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Mission

The Virginia Department for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (VDDHH) promotes accessible communication so that persons who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing may fully participate in programs, services, and opportunities throughout the Commonwealth.

Vision

The vision of VDDHH is a Commonwealth where persons who are deaf, hard of hearing, late-deafened, or deafblind can fully participate in all aspects of life without barriers to communication.

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Email: info@vddhh.virginia.gov

Website: www.vddhh.virginia.gov

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/vddhh/>

Virginia Relay Telephone Numbers

711 (Voice/TTY)

Office: (800) 828-1140

TTY: (800) 828-1120

Spanish: (800) 855-8200

Captioned Telephone Service: (877) 243-2823

Speech-To-Speech: (866) 221-6784

Visually Assisted Speech-To-Speech: (800) 855-8220

Website: www.vddhh.virginia.gov/varelay.htm

Virginia Relay Customer Care

Office: (866) 894-4116

TTY: (866) 246-9300

Fax: (402) 694-5110

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VDDHH PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Virginia Relay

- A free public service, Virginia Relay enables people who are deaf, hard of hearing, and deafblind, or those who have speech disabilities to communicate with standard telephone users
- The telephone conversation is relayed between the two users by a specially trained Virginia Relay Communications Assistant (CA)
- Available 24 hours/day, 7 days/week, 365 days/year

Technology Assistance Program (TAP)

- Provides telecommunication equipment to qualified applicants whose disabilities prevent them from using a standard telephone
- Demonstrates TAP equipment options, provides training on how to use the equipment, and troubleshoots equipment issues
- Provides information about specialized telecommunication equipment and assistive technology

Interpreter Services Program (ISP)

- Maintains a Directory of Qualified Interpreters
- Coordinates sign language interpreter and CART services for state/local government agencies and Virginia's Court system
- Oversees service agreements with qualified interpreters and CART providers to provide services
- Provides information about sign language interpreters and real-time captioning

Virginia Quality Assurance Screening (VQAS)

- Administers the Virginia Quality Assurance Screening (VQAS) and provides assessments to interpreters on their skills
- Administers the Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment (EIPA)

Community Services

- Responds to requests for information on various topics related to hearing loss
- Provides referrals to niche providers
- Provides training to government agencies, public safety officials, and professionals that serve persons who have a hearing loss
- Provides technical assistance to organizations regarding reasonable accommodations and effective communication
- Promotes public awareness about hearing loss

ADVOCACY

disAbility Law Center of Virginia (dLCV)

1512 Willow Lawn, Suite 100

Richmond, Virginia 23230

Office: (800) 552-3962 or (804) 225-2042

Email: info@dLCV.org

Website: <http://dlcv.org>

The disAbility Law Center of Virginia (dLCV) is the designated Protection and Advocacy organization for the Commonwealth of Virginia. Direct services include: outreach and training; information and instruction to groups of individuals; information and referral; case services including legal representation and advocacy; short-term assistance in the form of brief intervention with third-parties; investigations to determine if abuse or neglect has occurred; and litigation representation in administrative hearings and state and federal lawsuits.

Mid-Atlantic ADA Center

401 North Washington Street, Suite 450

Rockville, Maryland 20850

Office: (800) 949-4232 (Voice/TTY) or (301) 217-0124 (Voice/TTY)

Website: www.adainfo.org

Provides information, guidance and training on the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), tailored to meet the needs of businesses, government entities, organizations, and individuals in the Mid-Atlantic Region (DC, DE, MD, PA, VA, and WV)

Stein & Vargas, LLP

Michael Stein

10 G Street NE, Suite 600

Washington, DC 20002

Office: (202) 248-5092

Videophone: (202) 510-9553

Fax: (888) 778-4620

Email: michael.stein@steinvargas.com

Website: <http://www.steinvargas.com>

Stein & Vargas, LLP is a civil rights law firm which practices litigation of cases involving Deaf rights and employment discrimination, and provides policy advocacy to ensure that individuals with disabilities have full and equal access to all parts of society.

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

National DeafBlind Equipment Distribution Program aka iCanConnect

Virginia Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired

397 Azalea Avenue

Richmond, Virginia 23227-3600

Elizabeth Spiers, Program Manager

Office: (804) 325-1282

Office: (800) 655-2155

Fax: (804) 371-3092

Email: elizabeth.spiers@dbvi.virginia.gov

Website: <http://www.icanconnect.org/how-to-apply/virginia>

iCanConnect provides people with both significant vision and hearing loss with free equipment and training. iCanConnect is a national program with local contacts that helps people stay connected with friends, family and the world.

Virginia Assistive Technology System (VATS)

2001 Maywill Street, Suite 202

Richmond, Virginia 23230

Office: (804) 662-9990 or (800) 552-5019

Website: <http://www.vats.org/>

The Virginia Assistive Technology System (VATS) can help you learn about the range of available assistive technology, select the most appropriate device, receive training on how to use the selected device, and find resources to pay for the device.

Technology Assistance Program (TAP)

A service of VDDHH, TAP provides specialized telecommunication equipment to qualified Virginia residents, including amplified and captioned telephones. Please contact

info@vddhh.virginia.gov or call (804) 325-1290 to speak to the appropriate D/HH Specialist in your area.

Region One: Lee, Scott, Washington, Grayson, Carroll, Wise, Smyth, Wythe, Bland, Giles, Pulaski, and all independent cities/towns within those outlined counties.

Deaf & Hard of Hearing Services Center (DHHSC)

Abingdon office:

230 Charwood Drive, Suite G

Abingdon, Virginia 24210

Wise office:

319 East Main Street

Wise, Virginia 24293

Videophone/Voice: (276) 206-2141

Website: www.deafhh.org

Region One: Dickenson, Buchanan, Russell, Tazewell, Radford and all independent cities/towns within those outlines counties.

Clinch Independent Living Services: Friday only

1176 Booth Branch Rd.

Grundy, Virginia 24614

Grundy Office: (276) 935-0780

Website: www.deafhh.org

Tazewell office: Monday - Thursdays

Office: (276) 988-1883

Videophone: (276) 243-4425

Website: www.deafhh.org

Region Two: Bath, Rockbridge, Nelson, Amherst, Alleghany, Botetourt, Craig, Roanoke, Bedford, Montgomery, Floyd, Patrick, Henry, Covington, Lexington, Buena Vista, Lynchburg, Salem, Martinsville and all independent cities/towns within these counties.

Deaf & Hard of Hearing Services Center (DHHSC)

2030 Colonial Ave, SW

Roanoke, Virginia 24018

Office: (540) 342-0031

Voice/Text: (540) 339-6445

Video Phone: (540) 266-3053

Website: www.deafhh.org

Region Three: Highland, Augusta, Rockingham, Harrisonburg, Staunton, Waynesboro, Green, Madison, and all independent cities/towns within these counties.

