too.

St. James' Church is a "warm, caring Church" (our motto) and is easily accessible near the Philadelphia International airport off 1-95 exit 9 B Prospect Park. We welcome Christians of all faith backgrounds or those seeking to find a relationship with God.

ST. PHILIP'S LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE DEAF

11047 Bustleton Ave.
Philadelphia, PA 19116

TTY: (215) 969-4179

The church serves the spiritual needs of individuals and families of the deaf community. Included are: weekly worship in sign and voice, private and pastoral counseling, sign language classes, social events and captioned films; senior citizens, men, women, family and youth activities, Summer Vacation Bible School, and religious instruction, adult Bible studies, Sunday school, confirmation class, and religion classes at the Pennsylvania School for the Deaf.

SOCIETY FOR HELPING CHURCH, INC.

1323 W. Susquehanna Ave.
Philadelphia, PA 19122

TTY/VOICE: (215) 236-1250
Dr. Repsie Warren, Pastor Emeritus

Interpreted worship services at a nondenominational church, ministering to deaf, hard of hearing, and hearing persons. Regular **Sunday services** 11:00 AM and 3:30 PM. Bible classes, sign classes, tutorial classes, day care center, pastoral counseling, community outreach and referrals. Any deaf, hard of hearing or hearing person and those interested in empowerment of the deaf may be involved.

Interfaith Specialty Services, Inc. is part of Society for Helping Church, and provides spiritual assistance to disabled, consultation to churches about disability, empowerment and advocacy.

A Resting Place is a personal retreat facility. An Enabler Award is given to disabled who are making a difference in the lives of others. There are also caretaker recognition, seminars, a newsletter, and writers forum.

Disability Outreach Advocacy Ministry is a state-supported service for people with all disabilities with a focus on ministry to the deaf.

For more information, contact:

Rev. Angela Lundy

Disability Outreach Ministries Coordinator

P.O. Box 38113

TTY: (800) 654-5988

VOICE: (215) 236-4414 or (215) 324-2539

FAX: (215) 236-3127

E-Mail: ISSDis@aol.com.

TRINITY DEAF LUTHERAN CONGREGATION

527 Washington St.

Reading, PA 19601

TTY: (610) 374-4864

VOICE: (610) 374-4861

FAX: (610) 371-0712

Jeanne Beadle, Pastor

This church shares with Deaf people and their families through worship, education and service.

Deaf worship in sign (not interpreted), on the second and fourth Sunday of each month. Programs for youth, senior citizens, parents of deaf children and young adults are provided. All people are welcome.

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

1000 W. Main St.
Lansdale, PA 19446

TTY: (215) 368-1716
VOICE: (215) 368-1710
FAX: (215) 368-5844
E-Mail: Lguenzel@Trinitylansdale.com
Pastor Larry Guenzel

Interpreted Worship Services 9:45 AM every Sunday. Religious counseling and services for deaf persons are offered.

WARMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

500 Madison Ave.
Warminster, PA 18974

VOICE: (215) 675-0801
FAX: (215) 675-0812
E-Mail: Warmpres@aol.com

Julie Lambrechtse, Admin. Assistant

This religious organization's mission is to gather in fellowship, worship and education to glorify the name of God through the salvation of Jesus Christ. There is worship, education and Fellowship

9. Sign Language / Interpreter Services, Referral & Training

SIGN LANGUAGE CLASSES

Sign language classes are held regularly at

- **Community College Of Philadelphia**
- **Deaf/Hearing Communication Centre**
- **The Pennsylvania School for the Deaf/CCPS**

These listings can be found elsewhere in this directory. In addition, local adult education programs offer classes in sign language. Abraham Lincoln High School offers sign language for high school credit.

THE COMMUNICATION CONNECTION

101 W. Airy St.
Norristown, PA 19401

Lesia Richman, Owner
Amanda Utain, Manager

TTY: (610) 272-5452
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TCCirs@aol.com

The Communication Connection, Inc. (TCC) provides sign language interpreting/ transliterating services to the deaf and hard of hearing communities. Office hours are Mon – Fri, 9am to 5 pm, with pager accessibility after 5pm. ADA information is available for all service providers explaining responsibilities and accessibility for all deaf and hard of hearing consumers.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF PHILADELPHIA

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE / INTERPRETER EDUCATION CURRICULUM

1700 Spring Garden St.
Philadelphia, Pa 19130

Eve West : (215) 751-8291 (voice)
Debbie Krausa: (215) 751-8292 (TTY)
Secretary: (215) 751-8451

CCP teaches American Sign Language (ASL) and trains people to become sign language interpreters. Programs offered include: classes of various levels of ASL and Interpreter Education Curriculum which is a degree program. In order to qualify for the Interpreter Education program, conversational skills in ASL and good English skills are necessary. Beginners may take ASL classes.

