



Resources for Families of Children who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing

There are thousands of resources for parents of children who are deaf and hard of hearing. It's easy to feel overwhelmed by it all! We have tried to help sort through them to compile a listing of major national and statewide organizations for deaf and hard of hearing topics. These organizations provide information about books to read, materials to try, parents to meet, information to learn, and much more. We have not listed any specific materials in this section, as we strongly feel that the age of your child, the mode of communication chosen, the level of your child's hearing loss, and the child's other siblings are all factors that will affect which materials are helpful and relevant to you.

National Resources

- Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (A.G. Bell)
3417 Volta Place NW
Washington, D.C. 20007
(202) 337-5220 Voice
(202) 337-5221 TTY
(202) 337-8314 Fax
<http://www.agbell.org>
A membership organization and information center focusing specifically on children with hearing loss and the auditory approach. Provides newsletters, journals, and information relating to oral education and the use of technology. Financial aid programs available for children with hearing loss.
- American Academy of Audiology (AAA)
8300 Greensboro Dr. Suite
750
McLean, VA 22102
(800) AAA-2336 Toll-Free
(703) 790-8466 Voice
(703) 790-8631 Fax
<http://www.audiology.org>
A professional organization dedicated to providing quality-hearing care to the public. Offers professional development, education, research, and increased public awareness of hearing disorders and audiologic services.
- American Society for Deaf Children
P.O. Box 3355
Gettysburg, PA 17325
(717) 334-7922 Business
V/TTY
(717) 334-8808 Fax
(800) 942-ASDC Parent Hotline
<http://www.deafchildren.org>
E-mail: asdc@deafchildren.org
A nonprofit, parent organization that provides a positive attitude toward signing and deaf culture. It also provides current information, support and encouragement to parents and families with children who are deaf or hard of hearing. Publishes "Endeavor", a publication free to families for one year.

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA)

10801 Rockville Pike
Rockville, MD 20852
Helpline: (800) 638-8255
V/TTY
(301) 897-5700 TTY
(240) 333-4705 Fax
<http://www.asha.org>
E-mail: actioncenter@asha.org

ASHA is a national professional association for speech-language pathologists and audiologists. Provides information for professionals and consumers on topics of current interest.

Boys Town

Boystown National Research
Hosp
Center for Childhood Deafness
555 North 30th Street
Omaha, NE 68131
(402) 498-6521
<http://www.babyhearing.org>

Boys Town is a research center on hearing loss and related disorders. Provides educational materials for hard of hearing kids and their parents in an easy to access way.

Cochlear Implant Association, Inc.

5335 Wisconsin Ave. NW, Ste
440
Washington, D.C. 20015-2052
(202) 895-2781
(202) 895-2782 Fax
<http://www.cici.org>

Provides information and support to cochlear implant users and their families, and professionals.

Families for Hands and Voices

P.O. Box 371926
Denver, CO 80237
(303) 300-9763
(866) 422-0422 Toll Free
www.handsandvoices.org

Hands & Voices is a parent driven, non-profit organization dedicated to providing unbiased support to families with children who are deaf or hard of hearing. We provide support activities and information concerning deaf and hard of hearing issues to parents and professionals that may include outreach events, educational seminars, advocacy, lobbying efforts, parent to parent networking, and a newsletter. We strive to connect families with resources and information to make informed decisions around the issues of deafness or hearing loss.

Family Support Connection at Lifetrack Resources.

Lifetrack Resources
709 University Avenue West
St. Paul, MN 55104-4804
(866) DHOHKID (ie, 1-866-346-4543)
Toll-free
(651) 265-2379 TTY
Contact Persons:
Candace Lindow-Davies (651) 265-2435
CandaceD@lifetrackresources.org
Laura Iversen (651) 265-2372
LauraI@lifetrackresources.org

The Family Support Connection provides unbiased information, referral, and support to families of deaf or hard of hearing children living in Minnesota. Parents contacting the Family Support Connection can obtain information about a wide variety of topics such as American Sign Language, educational options, cued speech, parent deaf and hard of hearing children, cochlear implants, auditory training and assistive listening devices. Parents can obtain much information about these topics as well as an online copy of our resource directory by visiting <http://www.familysupportconnection.com>

Family Village

Deaf and Hard of Hearing Resources
UW-Madison Waisman Center
1500 Highland Avenue
Madison, WI 53705-2280
http://www.familyvillage.wisc.edu/lib_deaf.htm
E-mail: familyvillage@waisman.wisc.edu

A global community for disability related issues with a section on deaf and hard of hearing information.

Gallaudet University –Laurent Clerc National Deaf Education Center

National Deaf Education Network
and Clearinghouse
800 Florida Avenue, NE
Washington, D.C. 20002-3695
<http://clerccenter.gallaudet.edu/InfoToGo/501.html>

Call for a free Odessey newsletter: 1-800-526-9105. Galludet is the only four-year liberal arts university for students who are deaf or hard of hearing. Centralized source of information on topics dealing with deafness and hearing loss. Has helpful books and resources for parents of children who are deaf or hard of hearing.