Wilson Workforce Rehabilitation Center (WWRC)

70 Andrew Russell Lane

Bldg. 701, Office A12

Fishersville, VA 22939

Videophone: (540) 416-0099

Fax: (484) 924-0031

Website: www.deafhh.org

Region Three: Winchester, Frederick, Clark, Shenandoah, Warren, Page, and all independent cities/towns within these counties.

Access Independence, Inc. (AI)

324 Hope Drive

Winchester, Virginia 22601
Videophone: (540) 931-9124
Website: www.accessindependence.org

Region Four: Loudon, Fairfax, Arlington, Prince William, Rappahannock, Fauquier, Culpeper, Manassas, Manassas Park, Falls Church, Alexandria, and all independent cities/towns within these counties.

Northern Virginia Resource Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Persons (NVRC)
10467 White Granite Drive, Suite 312
Oakton, VA 22124
Office: (703) 352-9055
Videophone: (571) 350-8656
TTY: (703) 352-9056
Fax: (703) 352-9058
Email: info@nvrc.org
Website: www.nvrc.org

Region Five: Stafford, Orange, Spotsylvania, Fredericksburg, King George, Caroline, King William, King & Queen, Essex, Gloucester, Matthews, Middlesex, Lancaster, Richmond, Northumberland, Westmoreland, and all independent cities/towns within these counties.

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Region Six: Albemarle, Fluvanna, Buckingham, Cumberland, Charlottesville Appomattox, Prince Edward, Campbell, Charlotte, Lunenburg, Pittsylvania, Halifax, Mecklenburg, Danville, and all independent cities/towns within these counties.

Deaf & Hard of Hearing Service Center
2114 Angus Road, Ste. 237
Charlottesville, VA 22901
Office: (434) 422-5255
Website: www.deafhh.org

Region Seven: Louisa, Hanover, New Kent, Goochland, Henrico, Richmond City, Charles City, Powhatan, Chesterfield, Amelia, Colonial Heights, Hopewell, Prince George, Petersburg, Dinwiddie, Nottoway, Brunswick, Greenville, Emporia and all independent cities/towns within these counties.

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Region Eight: Accomack, Northampton, James City, York, Williamsburg, Newport News, Poquoson, Hampton, Surry, Isle of Wight, Sussex, Southampton, Franklin, Suffolk, Chesapeake, Portsmouth, Virginia Beach, Norfolk

Endeppendence Center, Inc. (ECI)
6300 East Virginia Beach Blvd
Norfolk, Virginia 23502
Office: (757) 383-9786
Website: www.endeppendence.org

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Aligned Clinical & Educational Services, PLC

Richmond Office

Jefferson Building
8100 Three Chopt Road, Room 127
Richmond, VA 23229-4800
Videophone: (434) 326-1496
Fax: (866) 289-5249

Crozet Office

325 Four Leaf Lane, Suite 12
Charlottesville, VA 22903
Videophone: (434) 326-1496
Fax: (866) 289-5249

Website: <https://www.crozetaces.com/>

ACES is a provider of deaf mental health services in Central Virginia using evidence-based interventions for children, teens, and adults who are deaf, hard-of-hearing, and deaf-blind. It provides services directly in American Sign Language (ASL), spoken English, sign language supported by conceptually accurate spoken English, and Cued Speech/Cued English.

Kathy Baker, LPC

Statewide Coordinator for Services for Persons who are Deaf,
Hard of Hearing, Late Deafened, or DeafBlind
Valley Community Services Board

85 Sanger's Lane
Staunton, Virginia 24401
Office: (540) 213-7527 (Voice)
Videophone: (540) 416-0115
Email: kbaker@rappahannockareacsb.org
Website: <https://www.myvalleycsb.org/>

Services are for persons who are deaf, hard of hearing, late deafened or deafblind and their family members. Therapists are knowledgeable in deafness, hearing loss and deafblindness, and the implications for mental health therapy. The therapist provides therapy in the client's preferred mode of communication and can communicate in American Sign Language. All contact with Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services are kept confidential. Fees for services are determined on a sliding scale based on the individual's income. Services are not denied because of inability to pay.

Michael Bush, LPC

Cumberland Mountain Community Services Board Regional Deaf Services Program
196 Cumberland Road
Cedar Bluff, Virginia 24609
TTY: (800) 347-4939
Office: (276) 889-3785
Videophone: (276) 883-9338
Fax: (276) 889-2842
Email: mbush@cmcsb.com
Website: <https://www.cmcsb.com/deafservices.html>

Provides outpatient counseling services, psychiatric services and medication clinic, crisis services, case management services, mental health support services and consultation in the Lebanon, Virginia area

Dr. Emmett Jones

Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community Counseling Services
1503 Santa Rosa Road, Suite 211
Richmond, Virginia 23229
Office: (804) 282-1943
TTY: (804) 282-1944
Fax: (804) 282-3266
Website: <https://www.challengediscoveryprojects.org/deaf-and-hard-of-hearing-counseling>
Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community Counseling Services offers outpatient mental health counseling for persons who are deaf, hard of hearing or deafblind and their families.

Dr. Cathee Wolford, M.S.W.

Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board

200 Medical Drive, Suite B

Hampton, Virginia 23666

Office: (757) 506-0038

Email: cathee.wolford@hnncsb.org

Provides counseling and services in the Hampton and Newport News area

Katy McHugh, LCSW

Prince William County Community Services Board, Deaf Services

Sudley North-Manassas

7969 Ashton Ave

Manassas, Virginia 20109

Office: (571) 217-1765

Videophone: (571) 364-7532

Email: kmchugh@pwcgov.org

Website: <https://www.pwcgov.org/government/dept/cs/Pages/default.aspx>

This CSB serves residents of Prince William County, the City of Manassas, and the City of Manassas Park who are affected by, or are at-risk of, developmental delays and disabilities, mental illness and/or substance use disorders.

Vacant

Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board

Gartlan Center

8119 Holland Road

Alexandria, Virginia 22306

Videophone: (571) 766-0783

Merrifield Center

8221 Willow Oaks Corporate Drive

Fairfax, Virginia 22031

Office: (703) 383-8500

Videophone: (571) 766-0783

Email: kbaker@rappahannockareacsb.org

Website: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/community-services-board/services/deaf>

The CSB provides mental health, substance use disorder and developmental disability services for persons who are deaf, hard of hearing and deaf-blind to residents of Fairfax County.

Natalie Smith, PsyD

Zoom and VP Sessions only

Multi-state licensed

Licensed in VA and NC

Office: 703-731-4581

Email: DrNatalieS@gmail.Com

Website: www.DrNatalieSmith.net

Licensed clinical psychologist who is hard of hearing and fluent in American Sign Language focusing on mind, body, and soul. Insurances are not accepted, but super bills are provided. Private practice.