DEAF / HEARING COMMUNICATION CENTRE, INC.

630 Fairview Rd., Suite 100
Swarthmore, PA 19081

TTY/VOICE: (610) 604-0450
(Information Line)
TTY/VOICE: (610) 604-0452
(Interpreter Request line)
FAX: (610) 604-0456
E-Mail: Info@dhcc.org
Web Site: www.dhcc.org
Iris Boshes, Executive Director

DHCC is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting communication accessibility and equality for deaf, hard of hearing and hearing populations by providing quality communication services, advocacy and educational programs.

Services include: Sign Language Interpreter Services, Emergency and Video Interpreting Services, Real Time Captioning, Information and Advocacy, Sign Language classes, Sensitivity Training, and Community and Professional Workshops.

DEAF SERVICES, INC.

P.O. Box 822
Williamstown, NJ 08094

TTY/VOICE: (856) 740-4001
FAX: (856) 740-4002
E-Mail: dsiexec@aol.com
Shirley Binder, Executive Director

The organization provides communication access to the general community. Hours are Mon – Fri, 9am to 5pm. Costs vary from \$48 to \$78 per hour.

Interpreters are certified and/or state screened. Prerequisite for interpreters is attending an interpreter training program.

**GREATER PHILADELPHIA
REGISTRY OF INTERPRETERS
FOR THE DEAF**

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**INTERPRETER REFERRAL DIVISION
DEAF/HEARING COMMUNICATION CENTRE, INC.**

630 Fairview Rd., Suite 100

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Iris Boches, Executive Director

DHCC is a non-profit organization that provides communication services for and between deaf and hearing people and advocacy to promote such services within the five county area. Programs include: Sign Language classes, Interpreter Referral Division, Social Programs, and workshops for ASL teachers and interpreters. Services are available to all. Fees are charged for Sign Language classes and interpreter referral services.

**TRI-COUNTY DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING COMMUNICATION
SERVICES, INC.**

136 Pulaski St.

Pottstown, PA 19464

TTY: (610) 326-2156

FAX: (610) 326-0739

E-Mail: boiceg70sidesj75@aol.com

Jeanette Boice, Director of Deaf Center

The organization provides interpreting services with team interpreting, advocacy, referral services and sign language classes for children and adults.

UNION COUNTY COLLEGE ASL-DEAF STUDIES/ INTERPRETER FOR DEAF PROGRAM

232 East Second St.
Plainfield, NJ 07060

TTY: (908) 412-0294

VOICE: (908) 412-3578

Fax:: (908) 754-2798

Eileen Forestal, Coordinator

This college level program has 1) Associates degree or 2) Certificate of Completion. Applicants must have high school diploma or GED.

10. Social Services, Information, and Referral

ActionAIDS`

1216 Arch St. 6th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19107

TTY: (215) 981-0786

VOICE: (215) 981-0088

FAX: (215) 854-0735

Geraldine Jones, Case Management Coordinator

ActionAIDS is a Philadelphia based, not for profit, organization whose main purpose is to sustain & enhance quality of life for persons living with HIV/AIDS. Together, clients and case managers work to advocate for resources and to access a broad range of services including food, housing, legal and medical.

Specialized services are provided in mental health, drug & alcohol, nursing, and housing counseling. There are programs for people in prison, deaf & hard of hearing, the transgendered community, and family program.

Services are offered for people who are HIV Positive, and deaf / hard of hearing people, live in 5 county area of Philadelphia; also for hearing people who are HIV symptomatic or living with AIDS and who live in Philadelphia county. HIV/AIDS Prevention Education is offered to small deaf and deaf-related groups in Philadelphia County.

