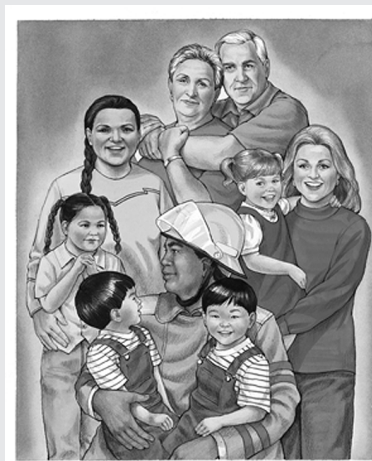


# **RESOURCE GUIDE**

## **NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE DEAF OR HARD OF HEARING**

**NFPA Center for  
High-Risk Outreach**



# National Organizations for People Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

## **ABLEDATA**

8630 Fenton St. Suite 930  
Silver Spring, MD 20910  
(800) 227-0216  
(301) 608-8912  
TTY: (301) 608-8912  
FAX: (301) 608-8958  
www.abledata.com  
abledata@orcmauro.com

ABLEDATA provides information on assistive technology, rehabilitation equipment and other products for people with disabilities. Staff maintains a database of approximately 26,000 assistive technology products from more than 3,000 domestic and foreign manufacturers and distributors.

## **Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing**

3417 Volta Place, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20007  
(866) 337-5220  
(202) 337-5220  
TTY (202) 337-5221  
FAX (202) 337-8314  
www.agbell.org  
info@agbell.org

AG Bell serves as the nation's largest information and support center for pediatric hearing loss and oral/deaf education, assisting parents and professionals to ensure that children with hearing loss receive an appropriate education. AG Bell also educates its membership

and the general public about advances in hearing technology and provides networking opportunities for people who are deaf and hard of hearing.

## **American Academy of Audiology**

11730 Plaza America Drive  
Suite 300  
Reston, VA 20190  
(800) AAA-2336  
(703) 790-8466  
FAX (703) 790-8631  
www.audiology.org  
mail@audiology.org

The American Academy of Audiology is the world's largest professional organization of, for and by audiologists. It provides professional development, education and research and promotes increased public awareness of hearing disorders and audiologic services.

## **American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery**

1 Prince Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314-3357  
(703) 836-4444  
TTY (703) 519-1585  
FAX (703) 683-1553  
www.entnet.org  
patientinfo@entnet.org

The Academy represents more than 10,000 head and neck surgeons who diagnose and treat disorders of the ears, nose, throat and related

structures of the head and neck. Distributes educational information and makes referrals to physicians.

## **American Association of the Deaf-Blind**

814 Thayer Avenue Suite 302  
Silver Spring, MD  
20910-4500  
(301) 495-4403  
TTY (301) 495-4402  
FAX (301) 495-4404  
www.aadb.org  
info@aadb.org

AADB is a national consumer organization of, by and for Americans who are deaf-blind with the mission of assuring that a comprehensive coordinated system of services is accessible to all people who are deaf-blind, enabling them to achieve increased independence, productivity and integration into the community.

## **American Deafness and Rehabilitation Association**

P.O. Box 480  
Myersville, MD 21773  
(301) 293-8969  
FAX (301) 293-9698  
www.adara.org  
adaraorgn@aol.com

ADARA facilitates excellence in human service delivery with individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing by expanding the professional competencies of the membership, expanding

opportunities for networking among ADARA colleagues and supporting positive public policies for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing.

### **American Hearing Research Foundation**

8 South Michigan Avenue  
Suite 814  
Chicago, IL 60603-4539  
(312) 726-9670  
FAX (312) 726-9695  
www.american-hearing.org  
lkoch@american-hearing.org

The American Hearing Research Foundation funds significant research in hearing and balance disorders with the hopes of developing a better understanding of how people lose hearing and balance function, and how they can be regained and preserved.

### **American Society for Deaf Children**

P.O. Box 3355  
Gettysburg, PA 17325  
(800) 942-ASDC (Parent Hotline)  
(717) 334-7922 (Business)  
FAX (717) 334-8808  
www.deafchildren.org  
ASDC1@aol.com

ASDC is a parent-helping-parent organization promoting a positive attitude toward signing and deaf culture. Organization provides support, encouragement and current information about deafness to families with children who are deaf or hard of hearing.