Melissa B. Sporn, Ph.D.

Chain Bridge Psychological Services

1499 Chain Bridge Road, Suite 201

McLean, Virginia 22101

Office: (703) 288-9677 (Voice/Text)

Email: Melissa@drmelissasporn.com

Website: <http://www.drmelissasporn.com/>

Clinical Psychologist located in McLean, Virginia. Serving the greater Washington, DC metropolitan area, she works with individuals & couples and also leads group therapy sessions with adults, adolescents, and children. She specializes in treating relationship problems, developmental adjustments, depression, anxiety and post trauma, utilizing cognitive behavioral therapy and humanistic treatments to alleviate personal obstacles. Her approach depends upon the problems, strengths, needs and style of the individual(s) seeking assistance.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Coastal Virginia Resource Center for the Deaf (CVRCDD)

Email: CVRCDeaf@gmail.com

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/CVRCDD>

A social group serving the Tidewater region of Virginia

Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services Center (DHHSC)

Betti Thompson, Executive Director

PO Box 20444

Roanoke, Virginia 24018

Office: (540) 342-0031

Email: dhhscinc@gmail.com

Website: <https://www.deafhh.org/>

DHHSC works toward improving the quality of life for the deaf, hard of hearing, and deafblind through education and outreach to the general public about the needs of the community.

Deaf Grassroots Movement

Website: www.facebook.com/groups/1689522194604705/about

The Deaf Grassroots Movement strives toward equality in communication access, education, and employment, and to enhance the quality of life for all Deaf people.

Greater Shenandoah Valley Club of the Deaf

PO Box 3053

Staunton, Virginia 24402-3053.

Videophone: (540) 416-0072

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/svcdeaf>

Social organization serving the deaf communities in and around the Shenandoah Valley Region

Northern Virginia Resource Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Persons (NVRC)

10467 White Granite Drive, Suite 312

Oakton, VA 22124

Office: (703) 352-9055

Videophone: (571) 350-8656

TTY: (703) 352-9056

Fax: (703) 352-9058

Email: info@nvrc.org

Website: www.nvrc.org

NVRC provides assistive technology information and consultation, outreach and education on a variety of deaf-related topics, interpreting and transliterating services, and accessible meeting and conference space.

Old Dominion Association of the Deaf

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/148239531579693>

Old Dominion Association of the Deaf (ODAD), is an organization that promotes, preserves, equal access of communication, and serves the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and DeafBlind people in the community of Greater Richmond area.

Resources for Independent Living (RIL)

Kerry Byrne, Deaf/HH Program Coordinator

4009 Fitzhugh Ave., Suite 100

Richmond, Virginia 23230

Office: (804) 353-6503 ext 129

Office: (804) 305-3471 (Voice/Text)

Videophone: (863) 877-2742

Email: byrnek@ril-va.org

Website: www.ril-va.org

RIL provides the following core services: advocacy, peer support, information and referral, independent living skills development, and transition. RIL also provides other individualized services upon request.

Richmond Club of the Deaf (RCD)

Email: richmonddeafclubpresident@gmail.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1637965699792383#> =

Social organization serving the deaf communities in and around Central Virginia

Virginia Association of the Deaf (VAD)

Website: www.vad.org

Virginia Association of the Deaf promotes, protects, and preserve the rights and quality of life of Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

- **Northern Virginia Association of the Deaf (Chapter)**

Website: www.vad.org/nvad.html

DEAFBLIND SERVICES

Helen Keller National Center (HKNC)

Cynthia L. Ingraham, EdD

East Central Representative

Office: (240) 786-6534 (Voice)

Office: (516) 319-6390 (Cell/Text)

Videophone: (240) 667-7295

Email: Cynthia.Ingraham@hknc.org

Website: www.helenkeller.org/hknc

Provides information about programs and services that are available to deaf-blind individuals, their families, and service providers in the Virginia area, including: consultation, advocacy, assessment, training, referrals, and the National Deaf-Blind Equipment Distribution Program.

Virginia Association of the DeafBlind (VADB)

12506 Trammell Ct.

Ashland, Virginia 23005

Email: vadbinc@gmail.com

Website: www.vadeafblind.org

VADB is a statewide, nonprofit, charitable organization that is an advocacy group for deafblind Virginians.

VDDHH Support Service Provider (SSP) Pilot

1602 Rolling Hills Drive, Suite 203

Henrico, VA 23229

Email: ssp@vddhh.virginia.gov

Videophone: (434) 362-0325

This is a grant funded pilot project to train providers on how to perform SSP duties, train deafblind Participants how to utilize SSPs, and coordinate assignments of SSPs to individuals who are deafblind to establish a successful provider/client interaction.

Virginia Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired (DBVI) DeafBlind Services

Elizabeth Spiers, Program Director

397 Azalea Avenue

Richmond Virginia 23227

Office: (804) 325-1282 (Voice/Videophone)

Office: (804) 371-3133 (Voice/TTY)

Email: Elizabeth.Spiers@dbvi.virginia.gov

Website: <https://www.dbvi.virginia.gov/deafblind.htm>

DeafBlind specialists provide statewide consultation, training and technical assistance to other DBVI staff and outside entities regarding specialized services in the areas of communication, education, assistive technology, independent living and rehabilitation for deafblind individuals.

Virginia Project for Children and Young Adults with Deaf-Blindness

Ira Padhye, Project Director

Virginia Project for Children and Young Adults with Deaf-Blindness

Partnership for People with Disabilities

One Holland Place

2235 Staples Mill Road, Suite #400

Richmond, VA 23230

Office: (804) 828-1342

Email: japadhye@vcu.edu

Website: <https://web.partnership.vcu.edu/programs/education/vadbpp/>

Statewide program designed to provide technical assistance, training, distance education, and networking information to families, teachers, and service providers of individuals from birth through age 21 who have both a hearing loss and a vision loss.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & SEXUAL ASSAULT

Shelter for Help in Emergency (SHE)

Laura Mahan

OVW Grant Coordinator for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services

PO Box 1013

Charlottesville, VA 22902

24-HR EMERGENCY HOTLINE: 434-293-8509

VP: 434-234-4299

Office: 434-963-4676 x 113

Cell: 540-684-4476

Email: LMahan@Shelterforhelpinemergency.org

Website: www.shelterforhelpinemergency.org

Provide technical assistance to local shelters

I-CAN! Accessibility Project – Partner for People with Disabilities

Supporting Survivors of Abuse with Disabilities

Jackie Robinson Brock, MSW, Infant Mental Health Mentor-Policy, IMH-E®

Program Specialist in Early Childhood and Health

Assistant Director-Administration Va-LEND (Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities)

2235 Staples Mill Road, Suite 400

Box 843020

Richmond, Virginia 23230

Office: 804-628-2965

Fax: 804-828-0042

Email: robinsonjb3@vcu.edu

Website: <https://partnership.vcu.edu/programs/health/i-can-accessibility-project/>

Website: <https://supportingsurvivors.partnership.vcu.edu> (training modules)

I-CAN! Accessibility Project is to promote and facilitate awareness about the abuse of people with disabilities and to advocate for equal access to services and legal protections.