ABUSED DEAF VICTIMS ADVOCACY NETWORK (ADVAN)

605 Swede St.
Norristown, PA 19404

Mailing Address:

P.O. Box 11258

Elkins Park, PA 19027

TTY: Hotline: (888) 883-0720

VOICE: (800) 799-SAFE (799-7233)

FAX: (610) 277-6425

adeafvan@cs.com

Robyn Miller-Oliver, Coordinator

ADVAN serves Deaf, Deaf/Blind, and Hard of Hearing victims of domestic violence and sexual abuse or assault in Bucks, Delaware, Chester, Montgomery, and Philadelphia Counties.

ADVAN serves adults, teenagers, and children.

ADVAN provides direct services and advocacy for victims and their families through: 24-hour crisis hotline, crisis counseling, medical advocacy, legal advocacy, systems advocacy, community education and outreach.

ADVAN volunteers are Deaf or Hard of Hearing and fluent in ASL (American Sign Language). They can help you decide what you need to do and get you the support you need and deserve.

BERKS DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING SERVICES

1800 North 12th St.
Reading, PA 19604

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VOICE: (610) 373-6992
FAX: (610) 939-0398
E-Mail: kandyexec@aol.com
Kandy Reyes, Executive Director
Elizabeth Setley, CT, Program Services Dir.

This non-profit service organization serves deaf and hard of hearing people and is committed to increasing public awareness regarding hearing loss, and promotes interaction among deaf, HOH, and hearing individuals.

Services include: advocacy, hearing aid assistance, hearing screenings, client consultant program, information and referral, lending library, monthly newsletter, public education, resource center, sign language classes, sign language interpreting service, social activities and speakers bureau.

CENTER FOR COMMUNITY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES (CCPS)

100 W. School House Lane
Philadelphia, PA 19144

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FAX: (215) 754-4792
Gail Bober, Director

CCPS is a community resource center offering a variety of programs and services to deaf and hard of hearing individuals, their families, professionals in the field, and hearing people interested in some aspect of hearing loss.

Services include deaf adult literacy classes, AIDS prevention programs, sign languages classes, information and referral, an early intervention program, community education, and independent evaluations.

Also, CCPS has a Job Center which offers job readiness training and job coaching/job development services. Many of CCPS programs are free or offered for a minimal charge. The Center for Community and Professional Services is a division of the Pennsylvania School for the Deaf.

CENTER ON HEARING AND DEAFNESS, INC.

139 W. Market St., 1st Floor East
West Chester, PA 19382

VOICE: (610) 918-6250

TTY: (610) 918-6251

FAX: (610) 918-6249

E-Mail: office@chadinc.org

William Lockard, Executive Director

CHAD, Inc. provides a comprehensive range of social services and opportunities for deaf and hard of hearing persons and their families. Services include:

1. information and referral
2. Education/Consultation (Deaf Adult Literacy, Sign Language and Computer Classes, & general hearing loss workshops/trainings)
3. Mental Health Case Management – Chester County, Social Rehabilitation – area counties)
4. Independent Living in Bucks, Montgomery, Delaware, and Chester Counties (advocacy, peer counseling & skills training)
5. Assistive Devices (demonstration library, equipment loan, financial aid, and sales)
6. Coordination of Volunteers (hospitals/hospice, prisons, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, and other needs).

DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING COUNCIL OF SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

100 W. School House Lane
Philadelphia, PA 19144

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(TTY/VOICE answering machine)

FAX: (215) 754-4792

E-Mail: council@psd.org

This is an organization of non-profit organizations and individuals serving deaf and hard of hearing people. An elected Board of Directors meets monthly. Goals of the Council are: information and referral; awareness; advocacy and education. The Council also co-sponsors activities of general concern for the deaf and hard of hearing communities. General meetings are held three times a year, and the Council sponsors Deaf Awareness at the Phillies and this directory of services.

There is a Mental Health committee and AIDS and Deafness Advisory Committee. Membership includes non-profit organizations and interested individuals in Southeastern Pennsylvania.

DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING JOB CENTER

Pennsylvania School for the Deaf

100 W. School House Lane
Philadelphia, PA 19144

TTY/VOICE: (215) 754-4780

FAX: (215) 754-4792

E-Mail: vdifederico@psd.org

Web Site: www.psd.org

The Deaf and Hard of Hearing Job Center works with deaf and hard of hearing adults to prepare to enter the world of work. The Job Center has job readiness classes, job development, and job coaching. The Job Center covers Philadelphia, Delaware, Chester, Montgomery, and Bucks Counties.

DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING SERVICES OF LANCASTER COUNTY

630 Janet Ave.
Lancaster, PA 17601

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FAX: (717) 291-1830

E-Mail: dhhs@lancnews.infi.net

Web Site: www.dhhs Lancaster.com

James A. Schneck, Executive Director

This is a non-profit, charitable organization whose mission is to provide services and education to the community which will enhance the quality of life for the deaf and hard of hearing individuals. The agency promotes self-advocacy, facilitates improved interaction between the deaf and the hard of hearing communities, and provides clinical audiology services.

Other services are interpreting services program, including tactile interpreting for the Deaf-Blind, hearing tests with newborn hearing testing, sell hearing aids, sign language classes, information and referral, and advocacy and information on the Americans Disability Act, newsletter, workshops & special events, speakers bureau, and case management program for the deaf and hard of hearing. Medicare provider, sliding scale fee available on some services

Also provides 12-step meetings for Deaf alcoholics and Deaf substance abusers. Provides some limited tutoring help for the Deaf. Provides Interpreter mentoring.

DEAF / HARD OF HEARING YOUTH WORKS

100 W. School House Lane
Philadelphia, PA 19144

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FAX: (215) 754-4792

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We provide a year-round Youth Works Program for in-school Deaf and Hard of Hearing youth ages 14-21. This includes summer and school year work experiences, career sampling and exploration and academic support for learning about the world of work.

We also provide social events on Friday evenings called "Friday Night Live" for deaf and hard of hearing teenagers (ages 14-21).

Deaf//Hard of Hearing Youth Works may provide other programming activities.. Please contact us!

DEAF / HEARING COMMUNICATION CENTRE, INC.

*****See listing in Section 9**

ELWYN INC.

111 Elwyn Rd.
Elwyn, PA 19063

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Peggy Rowe, Dir. Of Operations

Elwyn, Inc. is an internationally prominent, non-profit human services organization that provides residential, habilitation, medical, educational and employment training services to people with mental and physical disabilities. Recipients of Elwyn's services also include mentally ill, elderly and economically disadvantaged people.

Services include a variety of classroom environments for pre-school, school-aged and adult multiple handicapped deaf and hearing impaired individuals as well as vocational opportunities. Elwyn also operates Valley View, an assisted living facility for elderly. It provides care to persons who are deaf, or deaf and blind. Eligibility is determined on an individual basis based on background material supplied by families, referring agencies or school districts.

GIRLS INCORPORATED OF GREATER PHILA & SOUTHERN NJ

(formerly Big Sisters of Philadelphia)

1315 Walnut St., Suite 1400
Philadelphia, PA 19107-4709

VOICE: (215) 735-7775

FAX: (215) 991-9603

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Toni Brown, Program Manager

Project SELF targets disadvantaged youth, both boys and girls, ages 15 to 20, who are physically disabled, deaf, or have other sensory disabilities and live in Philadelphia. The program provides youth with professional mentoring and training in work and life skills including: identifying potential employers, writing resumes and cover letters, interviewing, grooming, appropriate dress, and managing personal finances. They also learn about common workplace practices such as drug testing, and receive information about disability law and their rights as a disabled person.

GREATER PHILADELPHIA URBAN AFFAIRS COALITION (GPUAC), WORK-STREAM

1207 Chestnut St., Suite 400
Philadelphia, PA 19107

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FAX: (215) 851-1736

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Web Site: www.gpuac.org

June Murray,

Placement Services Manager/

Sign Language Interpreter

The Greater Philadelphia Urban Affairs Coalition (GPUAC) is the region's principle vehicle for bringing together all segments of the community to solve urban problems. GPUAC's goal is to support partnerships between neighborhood needs and public or private resources, and to provide educational and economic opportunities through innovative programs that meet the needs of disadvantaged youth and adults.

Among GPUAC's spectrum of employment programs is the Work-Stream Program founded in 1998. The goal of Work-Stream is to help disadvantaged young adults with disabilities become self-reliant, self-confident, and gainfully employed.

Work-Stream provides the intervention, skills, and advocacy to help people with disabilities aged 17 to 30 succeed in finding and maintaining permanent employment, ideally in jobs with a competitive wage and potential for advancement.

Work-Stream actively seeks partnerships with large, diverse companies to provide internship positions, mentoring, and potential permanent employment to our clients. Working closely with the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, Blindness and Visual Services, and other agencies, Work-Stream staff specialists turn possibilities into realities for clients.