### **American Speech-Language-Hearing Association**

10801 Rockville Pike  
Rockville, MD 20852  
(800) 498-2071 (Helpline)  
TTY (301) 897-5700  
FAX (301) 571-0457  
www.asha.org  
actioncenter@asha.org

This professional and scientific organization for speech-language pathologists and audiologists concerned with communication disorders provides informational materials and a toll-free helpline number for consumers to inquire about speech, language and hearing problems.

### **American Tinnitus Association**

P.O. Box 5  
Portland, OR 97207-0005  
(800) 634-8978  
(503) 248-9985  
FAX (503) 248-0024  
www.ata.org  
tinnitus@ata.org

National champion of tinnitus awareness, prevention and treatment. The ATA offers prevention programs in schools, urges governmental and private organizations to support hearing conservation, funds the nation's brightest researchers, and facilitates self-help groups around the country.

### **Association of Late Deafened Adults**

1131 Lake Street # 204  
Oak Park, IL 60301  
(877) 907-1738

FAX (same number)  
TTY (708) 358-0135  
www.alda.org  
president@alda.org

ALDA works collaboratively with other organizations around the world serving the needs of people who are late-deafened and provides resources and information and promotes advocacy and awareness of the needs of adults who are deafened.

### **Auditory-Verbal International**

1390 Chain Bridge Road #100  
McLean, VA 22101  
(703) 739-1049  
TTY (703) 739-0874  
FAX (703) 739-0395  
www.auditory-verbal.org  
audiverb@aol.com

Promotes the choice of listening and speaking as the first choice for children and adults who are deaf or hard of hearing. Through the use of assistive technology such as digital hearing aids and cochlear implants and auditory-verbal therapy, many people who are deaf and hard of hearing can learn to listen and speak.

### **Better Hearing Institute**

515 King Street, Suite 420  
Alexandria, VA 22314  
(703) 684-3391  
(800) 648-4327  
FAX (703) 684-6048  
www.betterhearing.org  
mail@betterhearing.org

Educational organization that implements national public

information programs on hearing loss and available medical, surgical, hearing aid and rehabilitation assistance for millions of people with uncorrected hearing problems and promotes awareness of hearing loss through public service messages.

### **Boys Town National Research Hospital**

555 N. 30<sup>th</sup> Street  
Omaha, NE 68131  
(402) 498-6511  
TTY (402) 498-6543  
FAX (402) 498-6638  
[www.boystownhospital.org](http://www.boystownhospital.org)  
[PEB@boystown.org](mailto:PEB@boystown.org)

An internationally recognized center for state-of-the-art research, diagnosis and treatment of patients with ear diseases, hearing and balance disorders, cleft lip, palate and speech/language problems.

### **The Caption Center**

125 Western Avenue  
Boston, MA 02134  
(617) 300-3600  
FAX (617) 300-1020  
[www.wgbh.org/caption](http://www.wgbh.org/caption)  
[access@wgbh.org](mailto:access@wgbh.org)

A nonprofit service of the WGBH Educational Foundation and the world's first captioning agency. Offices in Boston, Los Angeles and New York produce captions for every segment of the television and video industry.

### **Captioned Media Program**

1447 E. Main St.  
Spartanburg, SC 29307

(800) 237-6213  
TTY (800) 237-6819  
FAX (800) 538-5636  
[www.cfv.org](http://www.cfv.org)  
[info@cfv.org](mailto:info@cfv.org)

CMP provides people who are deaf or hard of hearing access to communication and learning through the use of captioned educational media and supportive collateral materials. The organization also acts as a captioning information and training center.

### **Cochlear Implant Association**

5335 Wisconsin Avenue  
Suite 440  
Washington, D.C. 20015-2052  
(202) 895-2781  
FAX (202) 895-2782  
[www.cici.org](http://www.cici.org)  
[pwms.cici@worldnet.att.net](mailto:pwms.cici@worldnet.att.net)

Organization for cochlear implant recipients, their families, professionals and other individuals interested in cochlear implants. The organization provides support and information and access to local support groups for adults and children who have cochlear implants.

### **Conference of Educational Administrators of Schools and Programs for the Deaf**

P.O. Box 1778  
St. Augustine, FL 32085-1778  
(904) 810-5200  
FAX (904) 810-5525  
[www.ceasd.org](http://www.ceasd.org)  
[nationaloffice@ceasd.org](mailto:nationaloffice@ceasd.org)

CEASD provides an opportunity for professional

educators to work together for the improvement of schools and educational programs for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing.