EDUCATION K-12

Virginia Network of Consultants for Professionals Working with Children (VNOC)

Technical Assistance Center for Children who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Partnership for People with Disabilities at Virginia Commonwealth University

Tracey Yurechko, Project Director

Box 843020

Richmond, VA 23219

Office: 804-828-1342

Email: tacdhh@vcu.edu

Website: <https://ttaonline.org>

Website: <https://partnership.vcu.edu/programs/education/technical-assistance-center-for-children-who-are-deaf-and-hard-of-hearing/>

Provide training & technical assistance in the area of deafness and hearing loss. Assistance is available to local public school systems as well as state-operated programs including early intervention through the Virginia Network of Consultants for Professionals Working with Children Who are Deaf & Hard of Hearing (VNOC) in areas such as identification, assessments, communication of children across the spectrum of modalities, specific needs of children with amplification, and instructional strategies.

Virginia Department of Education (DOE)

Wanda Council, Ed.S.

Deaf/Hard of Hearing, Blind, Visually Impaired & Deaf-Blind Specialist

Office of Special Education Instructional Services

James Monroe Building 101 N. 14th Street

Richmond, Virginia 23219

Office: (804) 371-4059

Email: wanda.council@doe.virginia.gov

Website: <https://www.doe.virginia.gov/programs-services/special-education/specific-disabilities/autism-spectrum-disorders/sensory-disabilities/-fsiteid-1%23!/>

DOE leads and facilitates the development and implementation of quality public education, meeting the needs of students and assisting them in becoming educated, productive, responsible, and self-reliant citizens.

Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind

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P.O. Box 2069

Staunton, Virginia 24402-2069

Office: (252) 258-0813.

TTY/Voice: (540) 332-9000

Toll Free: (800) 522-8732

Fax: (540) 332-9042

Email: Robin.Bliven@vsdb.k12.va.us

Website: www.vsdb.k12.va.us

VSDB serves as the hub of expertise in Virginia for the education of students who are deaf/hard of hearing, blind/vision impaired, deafblind, and blind or deaf with other disabilities. VSDB offers day and residential programs for eligible students, including preschool, K-12, workforce transition, independent living, and outreach programs.

EMPLOYMENT

**Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services (DARS)
Division of Rehabilitative Services (DRS)
Deaf & Hard of Hearing Services**

Mary Nunnally, Program Manager

8004 Franklin Farms Drive

Henrico, Virginia 23229

Main Office: (804) 662-7129

Voice/Text: (804) 332-3456

Videophone: (804) 325-1316

Email: Mary.Nunnally@dars.virginia.gov

Traci Branch, Statewide Transition Specialist

Main Office: (804) 662-7129

Videophone: (804) 616-4838

Text/Voice Mail: (804) 968-8261

Email: Traci.Branch@dars.virginia.gov

Website: <https://www.dars.virginia.gov/essp/cs.htm>

DRS helps individuals with disabilities and individuals who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or Deafblind get ready for work, find a job, or keep a job, and seeks to increase their ability to live independently in their communities. Services may include vocational counseling, training, assistive technology, resources related to hearing loss, and job placement.

Website: <https://www.dars.virginia.gov/drs>

DRS also creates opportunities for students and youth with disabilities to pursue career pathways, develop skills, and achieve independence through a continuum of transition services which result in gainful employment.

Website: <https://www.dars.virginia.gov/drs/transitionservices.htm>

DRS Regional Rehabilitation Counselors for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (listed by district/office):

Southwest District - Abingdon

Vacant

207 Abingdon Place

Abingdon, VA 24211

Main Office: (276) 676-5565

Email: Christi.Altizer@dars.virginia.gov

Cities - Bristol, Galax, Norton, Radford

Counties - Bland, Buchanan, Carroll, Dickenson, Floyd, Giles, Grayson, Lee, Montgomery, Pulaski, Russell, Scott, Smyth, Tazewell, Washington, Wise, Wythe

New River District - Lynchburg

Christine Ross

2250 Murrell Road, Suite F

Lynchburg, Virginia 24501

Main Office: (434) 947-6721

Text: (434) 942-8476

Videophone: (434) 473-6670

Email: Christine.Ross@dars.virginia.gov

Cities - Buchanan (town), Covington, Danville, Lynchburg, Martinsville, Roanoke, Salem, Vinton

Counties - Alleghany, Amherst, Appomattox, Bedford, Botetourt, Campbell, Craig, Franklin, Henry, Patrick, Pittsylvania, Roanoke

Skyline District - Fishersville

Savanna Toole

50 Russell Lane, Suite A

Fishersville, VA 22939

Main Office: (540) 332-7700 (Main Office)

Text: (540) 604-4269

Videophone: (540) 324-2541

Email: Savanna.Toole@dars.virginia.gov

Cities - Buena Vista, Harrisonburg, Lexington, Staunton, Waynesboro

Counties - Augusta, Bath, Highland, Page, Rockbridge, Rockingham, Shenandoah

Northern Virginia District – Manassas

Theresa Light

7900 Sudley Road, Suite 309

Manassas, Virginia 20109

Main Office: (703) 355-5550

Voice/Text: (540) 244-0093

Videophone: (571) 535-2584

Email: Theresa.Light@dars.virginia.gov

Cities - Fredericksburg, Manassas, Manassas Park, Winchester

Counties - Clarke, Fauquier, Frederick, King George, Northern Caroline, Prince William, Rappahannock, Spotsylvania, Stafford, Warren

Northern Virginia District - Fairfax

Pearl Johnson

11150 Fairfax Blvd., Suite 300

Fairfax, Virginia 22030

Main Office: (703) 359-1124

Cell/Text: (703) 277-3534

Email: Pearl.Johnson@dars.virginia.gov

Cities - Alexandria, Fairfax

Counties – Arlington, Fairfax, Loudon

Capitol District - Farmville

Karla Leshner

223 Sunchase Boulevard

Farmville, VA 23901

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Voice/Text: (434) 227-4520

Videophone: (434) 227-5455

Email: Karla.Leshner@dars.virginia.gov

Cities - Charlottesville

Counties - Albemarle, Amelia, Buckingham, Charlotte, Culpeper, Cumberland, Fluvanna, Greene, Louisa, Lunenburg, Madison, Nelson, Nottoway, Orange, Prince Edward

