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# DIRECTORY OF SERVICES

for People who are Deaf, Hard of  
Hearing, and DeafBlind



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Deaf and Hard of Hearing



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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.

### **Virginia Department for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing**

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Videophone: (804) 325-1290

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Website: [www.vddhh.virginia.gov](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.deafhh.org)

Tazewell office: Monday - Thursdays

Office: (276) 988-1883

Videophone: (276) 243-4425

Website: [www.deafhh.org](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto:info@nvrc.org)  
Website: [www.nvrc.org](http://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](http://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, Greensville, Emporia and all independent cities/towns within these counties.

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Website: [www.vddhh.virginia.gov](http://www.vddhh.virginia.gov)

**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

Endeppence Center, Inc. (ECI)  
6300 East Virginia Beach Blvd  
Norfolk, Virginia 23502  
Office: (757) 383-9786  
Website: [www.endeppence.org](http://www.endeppence.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](mailto: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](mailto: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@hnnscsb.org](mailto:cathee.wolford@hnnscsb.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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:DrNatalieS@gmail.Com)

Website: [www.DrNatalieSmith.net](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:info@nvrc.org)

Website: [www.nvrc.org](http://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](mailto:byrnek@ril-va.org)

Website: [www.ril-va.org](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](mailto:Cynthia.Ingraham@hknc.org)

Website: [www.helenkeller.org/hknc](http://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](mailto:vadbinc@gmail.com)

Website: [www.vadeafblind.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:japadhye@vcu.edu)

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

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](mailto:LMahan@Shelterforhelpinemergency.org)

Website: [www.shelterforhelpinemergency.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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**

104 VSDB Drive

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](mailto:Robin.Bliven@vsdb.k12.va.us)

Website: [www.vsdb.k12.va.us](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:Pearl.Johnson@dars.virginia.gov)

Cities - Alexandria, Fairfax

Counties – Arlington, Fairfax, Loudon

**Capitol District - Farmville**

**Karla Lesher**

223 Sunchase Boulevard

Farmville, VA 23901

Main Office: (434) 392-8189

Voice/Text: (434) 227-4520

Videophone: (434) 227-5455

Email: [Karla.Lesher@dars.virginia.gov](mailto:Karla.Lesher@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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 58<sup>th</sup> Street

Hampton, Virginia 23661

Office: (757) 896-6461

Fax: (757) 896-8470

Email: [info@versability.org](mailto: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](mailto:bell@thebelldavis.com)

Website: [www.thebelldavis.com](http://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](http://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](mailto:accessvirginia@gmail.com)

Website: [www.accessvirginia.info](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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: [dvyarbrough@vcu.edu](mailto:dvyarbrough@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](mailto:lizzyad@msn.com)

*Melinda Gallagher*

Office: (757) 802-3167

Text: (757) 701-8156

Email: [mkgallagher2@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:LionsHAB24B@aol.com) or [hearaidsva@gmail.com](mailto:hearaidsva@gmail.com)

Website: [www.Lionshabva.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:vsw4a@uvahealth.org)

Website: [https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/content/uploads/sites/109/2023/05/VIRGINIA-HEARING-AID-LOAN-BANK-APPLICATION\\_04-Fillable.pdf](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](mailto: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](mailto:info@nvrc.org)

Website: [www.nvrc.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:GRHearingLoss@verizon.net)

Website: [www.hlaagreaterrichmond.org](http://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](mailto:DDrew@cildrc.org)

### **Virginia Beach Chapter HLAA**

Fortis College

6300 Center Drive

Norfolk, Virginia 23502

Website: [www.hlaavirginiabeach.com](http://www.hlaavirginiabeach.com)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/HLAAVirginiaBeachChapter](https://www.facebook.com/HLAAVirginiaBeachChapter)

### **Hearing Loss Connection of Northern Virginia**

Email: [info@HLCnova.org](mailto:info@HLCnova.org)

Website: [www.HLCnova.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:bisinfo@bisworld.com)

Website: [www.bisworld.com](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:info@languagelinkinterpreting.com)

Website: [www.languagelinkinterpreting.com](http://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](mailto:purplerichmond@purple.us)

Website: [www.signlanguage.com/onsite-interpreting](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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_for_classes/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.viriniawestern.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](mailto:info@nvrc.org)

Website: [www.nvrc.org](http://www.nvrc.org)

Website: [www.nvrc.org/education-outreach/classes-workshops](http://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](mailto:office@whbcnow.org)

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

### **Richmond**

ASL Champs

Email: [aslchamps@aslchamps.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:asl1instructor49@yahoo.com)

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

## **Virginia Beach**

ASL FOR YOU

Office: (919) 723-6122

Email: [lizhare@aslforyou.com](mailto:lizhare@aslforyou.com)

Website: [www.aslforyou.com](http://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](mailto:president@bhcamp.org)

Website: <https://www.bhcamp.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](mailto:jebowen1@vt.edu)

*Tyler Cheely*

Office: (434) 248-5444

Email: [cheelytf@vt.edu](mailto:cheelytf@vt.edu)

Website: [www.holidaylake4h.com/camp-loud-clear.html](http://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](mailto:camp@signsoffun.org)

Website: [www.signsoffuncamp.org](http://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](mailto: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 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto:gotrains@vre.org)

Fax: (703) 684-1313

TTY: (703) 684-0551

Website: [www.vre.org/service/fares/disabled-fares](http://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.

### **Virginia Department of Rail & Public Transportation (DRPT)**

Jess Maffey, MA, Transit Programs Manager

600 E. Main Street, Suite 2102

Richmond, VA 23219

Office: (804) 573-5269

Email: [jessica.maffey@drpt.virginia.gov](mailto:jessica.maffey@drpt.virginia.gov)

Website: <https://drpt.virginia.gov>