### **Council of American Instructors of the Deaf**

P.O. Box 377  
Bedford, TX 76095-0377  
(817) 354-8414  
[www.caid.org](http://www.caid.org)  
[caid@swbell.net](mailto:caid@swbell.net)

CAID is an advocacy group that promotes professional development, communication, and information among educators of people who are deaf and other interested people. It is an organization for all teachers, administrators, educational interpreters, and residential personnel involved in education of people who are deaf.

### **Deaf Aztlan**

P.O. Box 14431  
San Francisco, CA 94114  
[aztlan@deafvision.net](mailto:aztlan@deafvision.net)  
[www.deafvision.net/aztlan/](http://www.deafvision.net/aztlan/)

Deaf Aztlan is an online resource for Latinos living in the United States. In addition to the online website, a news and discussion list are offered for Latinos who are deaf and their supporters.

### **Deafness and Communicative Disorders Branch**

U.S. Department of Education  
400 Maryland Avenue  
Washington, D.C. 20202

(800) 872-5327  
TTY (800) 437-0883  
FAX (202) 401-0689  
[www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ose/index.html](http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ose/index.html)

Promotes improved and expanded rehabilitation services for people who are deaf or hard of hearing and individuals with speech or language impairments. Provides technical assistance to rehabilitation agencies and individuals. Provides funds for interpreter training.

### **Deafness Research Foundation**

8201 Greensboro Drive,  
Suite 300  
McLean, VA 22102  
(703) 610-9025  
FAX (703) 610-9005  
[www.drf.org](http://www.drf.org)  
[drf@drf.org](mailto:drf@drf.org)

The nation's largest voluntary health organization, providing grants for fellowships, symposia, and research into causes, treatment and prevention of all ear disorders. DRF is committed to making lifelong hearing health a national priority.

### **The Ear Foundation**

1817 Patterson Street  
Nashville, TN 37203  
(800) 545-HEAR  
FAX (615) 329-7935  
[www.earfoundation.org](http://www.earfoundation.org)  
[earfound@earfoundation.org](mailto:earfound@earfoundation.org)

Committed to integrating the hearing and balance impaired person into the mainstream of society through public

awareness and medical education. Administers a national network of patient support groups that provides people with the opportunity to share experiences and coping strategies.

### **Episcopal Conference of the Deaf**

[www.ecdeaf.com](http://www.ecdeaf.com)  
[deshetsj@aol.com](mailto:deshetsj@aol.com)

The organization promotes the Episcopal Church's ministry among people who are deaf in churches throughout the country. Affiliated with approximately 65 congregations in the United States.

### **Gallaudet University**

800 Florida Avenue, NE  
Washington, D.C. 20002-3695  
(202) 651-5000  
[www.gallaudet.edu](http://www.gallaudet.edu)  
[admissions.office@gallaudet.edu](mailto:admissions.office@gallaudet.edu)

The world's only four-year liberal arts university for students who are deaf or hard of hearing. The university offers more than 50 undergraduate and graduate degree programs and numerous continuing education and summer courses.

### **Hearing Education and Awareness for Rockers**

P.O. Box 460847  
San Francisco, CA 94146  
(415) 409-3277  
[www.hearnet.com](http://www.hearnet.com)  
[hear@hearnet.com](mailto:hear@hearnet.com)

Educates the public about the dangers of hearing loss

resulting from repeated exposure to excessive noise levels. Offers information about hearing protection, hearing aids, assistive listening devices, ear monitor systems, testing and other information about hearing loss and tinnitus.

### **Hear Now Hearing Assistance Program**

6700 Washington Avenue  
South Eden Prairie, MN 55344  
(800) 648-HEAR  
(866) 354-3254  
FAX (952) 828-6946  
[nonprofit@starkey.com](mailto:nonprofit@starkey.com)

Committed to making technology accessible to people who are deaf and hard of hearing throughout the United States. Hear Now provides hearing aids and cochlear implants for financially qualifying individuals who are hard of hearing or deaf.