Capitol District - Richmond

Stephen Roldan

2001 Maywill Street, Suite 202

Richmond, Virginia 23230

Main Office: (804) 588-3333

Videophone: (804) 325-1323

Email: Stephen.Roldan@dars.virginia.gov

Cities - Colonial Heights, Hopewell, Petersburg, Richmond

Counties - Charles City, Chesterfield, Dinwiddie, Goochland, Hanover, Henrico, New Kent, Powhatan, Prince George

Hampton Roads District - Hampton**Sheri Shimada**

Executive Tower

2101 Executive Drive, Suite 230

Hampton, VA 23666

Main Office: (757) 865-4863

Videophone: (757) 506-0035

Text: 757-715-4077

Email: Sheri.Shimada@dars.virginia.gov

Cities - Hampton, Newport News, Poquoson, Warsaw, Williamsburg

Counties - Essex, Gloucester, James City, King & Queen, King William, Matthews, Northumberland, Richmond County, Westmoreland, York

Hampton Roads District - Portsmouth**Alan Martin**

601 Port Centre Parkway, Suite 100

Portsmouth, Virginia 23704

Main Office: (757) 686-5004

Text: (757) 407-0468

Videophone: (757) 802-3285

Email: Alan.Martin@dars.virginia.gov

Cities - Chesapeake, Franklin, Portsmouth, Suffolk, Virginia Beach

Counties - Accomack, Isle of Wight, Norfolk, Northampton, Southampton, Surry, Sussex

Wilson Workforce and Rehabilitation Center (WWRC)

243 Woodrow Wilson Avenue

Fishersville, Virginia 22939

Office: (540) 332-7000 or (800) 345-9972

Fax: (540) 332-7132

Email: WWRCInfo@wwrc.virginia.gov

Website: <https://www.wwrc.net>

A program of DRS in a comprehensive educational facility that provides a wide range of vocational training programs with wraparound services to assist individuals with disabilities along their path of achieving employment.

VersAbility

2520 58th Street

Hampton, Virginia 23661

Office: (757) 896-6461

Fax: (757) 896-8470

Email: info@versability.org

Website: <https://versability.org/contact>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/VersAbility1>

Empowering individuals challenged by disabilities to establish independence through person-centered planning enhanced by self-esteem, supported employment, and successful integration into the work place.

The Bell Davis Employment Placement by JMD Group

Colby Moore

901 N. Washington Street, Suite 501

Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Office: 703-214-0430

Email: bell@thebelldavis.com

Website: www.thebelldavis.com

Serving Alexandria, VA, Northern Virginia, and Richmond. Provides several programs assisting anyone with employment needs, including employment planning, job placement, employment supports, pre-employment transition, and much more

Virginia Employment Commission (VEC)

VEC Central Office

703 E. Main St

Richmond, Virginia 23219

Mailing Address

P.O. Box 1358

Richmond, Virginia 23218-1358

Office: (866) 832-2363

Website: www.vec.virginia.gov

Promoting economic growth and stability by delivering and coordinating workforce services for employers and jobseekers

ENTERTAINMENT

It is suggested that you contact providers in advance to request captioning or audio descriptive services.

Access Virginia

PO Box 14686

Newport News, Virginia 23608

Office: (757) 276-1761

Email: accessvirginia@gmail.com

Website: www.accessvirginia.info

Provides open and audio description services at public venues and offer staff trainings.

Barter Theatre

Box Office

127 West Main Street

Abingdon, Virginia 24210

Office: (276) 628-3991

Email: barterinfo@bartertheatre.com

Website: <https://bartertheatre.com>

Provides ASL interpreting for shows by advance request

Center for the Arts at Mason

George Mason University

4373 Mason Pond Drive

Fairfax, VA 22030

Office: (703) 993-8881

Email: myancy@gmu.edu

Website: <https://cfa.gmu.edu/plan-your-visit/accessible-options>

Provides assistive listening devices, sign language interpretation and captioned performances as accessible options

Chrysler Hall

215 Saint Paul's Boulevard

Norfolk, Virginia 23510

Office: (757) 823-4299

Website: <http://www.sevenvenues.com/plan-your-visit/accessibility>

Provides open captioning and audio description for selected performances

Ferguson Center for the Arts

Christopher Newport University

1 Avenue of the Arts

Newport News, Virginia 23606

Office: (757) 594-8752

Website: <https://www.fergusoncenter.org/plan-your-visit/accessibility>

Personal FM loop systems available, and select performances are ASL interpreted

National Open Captions Network (NOCN) – Virginia

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/NOCNVA/>

Provides listings of open captioned movies at selected theatres throughout the state of Virginia

University of Mary Washington Klein Theatre

duPont Building

1913 College Avenue

Fredericksburg, Virginia 22401

Office: (540) 654-1111

Website: <http://cas.umw.edu/theatre>

Provides sign language interpreters for performances on specific dates

Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts

1551 Trap Road

Vienna, Virginia 22182-1643

Office: (703) 255-1849

Website: www.nps.gov/wotr/planyourvisit/accessibility.htm

Hearing loops are available for Filene Center performances. Ask any ranger or usher for assistance. Sign language interpretation for all performances can be arranged with a minimum of three week advance notice.

FAMILIES & CHILDREN

Center for Family Involvement

Dana Yarbrough, Director

Virginia Commonwealth University

PO Box 843020

Richmond, Virginia 23284-3020

Office: (804) 828-0352

Toll Free: (877) 567-1122

Email: dyarbrough@vcu.edu

Website: <https://centerforfamilyinvolvementblog.org/>

Center for Family Involvement works with families to increase their skills as advocates, mentors and leaders so that families, children and young adults with disabilities can lead the lives they want.

Families to Families

Lizzy Allen

Office: (757) 651-4575 (Voice/Text)

Email: lizzyad@msn.com

Melinda Gallagher

Office: (757) 802-3167

Text: (757) 701-8156

Email: mkgallagher2@gmail.com

Website: <https://families2families.weebly.com>

Connects families with young deaf and hard of hearing children in the Hampton Roads area. Parents and children have the opportunity to make friends with one another, share resources and interact with deaf adults.

Infant and Toddler Connection of Virginia

Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services

1220 Bank Street, 9th Floor

P.O. Box 1797

Richmond, Virginia 23219-1797

For Services: (800) 234-1448

State Office: (804) 786-3710

Fax: (804) 371-7959

Website: <https://www.itcva.online/>

Provides early intervention supports and services to infants and toddlers from birth through age three.

ValiDeaf

9435 Lorton Market St., Suite 718

Lorton, VA 22079

Office: (703) 725-8289

Email: info@valideaf.org

Website: <https://valideaf.org/>

Provides support and solutions for deaf & hard-of-hearing children, their families, and professionals that work with them, to promote language acquisition & continued development.