PENNSYLVANIA TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE NETWORK (PaTTAN)
(formerly: Eastern Instructional Support Center Of Pennsylvania)

200 Anderson Rd.
King of Prussia, PA 19406

VOICE: (610) 265-7321
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Susan Lindsey

This is a public educational agency providing technical assistance (consultation, training, information) to regular and special educators and parents of exceptional children. Assistive and alerting devices -- e.g., TTY's, decoders, FM systems, flashing and vibrating alarms -- may be borrowed for trial use in classroom and homes by anyone involved with students with disabilities. The short term loan collection now includes instructional and professional development materials in such areas as communication options and sign language development. All services are free of charge.

PA OFFICE FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING

1521 North Fifth St.
Harrisburg, PA 17102

TTY: (800) 233-3008
VOICE: (717) 783-4912

This office provides information and referral regarding deafness and hearing loss. It also advocates for the rights of persons who are deaf or hard of hearing in Pennsylvania by promoting equal communication access to public and private agencies and on the job. The Advisory Council for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired meets quarterly and meetings are open to the public.

**PA OFFICE OF VOCATIONAL
REHABILITATION**

Philadelphia Office:
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Fifth floor
Philadelphia, PA 19123

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VOICE: (215) 560-1900

FAX: (215) 560-3796

E-Mail: watrout@state.pa.us

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Wayne Trout and Mary Pat Boyle, vocational rehabilitation counselors for the deaf and hard of hearing

Rosemont Office:

1026 Lancaster Ave.

Rosemont, PA 19010

TTY: (610) 525-5835

VOICE: (610) 525-1810

FAX: (610) 520-0935

Tom Thomas and Robin Wood-Rosinski, vocational rehabilitation counselors for the deaf and hard of hearing

OVR assists disabled individuals in developing vocational assets which will enable them to become competitively employed. Vocational counseling, evaluation, physical restoration services, provision of interpreters (related to our services), vocational training, and job placement assistance are available.

The individual must have a severe hearing disability which creates a handicap to employment. Individuals must be motivated and at a level of maturity where it is feasible to establish a vocational goal.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD SOUTHEAST PENNSYLVANIA

1144 Locust St.

Philadelphia, PA 19107

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Christine Gannon,

Professional Development Mgr.

Planned Parenthood Southeast Pennsylvania (Planned Parenthood) is dedicated to protecting and enhancing reproductive freedom, increasing access to reproductive health services and information, and to promote sexual health.

In FY 2002, over 41,000 women, men, and teens received reproductive health care at one of our health centers in Philadelphia, Montgomery, and Delaware Counties.

We offer a comprehensive array of health services including: family planning services; screenings for cervical, uterine, breast and testicular cancer; testing/treatment for sexually transmitted infections; HIV/AIDS testing; screening for high blood pressure and diabetes; treatment for cervical abnormalities; mid-life services for women; vasectomy services; and pre-natal services in conjunction with area hospitals.

That year, an additional 8,000 benefited from sexuality education and training, including targeted programs for pre-adolescents, young people transitioning out of the foster care system, and the deaf and hard of hearing.

This last program, the Deafness and Sexuality Project, has received the *Planned Parenthood Federation of America's Eastern Region 2003 Pepe Award for Excellence in Diversity* and , most recently, the *Planned Parenthood Federation of America's Affiliate Excellence Award*.

Under the leadership of our Professional Development Manager, Christine Gannon, our Deafness and Sexuality Project provides specialized training to sign language interpreters, teachers, and social service providers.

SELF HELP FOR HARD OF HEARING PEOPLE, INC. (SHHH)

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Phoenixville, PA 19460

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www.pa-shhh.org (local chapters)

www.shhh.org (national org)

Linda Heller, Pres. Wilmington Chapter

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Wilmington, DE 19808

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Marriane Locke, PA State co-Coordinator

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Southampton, PA 18966

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Self Help For Hard Of Hearing People, Inc. is a non-profit, consumer, educational organization devoted to the welfare and interests of those who cannot hear well, their relatives, friends. Local support groups meet, usually on a monthly basis, to hear speakers on hearing loss issues and to share information on new technology which can help cope with hearing loss.

For information on meeting times and locations of a chapter near you, please contact in PA: Ronnie Adler or Marianne Locke; in DE: Linda Heller. Membership is open to hard of hearing people, their relatives and friends, professionals who deal with hearing loss and anyone interested in this cause.