### **Heath Resource Center**

2121 K Street, NW Suite 220  
Washington, D.C. 20037  
(202) 973-0904  
(800) 544-3284  
FAX (202) 973-0908  
[www.heathgwu.edu](http://www.heathgwu.edu)  
[askheath@heath.gwu.edu](mailto:askheath@heath.gwu.edu)

This national clearinghouse on postsecondary education for individuals with disabilities offers publications and a telephone service of use to administrators, service providers, teachers, instructors, rehabilitation counselors, health professionals and

individuals with disabilities and their families.

### **Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults**

111 Middle Neck Road  
Sands Point, NY 11050  
(516) 944-8900  
TTY (516) 944-8637  
FAX (516) 944-7302  
www.helenkeller.org  
hkncinfo@rcd.org

The national center and its 10 regional offices provide diagnostic evaluations, comprehensive vocational and personal adjustment training and job preparation and placement for people from every state and territory who are deaf-blind. The center also maintains a national registry of deaf-blind persons.

### **House Ear Institute**

2100 W. Third Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Los Angeles, CA 90057  
(213) 483-4431  
TTY (213) 483-2642  
FAX (213) 483-8789  
www.hei.org  
webmaster@hei.org

Professional association of specialists, who test hearing aids, and select, fit and dispense hearing instruments. The society conducts programs of competence qualifications, education and training and promotes specialty-level accreditation. The hearing aid helpline provides consumer information and referral.

### **International Catholic Deaf Association**

8002 S. Sawyer Road  
Darien, IL 60561-5227  
TTY (630) 887-9472  
FAX (630) 887-8850  
www.icda-us.org  
icdaus@cs.com

Promotes ministry for Catholic people who are deaf. Chapters are encouraged to arrange Sunday masses for people who are deaf in their local areas with liturgy presented in sign language. Responds to spiritual-related requests worldwide.

### **International Hearing Society**

16880 Middlebelt Road,  
Suite 4  
Livonia, MI 48154  
(734) 522-7200  
(800) 521-5247  
FAX (734) 522-0200  
www.ihinfo.org  
jmcdonald@ihinfo.org

Professional association of specialists who test hearing aids, select and fit and dispense hearing instruments. The helpline provides consumer information and referral.

### **International Lutheran Deaf Association**

1333 S. Kirkwood Road  
St. Louis, MO 63122  
(314) 996-1315  
(800) 433-3954  
TTY (888) 899-5031  
www.lcmsdeaf.org/ilda/  
ILDHome.html  
pdk42851@cs.com

Promotes ministry for people who are deaf throughout the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

ILDA is committed to spreading the gospel among people who are deaf and hard of hearing through mission work in the U.S. and around the world.

### **Intertribal Deaf Council**

P.O. Box 7598  
Salem, Oregon 97303  
www.deafnative.com  
intertribaldeaf@aol.com  
FAX (503) 304-1961

Organization for American Indians, Alaska Natives and First Nation individuals who are deaf, deaf-blind, hard of hearing and late deafened and their families. Conducts spiritual gatherings and conferences.

### **Jewish Deaf Congress**

214-11 85<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Hollis Hills, New York, NY 11427  
TTY (718) 740-0470  
FAX (718) 740-4994  
jdc2005.com/about.htm

Advocates for religious, educational and cultural ideals and fellowships for Jewish people who are deaf. Conducts workshops for rabbis, parents of children who are deaf and interpreters.

### **John Tracy Clinic**

806 W. Adams Blvd.  
Los Angeles, CA 90007  
(213) 748-5481

TTY (800) 747-2924  
FAX (213) 749-1651  
www.jtc.org  
jgarrity@jtc.org

An educational facility for preschool-age children who have hearing losses and their families. On-site services and worldwide correspondence courses in English and Spanish are offered to parents whose children are of preschool age and are hard of hearing, deaf or deaf-blind. All services are free of charge to the families.

### **Junior National Association of the Deaf**

814 Thayer Avenue  
Silver Spring, MD 20910-4500  
(301) 587-1788  
TTY (301) 587-1789  
FAX (301) 587-1791  
www.nad.org/openhouse/  
programs/jrnad.html  
nadyouth@nad.org

Develops and promotes citizenship, scholarship and leadership skills in students who are deaf and hard of hearing (grades 7-12) through chapter projects, national conventions, contests and other activities. NAD also sponsors a youth leadership camp program each summer in Oregon.