Virginia's Children First

Videophone: (540) 645-5044

Email: VAChildrenFirst@gmail.com

Website: <http://www.vachildrenfirst.org>

Provides: parent-to-parent support; Mommy and Me classes; training, information, and referral.

Also provides direct assistance to parents and guardians to include: listening, problem solving, offering resources, workshops/classes, and community events, and parent/professional partnerships.

Deaf Mentor Project

Virginia Department for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

1602 Rolling Hills Drive, Suite 203

Henrico, VA 23229

Videophone: 804-325-1290

Email: deafmentor@vddhh.virginia.gov

Website: <https://www.vddhh.virginia.gov/outreach.htm>

Deaf Mentors are deaf adult role models providing direct services to families of deaf children in their homes and natural environment. Deaf Mentors provide a bilingual approach to ASL-English language acquisition, a bicultural approach to incorporating deaf culture within the hearing culture and introducing families to the deaf communities. The Deaf Mentors also provide resources to assistive technology and other accommodations and share their life experiences to help families prepare their deaf children for personal growth.

Virginia Early Hearing Detection and Intervention

109 Governor Street

Richmond, VA 23218

Office: (804) 864-7713

Toll Free: (866) 493-1090

Email: va_ehdi@vdh.virginia.gov

Website: <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/early-hearing-detection-and-intervention/>

Provides information and referral to families regarding newborn hearing screening, follow-up testing, and referral to early intervention services.

Virginia Hands & Voices

P.O. Box 29552

Henrico, Virginia 23242

Office: (804) 404-3352

Email: vahandsandvoices@gmail.com

Website: <http://www.vahandsandvoices.org>

Virginia Hands & Voices provides parents with unbiased resources, networks, and information they need to improve communication access and educational outcomes for their children.

HEARING AID ASSISTANCE

Assistive Technology Loan Fund Authority (ATLFA)

1602 Rolling Hills Drive, Suite 107

Henrico, VA 23229

Office: (804) 662-9000

Toll-Free: (866) 835-5976

Fax: (804) 662-9533

Email: atlfa@atlfa.org

Website: <http://atlfa.org>

ATLFA promotes alternative funding resources for Virginians with disabilities to acquire assistive technology, such as hearing aids, that can enhance independence and improve quality of life.

Central Virginia Lions Hearing Aid Bank

10286 Staples Mill Road, #131

Glen Allen, Virginia 23060

Office: (804) 248-9938

Email: LionsHAB24B@aol.com or hearaidsva@gmail.com

Website: www.Lionshabva.org

Provides no-cost hearing aids to those who have a measured hearing loss and a verifiable financial need

Here2Hear

9327 Midlothian Turnpike, Suite 1s

Richmond, Virginia 23235

Email: here2_hear@aol.com

Website: <http://www.here2hear.org>

Here2Hear works to prevent poor hearing health in Richmond and surrounding communities.

University of Virginia - Hearing Aid Loan Bank

2205 Fontain Ave, Suite 201

Charlottesville, VA 22903

Office: (434) 924-0222

Fax: (434) 924-0390

Email: vsw4a@uvahealth.org

Website: https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/content/uploads/sites/109/2023/05/VIRGINIA-HEARING-AID-LOAN-BANK-APPLICATION_04-Fillable.pdf

(An Audiologist needs to submit the application) Provide loaner hearing aids/FM systems for a

period of 6 months – 1 year to infants and young children following a diagnosis of hearing loss while families secure funding for permanent aids.

Virginia Lions Hearing Aid Bank Foundation

Mike McLaughlin, District Chair

Virginia Lions Hearing Aid Bank Foundation (District 24-L), Inc.

1881 Campus Commons Drive, Suite 450

Reston, VA 20191

Office: 703-471-6150

Email: mmclaughlin@fc-alions.org

Website: <https://valions.org/va-lions-hearing-aid-bank-foundation/>

Helps those in our service area who need but cannot afford a hearing aid get a hearing aid.

Service areas are the Virginia Counties of Albemarle, Alleghany, Arlington, Augusta, Bath, Clarke, Culpeper, Fairfax, Fauquier, Fluvanna, Frederick, Greene, Highland, King George, Loudoun, Louisa, Madison, Nelson, Orange, Page, Prince William, Rappahannock, Rockbridge, Rockingham, Shenandoah, Spotsylvania, Stafford, Warren, and Westmoreland, and the Independent Cities of Alexandria, Buena Vista, Charlottesville, Covington, Fairfax City, Falls Church, Fredericksburg, Harrisonburg, Lexington, Manassas, Manassas Park, Staunton, Waynesboro, and Winchester.

HEARING LOSS SUPPORT

Northern Virginia Resource Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Persons (NVRC)

Bonnie O'Leary: Outreach Manager

10467 White Granite Drive, Suite 312

Oakton, VA 22124

Office: (703) 352-9055

Videophone: (571) 350-8656

TTY: (703) 352-9056

Fax: (703) 352-9058

Email: info@nvrc.org

Website: www.nvrc.org

NVRC provides information and technical assistance to individuals with hearing loss.

Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA)

Donald Doherty, Virginia State Chapter Coordinator

Email: dondoherty46@gmail.com

HLAA provides adults and children with tools for self-help; sensitizes the general population about the special needs of people who have hearing loss; and promotes understanding of the nature, causes, complications, and remedies of hearing loss.

Regional HLAA Chapters HLAA meets once a month. Contact HLAA for meeting dates & times.

Greater Richmond Chapter HLAA

Beulah United Methodist Church, 2nd Floor

6930 Hopkins Road

North Chesterfield, Virginia 23234

Office: (804) 239-9546

Email: GRHearingLoss@verizon.net

Website: www.hlaagreaterrichmond.org

Rappahannock Chapter HLAA

Disability Resource Center

409 Progress Street Conference Room, First Floor

Fredericksburg, Virginia 22401

Office: (540) 373-5890

Email: DDrew@cildrc.org

Virginia Beach Chapter HLAA

Fortis College

6300 Center Drive

Norfolk, Virginia 23502

Website: www.hlaavirginiabeach.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/HLAAVirginiaBeachChapter

Hearing Loss Connection of Northern Virginia

Email: info@HLCnova.org

Website: www.HLCnova.org

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2206641916274968/>

An independent support group for individuals with hearing loss

INTERPRETER REFERRAL AGENCIES

Access Interpreting

200 Lawyers Road, #1993

Vienna, VA 22180

Office: (571) 730-4330

Videophone: (202) 540-8617

Website: <https://ainterpreting.com/contact-us/>

ASL Interpreters, Inc.

25 Madeline Lane

Stafford, Virginia 22556

Office: (804) 651-9955

Email: info@asldc.com

Website: <https://asldc.com/>

ASL Interpreters, Inc., provides sign language services in the Maryland, Virginia, and DC areas, helping businesses, non-profits, or government organizations communicate with clients and employees.

Birnbaum Interpreting Services

PO Box 196

Haymarket, Virginia 20168

Office: (301) 587-8885

Email: bisinfo@bisworld.com

Website: www.bisworld.com

Services include sign language interpreting, video remote interpreting (VRI), spoken language interpreting, captioning services, professional workshops, and document translation.

Civic Access

435 Merchant Walk Square, #300-507

Charlottesville, Virginia 22902

Office: (540) 505-8768 (Voice/Text)

Email: requests@civicaccess.com

Website: <https://www.civicaccess.info/request.html>

Civic Access provides sign language interpreting and captioning services, as well as specializing in communication access consultation, education, and advocacy.

HIS Sign

44050 Ashburn Shopping Plaza, #195-639

Ashburn, Virginia 20147

Office: (877) 458-7408

Fax: (703) 738-8618

Email: RequestInterpreter@HISsign.com

Website: <http://www.hissign.com>

HIS Sign, LLC is a woman owned sign language interpreting agency based in Northern Virginia, providing 24/7/365 onsite and virtual sign language interpreting services, TypeWell, CART, Captioning and Transcription, and Spoken Language Services. The focus is in the Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland and District of Columbia areas, but with services available across the country.

KW Metropolitan Sign Language Interpreting Services, LLC

P.O Box 13913

Richmond, Virginia 23225

Office: (804) 516-3823 (Voice/Text)

Email: kwmetro.slis@gmail.com

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/people/KW-Metropolitan-Sign-Language-Interpreting-Services-LLC/100077025578449/>

Provides a host of interpreting services to the Deaf/HoH as well as holds ASL classes and tutor sessions to the public, and mentors ITP students.

Language Link Interpreting

Johnson City, TN 37601

Office: (423) 915-6170

Email: info@languagelinkinterpreting.com

Website: www.languagelinkinterpreting.com

Provides sign language interpreting, serving the Southwest Virginia and Northeast Tennessee

Mosaic Interpreting Services

Mosaic Interpreting Services

Henrico, VA 23228

Office: (434) 361-4046 (Voice/Text)

Videophone: (804) 465-6933

Website: <https://www.mosaicinterpretingservices.com>

An interpreting agency with services statewide, providing on-site and virtual services customized to fit a variety of needs, and reinvest a portion of its profits in community access and paid mentorship.

Purple Communications

1504 Santa Rosa Road, Suite 202

Richmond, Virginia 23229

Office: (800) 900-9478 ext. 1640

Email: purplerichmond@purple.us

Website: www.signlanguage.com/onsite-interpreting

Provides sign language interpreting on site, video remote interpreting, VRS, and CART services.

Sorenson Community Interpreting Services

Office: (800) 659-4783

Videophone: (844) 720-1891

Email: communityinterpreting@sorenson.com

Website: <https://www.scis.com/>

Provides sign language interpreting on site, video remote interpreting, VRS, and CART services.

INTERPRETER INFORMATION

Virginia Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf

P.O. Box 29

Fishersville, Virginia 22939

Website: www.vrid.org

A chapter of the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID), VRID provides state and local forums and an organizational structure for the continued growth and development of the profession of interpretation and transliteration of American Sign Language and English.

SIGN LANGUAGE CLASSES CLASSES AND INTERPRETER TRAINING PROGRAMS

College credit may be offered for courses in American Sign Language (ASL) and/or interpreter training. ASL students work toward becoming fluent in ASL as a foreign language; interpreting students work toward competence in interpreting between ASL and English.

Abingdon

Virginia Highlands Community College

Barbara Manuel, Program Coordinator

100 VHCC Drive

Abingdon, Virginia 24210

Office: (276) 739-2432

Email: bmanuel@vhcc.edu

Website: <https://www.vhcc.edu/catalog>

Annandale

Northern Virginia Community College

8333 Little River Turnpike

Annandale, Virginia 22003

Office: (703) 323-3192

Email: pdebes@nvcc.edu

Website: <https://www.nvcc.edu/academics/programs/american-sign-language/index.html>

Has an interpreter training program (ITP)

Charlottesville

University of Virginia

P.O. Box 400808

258 New Cabell Hall

Charlottesville, Virginia 22904-4808

Office: (434) 924-6691

Videophone: (434) 566-0213

Website: <http://asl.virginia.edu>

Danville

Danville Community College

1008 S. Main Street

Danville, Virginia 24541

Office: (434) 797-2222

Website: <https://www.danville.edu/master-syllabi>

Fairfax

George Mason University

College of Education and Human Development

4400 University Drive, MS 1F2

Fairfax, Virginia 22030

Office: (703) 993-3670

Website: <https://gse.gmu.edu/special-education/american-sign-language>

Fredericksburg

Germanna Community College

Fredericksburg Campus

P. O. Box 1430

Locust Grove, Virginia 22508

Office: (540) 891-3000

Website: <https://germanna.edu/programs/american-sign-language-certificate>

Lynchburg

Liberty University

1971 University Blvd

Lynchburg, Virginia 24515

Office: (434) 592-5888

Email: MShowalter@liberty.edu

Website: <http://www.liberty.edu/academics/arts-sciences/modernlanguages/index.cfm?PID=28195>

Has an interpreter training program (ITP)

Central Virginia Community College

3506 Wards Road

Lynchburg, Virginia 24502-2498

HSS Office

Office: (434) 832-7657

Email: hss@centralvirginia.edu

Website: <https://courses.vccs.edu/colleges/cvcc/courses/ASL101-BeginningAmericanSignLanguage>

Martinsville

Patrick Henry Community College

645 Patriot Avenue

Martinsville, Virginia 24112

Office: (276) 638-8777

Website: <https://courses.vccs.edu/colleges/phcc/courses/ASL101->

Norfolk

Old Dominion University

1004 Rollins Hall

Norfolk, Virginia 23529

Office: (757) 683-3685

Website: <https://catalog.odu.edu/search/?scontext=all&search=sign+language>

Tidewater Community College
Green District Administration Building
121 College Place
Norfolk, Virginia 23510
Office: (757) 822-1122
Website: <https://www.tcc.edu/programs/american-sign-language/>
Has an interpreter training program (ITP)

Radford

Radford University
801 East Main St.
Radford, Virginia 24142
Office: (540) 831-5271
Website: www.radford.edu/content/registrar/home/course-descriptions/cehd-descriptions/sign-language.html

Richmond

Reynolds Community College
Parham Road Campus
1651 E. Parham Road
Richmond, Virginia 23228
Office: (804) 371-3000
Website: [https://www.reynolds.edu/register for classes/courses/summer/american-sign-language-asl.html](https://www.reynolds.edu/register%20for%20classes/courses/summer/american-sign-language-asl.html)
Has an interpreter training program (ITP)

Roanoke

Virginia Western Community College
3094 Colonial Avenue SW
Roanoke, Virginia 24015
Office: (540) 857-8922
Website: <https://www.virginiawestern.edu/classes/>

Warrenton

Laurel Ridge Community College
Warrenton Campus
6480 College Street
Warrenton, Virginia 20187-8820

Office: (540) 351-1505

Website: <https://courses.vccs.edu/colleges/laurelridge/courses/ASL/contents>

Wytheville

Wytheville Community College

1000 East Main Street

Wytheville, Virginia 24382

Office: (276) 223-4700

Website: <http://www.wcc.vccs.edu/course/asl-101>

SIGN LANGUAGE CLASSES: COMMUNITY-BASED

Community-based lessons and classes are those lead by members of local Deaf communities through private organizations or continuing adult education classes. Contact providers for class times and dates as these may vary.