### **League for the Hard of Hearing**

50 Broadway 6th floor  
New York, NY 10004  
(917) 305-7700  
TTY (917) 305-7999  
FAX (917) 305-7888

The oldest hearing rehabilitation agency in the country. The mission is to improve the quality of life for people with all degrees of hearing loss. Offers comprehensive hearing rehabilitation and human service programs for infants, children, adults and their families regardless of age or mode of communication.

### **Media Access Group At WGBH**

125 Western Avenue  
Boston, MA 02134  
(617) 300-3600  
FAX: (617) 300-1020  
access.wgbh.org  
access@wgbh.org

A nonprofit service of WGBH Educational Foundation. The mission is to make all forms of media accessible to people who are deaf, hard of hearing, blind or visually impaired. At offices in Boston, Los Angeles, and New York, captions and video description for every segment of the television, video and film industry are produced.

### **National Asian Deaf Congress**

NADC-USA  
P.O. Box 17583  
San Diego, CA 92177  
www.nadc-usa.org

The organization advocates for Asian people who are deaf or hard of hearing, promotes issues of interest, recognizes achievements and works to empower them.

Also provides a network to facilitate communication, understanding and friendship in the deaf and hard of hearing community.

### **National Association Of School Psychologists**

4340 East West Highway,  
Suite 402  
Bethesda, MD 20814  
(301) 657-0270  
TTY (301) 657-4155  
FAX (301) 657-0275  
www.nasponline.org  
nasp@naspweb.org

NASP promotes educationally and psychologically healthy environments for all students through state-of-the-art research and training, advocacy, and ongoing program forums, where members can network, share resources, and support each other in providing school-based psychological services to students who are deaf or hard of hearing.

### **National Association Of The Deaf**

814 Thayer Avenue, Suite 250  
Silver Spring, MD 20910-4500  
(301) 587-1788  
TTY (301) 587-1789  
FAX (301) 587-1791  
www.nad.org  
nadinfo@nad.org

The nation's largest organization safeguarding the accessibility and civil rights of 28 million Americans who are deaf and hard of hearing in education, employment, health care, and

telecommunications. Focuses on grassroots advocacy and empowerment, captioned media, deafness-related information and publications, and legal assistance.

### **National Black Deaf Advocates**

P.O. Box 22846  
Rochester, NY 14692-2846  
www.nbda.org  
President@nbda.org

Promotes leadership, deaf awareness, and active participation in the political, educational, and economic processes that affect the lives of black citizens who are deaf. Programs include YES (Youth Employment Summit) for deaf youth. Currently has 28 chapters in the United States and the Virgin Islands.

### **National Captioning Institute**

1900 Gallows Road,  
Suite 3000  
Vienna, VA 22182  
(703) 917-7600  
FAX (703) 917-9878  
www.ncicap.org  
mail@ncicap.org

The world's largest provider of closed captioned television services for the broadcast, cable and home video industry.

### **National Catholic Office Of The Deaf**

7202 Buchanan Street  
Landover Hills, MD  
20784-2236  
(301) 577-1684  
TTY (301) 577-4184

FAX (301) 577-1690  
www.ncod.org  
NCOD@Erols.com

Assists in the coordination of the efforts of people and organizations involved in the church's ministry with people who are deaf and hard of hearing; serves as a resource center for information concerning spiritual needs and religious educational materials.

### **CPB/WGBH National Center For Accessible Media**

WGBH Educational Foundation  
125 Western Avenue  
Boston, MA 02134  
(617) 300-3400  
TTY (617) 300-2489  
FAX: (617) 300-1035t  
www.ncam.wgbh.org  
ncam@wgbh.org

The CPB/WGBH National Center for Accessible Media aims to increase access to public mass media (television, radio, print, movies, multimedia) for underserved consumers, such as people who are disabled or speakers of other languages. NCAM researches and develops media access technologies that make them more inclusive or expand their use.

### **National Cued Speech Association Deaf Children's Literacy Project**

Information Service/Bookstore  
23970 Hermitage Road  
Cleveland, OH 44122-4008  
(800) 459-3529

(216) 292-6213  
www.cuedspeech.org  
cuedspdisc@aol.com

NCSA and its affiliate centers and chapters champion effective communication, language acquisition, and literacy through the use of cued speech. Cued speech provides the appropriate phonemic language base for literacy.

### **National Deaf Education Network and Clearinghouse**

Gallaudet University  
800 Florida Avenue, NE  
Washington, D.C. 20002-3695  
(202) 651-5051  
FAX (202) 651-5054  
www.clerccenter.gallaudet.edu/clearinghouse/  
clearinghouse.infotogo@gallaudet.edu

Performs a number of functions related to information dissemination at the Gallaudet University Laurent Clerc National Deaf Education Center. Responds to inquiries about a diverse range of topics related to children who are deaf and hard of hearing, up to age 21.

### **National Dissemination Center For Children With Disabilities (NICHCY)**

P.O. Box 1492  
Washington, DC 20013-1492  
(800) 695-0285  
(202) 884-8200  
FAX (202) 884-8441  
www.nichcy.org  
nichcy@aed.org

NICHCY provides fact sheets, state resource sheets, and general information to assist parents, educators, caregivers, advocates, and others in helping children and youth with disabilities participate as fully as possible in their community.

### **National Fraternal Society of The Deaf**

1118 S. 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
(217) 789-7429  
TTY (217) 789-7438  
FAX (217) 789-7489  
www.NFSD.com  
thefrat@NFSD.com

Works in the area of life insurance and advocacy for people who are deaf. It has 60 divisions across the country.

### **National Information Clearinghouse On Children Who Are Deaf-Blind (DB-LINK)**

345 Monmouth Avenue  
Monmouth, OR 97361  
(800) 438-9376  
TTY (800) 854-7013  
FAX (503) 838-8150  
www.dblink.org  
dblink@tr.wou.edu

Collects, organizes, and disseminates information related to children and youth who are deaf-blind and connects consumers of deaf-blind information to sources of information about deaf blindness, assistive technology, deaf-blind communities, education, and all other areas related to deaf-blindness.

### **National Institute On Deafness And Other Communication Disorders Information Clearinghouse**

1 Communication Avenue  
Bethesda, MD 20892-3456  
(800) 241-1044  
TTY (800) 241-1055  
FAX (301) 770-8977  
www.nidcd.nih.gov  
nidcdinfo@nidcd.nih.gov

The NIDCD Information Clearinghouse is a national resource center for information about hearing, balance, smell, taste, voice, speech, and language. The clearinghouse serves health professionals, patients, industry, and the public.

### **The National Rehabilitation Information Center**

4200 Forbes Boulevard,  
Suite 202  
Lanham, MD 20706  
(301) 459-5900  
(800) 346-2742  
TTY (301) 459-5984  
FAX (301) 459-4263  
www.naric.com  
naricinfo@heitechservices.com

Provides information and referral services on disability and rehabilitation, including quick information and referral, database searches of the bibliographic database REHABDATA, and document delivery. NARIC also provides the NIDRR Program Directory.

### **National Technical Institute For The Deaf**

Rochester Institute of Technology  
52 Lomb Memorial Drive  
Rochester, NY 14623-5604  
(585) 475-6400  
FAX (585) 475-5623  
www.rit.edu/NTID

Provides students who are deaf and hard of hearing with state-of-the art technical and professional education programs, complemented by a strong arts and science curriculum.

### **The National Theatre of The Deaf**

139 North Main Street  
West Hartford, CT 06107  
(860) 236-4193  
FAX (860) 236-4163  
www.ntd.org  
Email/booking info:  
tour@ntd.org  
Email general info:  
info@ntd.org

Concentrates on artistic and theatrical professional development of actors who are deaf while touring in the United States and abroad. Also presents Little Theatre of the Deaf productions in schools, theaters, museums, and libraries. Sponsors a professional school.

### **Publications And Information Dissemination (Formerly National Deaf Education Network and Clearinghouse)**

Laurent Clerc National Deaf Education Center

Gallaudet University  
KDES PAS-6  
800 Florida Avenue, NE  
Washington, DC 20002-3695  
(202) 651-5051  
(202) 651-5340  
FAX: (202) 651-5708  
www.ClercCenter.Gallaudet.edu  
Clearinghouse.InfoToGo@  
Gallaudet.edu  
Products.ClercCenter.Gallaudet.edu

Performs a number of functions related to information dissemination at the Gallaudet University Laurent Clerc National Deaf Education Center. The Clearinghouse responds to inquiries about a diverse range of topics related to children who are deaf and hard of hearing, collaborates with authors from within the Gallaudet community and around the nation to design, produce, and disseminate books, videotapes, periodicals, and other information related to children who are deaf or hard of hearing, their families, and the professionals who serve them.