Charlottesville

Independence Resource Center

815 Cherry Avenue

Charlottesville, Virginia 22903

Office: (434) 971-9629

Website: <http://charlottesvilleirc.org>

Fairfax

Northern Virginia Resource Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Persons (NVRC)

10467 White Granite Drive, Suite 312

Oakton, VA 22124

Office: (703) 352-9055

Videophone: (571) 350-8656

TTY: (703) 352-9056

Fax: (703) 352-9058

Email: info@nvrc.org

Website: www.nvrc.org

Website: www.nvrc.org/education-outreach/classes-workshops

Harrisonburg

Harrisonburg Parks and Recreation City Hall

409 South Main Street

Harrisonburg, Virginia 22801

Office: (540) 432-7701

Website: <http://www.harrisonburgva.gov/activities>

Hampton

West Hampton Baptist Church

631 Aberdeen Road

Hampton, Virginia 23661

Office: (757) 826-5772

Email: office@whbcnow.org

Website: <https://www.whbcnow.org/deaf.html>

Richmond

ASL Champs

Email: aslchamps@aslchamps.org

Website: <http://www.aslchamps.org>

Beginning and intermediate community-based American Sign Language classes. 8-week group sessions are offered 4-5 times per year. Private/ custom classes and tutoring upon request.

Staunton

The Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind

Robin Blevin, Outreach Director

Office: (252) 258-0813

Email: Robin.Blevin@vsdb.k12.va.us

Website: <https://vsdb.k12.va.us/outreach/services/>

Website: ASL for the Family Video Series <https://vsdb.k12.va.us/outreach/asl-video/>

VSDB Outreach Services serves children, families, and educators throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. The goal is to help all educators in Virginia better meet the needs of students who are deaf/hard of hearing, blind/visually impaired, or deaf blind, and their families. VSDB Outreach Services are funded through a grant from the Virginia Department of Education.

Yorktown

Crossroads Community Church

1420 Lakeside Drive

Yorktown, VA 23692

Office: (757) 898-4335

Email: asl1instructor49@yahoo.com

Website: <https://crossroads.cc/deaf-ministry>

Virginia Beach

ASL FOR YOU

Office: (919) 723-6122

Email: lizhare@aslforyou.com

Website: www.aslforyou.com

ASL for YOU is a team of expert instructors that offer individualized American Sign Language sessions! Each session is designed to let you learn at your own pace, and we share all of our materials after each session so that you can use them to review. We also work with families and support children that are Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

Adult Learning Center

5100 Cleveland Street

Virginia Beach, VA 23462

Office: (757) 648-6050

Website: <https://www.registration.adultlearning.vbschools.com/frmSearchCourses.aspx>

SUMMER CAMPS FOR DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING CHILDREN

Bridging Hands Camps, Inc. (Virginia residents can attend)

Amy Crumrine, President

21327 Village Green Circle

Germantown, MD 20876

Email: president@bhcamp.org

Website: <https://www.bhcamps.org/>

Bridging Hands Camps is a fully inclusive and accessible camp for young adults living in the DC area. This camp is intended to fill a need that is lacking, to build a stronger deaf community by connecting KODAs and Deaf young people that use all different modes of communication.

Camp Loud and Clear

Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center

1267 4-H Camp Road

Appomattox, Virginia 24522

Jennifer Bowen

Office: (434) 738-6191 ext. 4371

Email: jebowen1@vt.edu

Tyler Cheely

Office: (434) 248-5444

Email: cheelytf@vt.edu

Website: www.holidaylake4h.com/camp-loud-clear.html

Camp Loud and Clear is an overnight summer camp for youth ages 9 to 18 whose primary disability is deafness/hearing loss. The camp is a joint effort of 4H and Longwood University.

Signs of Fun Summer Camp

33 Warren Drive

Fredericksburg, Virginia 22405

Videophone: (540) 645-5029

Email: camp@signsoffun.org

Website: www.signsoffuncamp.org

A week-long day camp for Deaf or hard of hearing children between the ages of 3 and 18, including hands-on art activities, games, and sports providing rich with experiences that encourage and promote communication. American Sign Language classes are also available for parents to attend while their child is at camp.

Deaf Science Camp

Jefferson Laboratory

628 Hofstadter Rd

Newport News, Virginia 23606

Email: deafsciencecamp@gmail.com

Website: <https://education.ilab.org/sciencecamp>

This annual Science Camp is open to deaf and hard of hearing children, siblings of deaf children, and children of deaf adults (CODAs) who are in 4th-8th grades.

TRANSPORTATION

Amtrak Headquarters

1 Massachusetts Avenue

NW Washington, DC 20001

Ticket Reservations: (800) 872-7245

TTY: (800) 523-6590

Website: <http://amtrak.com/home.html>

Website: www.amtrak.com/accessible-travel-services

Provides accessible travel and services.

GRTC Transit System

301 East Belt Boulevard

Richmond, Virginia 23224

Office: (804) 358-4782

Website: <http://ridegrtc.com/>

GRTC provides transportation and paratransit services to the Richmond Virginia area and parts of Chesterfield and Henrico counties.

Virginia Railway Express (VRE)

1500 King Street, Suite 202

Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Office: (703) 684-1001

Email: gotrains@vre.org

Fax: (703) 684-1313

TTY: (703) 684-0551

Website: www.vre.org/service/fares/disabled-fares

Qualified persons with a disability can receive a reduced disabled fare card. VRE provides commuter-oriented rail service from the Northern Virginia suburbs to Alexandria, Crystal City and downtown Washington, D.C., along the I-66 and I-95 corridors.

Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)

DMV Room 51

PO Box 27412

Richmond, Virginia 23269

Office: (804) 474-7700

Website: <https://www.dmv.virginia.gov>

Offers the Drivers, CDL and Motorcycle Knowledge Exam in American Sign Language. Can be accessed by asking for the American Sign Language version of the exam at any DMV office. DMV will provide interpreters for certain services.

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