### **Rainbow Alliance of the Deaf**

RAD Secretary  
c/o Bob Donaldson  
309 Millside Drive  
Columbus, OH 43230  
www.rad.org  
president@rad.org

National organization serving gay, lesbian and bisexual people who are deaf or hard of hearing. The alliance assists in maintaining a society of deaf gays and lesbians to

encourage and promote the education, economics, and social welfare, and to foster fellowship, defend rights and advance social justice.

### **Registry Of Interpreters For The Deaf, Inc.**

333 Commerce Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314  
(703) 838-0030  
TTY (703) 838-0459  
FAX (703) 838-0454  
www.rid.org  
pr@rid.org

Organization for interpreters, interpreter service agencies, organizations serving people who are deaf and hard of hearing, and those individuals interested in interpreting issues; certifies interpreters, monitors required professional self-regulation and provides information on interpreting to the general public.

### **Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center (RERC) On Hearing Enhancement**

800 Florida Avenue, NE  
Washington, DC 20002-3695  
Voice/TTY/FAX: (202) 651-5335  
www.hearingresearch.org  
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Promotes and develops technological solutions to problems confronting individuals with hearing loss. Projects are categorized into several components that include hearing aids, hearing assistive technologies, and environmental factors. Also provides training in the

use of hearing assistance technology to hearing health professionals, consumers and other stakeholders.

### **The SEE Center For Advancement of Deaf Children**

P.O. Box 1181  
Los Alamitos, CA 90720  
(562) 430-1467  
FAX (562) 795-6614  
www.seecenter.org  
seecenter@seecenter.org

Information and referral for parents and educators of deafness-related topics and Signing Exact English (SEE). Provides evaluation of sign skills, workshops, and consulting services related to communication in general and SEE in particular.

### **Self Help For Hard Of Hearing People, Inc.**

7910 Woodmont Ave,  
Suite 1200  
Bethesda, MD 20814  
(301) 657-2248  
TTY (301) 657-2249  
FAX (301) 913-9413  
www.hearingloss.org  
info@hearingloss.org

Promotes awareness and information about hearing loss, communication, assistive devices, and alternative communication skills through publications, exhibits, and presentations.

**Telecommunications For The Deaf, Inc.**

8630 Fenton Street, Suite 604  
Silver Spring, MD 20910-3803  
(301) 589-3786  
TTY (301) 589-3006  
FAX (301) 589-3797  
www.tdi-online.org  
info@tdi-online.com

Consumer advocacy organization promoting equal access to telecommunications and media for people who are deaf, hard of hearing, late deafened or deaf-blind. Conducts consumer education and involvement, technical assistance and consulting.

**Tele-Consumer Hotline**

901 15<sup>th</sup> Street, NW Suite 230  
Washington, D.C. 20005  
(800) 347-7208  
FAX (202) 408-1134  
www.teleconsumer.org  
tch@teleconsumer.org

An independent education service providing information to help consumers better understand the broad array of communications products and services. The hotline topics include assistive technology for people with disabilities.

**Tripod**

1727 West Burbank  
Boulevard  
Burbank, CA 91506-1312  
(818) 972-2080  
FAX (818) 972-2090  
www.tripod.org  
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Facilitates and supports communication and education programs that empower children who are deaf or hard of hearing and their families through gathering and disseminating information, through fundraising, outreach, creative collaboration and family advocacy.

**USA Deaf Sports Federation**

102 North Krohn Place  
Sioux Falls, SD 57103-1800  
www.usadsf.org  
info@usadsf.org

Governing body for all deaf sports and recreation in the United States. Sponsors U.S. team to the World Games for the Deaf and other regional, national, and international competitions.

**Vestibular Disorders Association**

P.O. Box 13305  
Portland, OR 97213-0305  
(503) 229-7705  
(800) 837-8428  
FAX: (503) 229-8064  
www.vestibular.org  
veda@vestibular.org

Provides information and support for people with inner-ear vestibular disorders and develops awareness of the issues surrounding these disorders.

**World Recreation Association**

**Of The Deaf, Inc. /USA**  
P.O. Box 3211  
Quartz Hill, CA 93586  
TTY/FAX: (661) 943-8879  
PUBLICATION: WRAD  
www.wrad.org  
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Established to foster the development of innovation in recreational and cultural activities for people who are deaf and hard of hearing.