John Tracy Clinic
806 West Adams Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90007
(213) 748-5481 Voice
(213) 749-1651 Fax
(213) 747-2924 TTY
(800) 522-4582 Toll Free
<http://www.jtc.org/index.htm>

Provides parent-centered services to families of children birth through five years who have diagnosed hearing losses. Offers free correspondence course helping you relate to your child who is deaf or hard of hearing.

National Association of the Deaf (NAD)

814 Thayer Avenue #302
Silver Spring, MD 20910-4500

(301) 587-1788 Voice

(301) 587-1789 TTY

(301) 587-1791 Fax

<http://www.nad.org>

E-mail: NADinfo@nad.org

Provides consumer advocacy information and support for the Deaf. Public information center, research library and bookstore are available.

National Information Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities (NICHCY)

P.O. Box 1492

Washington, D.C. 20013

(800) 695-0285 V/TTY

(202) 884-8200 V/TTY

(202) 884-8441 Fax

<http://www.nichcy.org>

Email: nichcy@aed.org

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

National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders

National Institutes of Health

31 Center Drive, MSC 2320

Bethesda, MD 20892-

2320

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

NIDCD is mandated to conduct and support biomedical and behavioral research and research training in the normal and disordered processes of hearing, balance, smell, taste, voice, speech, and language. The Institute also conducts and supports research and research training related to disease prevention and health promotion; addresses special biomedical and behavioral problems associated with people who have communication impairments or disorders; and supports efforts to create devices which substitute for lost and impaired sensory and communication function.

Self Help for Hard of Hearing People, Inc. (SHHH)

National Chapter

7910 Woodmont Ave. Suite

1200

Bethesda, MD 20814

(301) 657-2248 Voice

(301) 657-2249 TTY

(301) 913-9413 Fax

<http://www.shhh.org>

E-mail: National@shhh.org

Links to education/ children with hearing loss, organizations and other resources on the web.

Listserv for parents of heard of hearing kids

Listen Up Web Page

There are a number of different pieces of information, including a parent listserv, materials and programs to purchase about children exercising residual and speech skills, information resources, a special collection of books related to hearing impairment and fun places for kids. It can be found at <http://www.listen-up.org/>

State of Michigan Resources

ADVOCACY

Citizen's Alliance to Uphold Special Education (CAUSE)

2365 Woodlake Dr
Suite 100
Okemos, MI 48861

(800) 221-9105 (V/TTY)
(517) 347-2287 (V/TTY)
(517) 347-1004 (FAX)
info-cause@voyager.net (E-MAIL)
www.causeonline.org (WEB)

A parent training and information center that teaches parents about their rights and responsibilities and how to access the educational system to meet their children's needs; volunteer advocates; resource referrals. Funded under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

Deaf Options

220 Bagley-Suite 600
Detroit, MI 48226

(313) 961-8120
(313) 961-8118 (TTY)
(313) 961-9168 (FAX)
deafoptions@msn.com (E-MAIL)

Offers a program for deaf parents including parenting skills, workshops, field trips, support groups, home visits and coordination of health care and educational resources. Teen options, crisis intervention, employment/job coaching, substance abuse services and case management are also offered. Call for additional services.

Michigan Association for Deaf, Hearing, and Speech Services (MADHS)

2929 Covington Court
Suite 200
Lansing, MI 48912-4939

(800) YOUREAR (V/TTY)
(517) 487-0066 (V/TTY)
(517) 487-0202 (TTY)
(517) 487-2586 (FAX)

www.madhs.org (INTERNET)

MADHS is a statewide agency dedicated to improving the quality of life for deaf, hard of hearing and speech impaired individuals. The agency provides public education about deafness and hearing conservation through in-services, for schools, organizations and businesses. Also provides information, referral and advocacy regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act. Has assistive equipment for loan and distribution. Provides interpreter service referrals. Offers several programs for youth during the year; Leadership Training School; substance abuse programs, HIV-AIDS and summer therapies for children. MADHS is a comprehensive program that incorporates the latest research information and technology applications.

Michigan Commission on Disability Concerns

Division on Deaf and Hard of Hearing
320 N. Washington Square, #250
Lansing, MI 48913

(517) 334-8000 (V/TTY)
(877) 499-6232 (V/TTY)
(517) 334-6637 (FAX)
DODHH@michigan.gov (E-MAIL)
www.mcddc-dodhh.org (INTERNET)

Provides advocacy for deaf and hard of hearing persons through referrals to public or private agencies; assists employers and educational institutions in complying with state and federal laws; provides information about deafness and services for the Deaf, including TTY/Interpreter directory and assistive devices. Website provides calendar of events relevant for deaf and hard of hearing person.

Michigan Developmental Disabilities Council

Lewis Cass Building
Lansing, MI 48913

(517) 334-6123 (V)
(517) 334-7354 (TTY)
(517) 334-7353 (FAX)
Collinsve@state.mi.us (E-MAIL)
www.mdch.state.mi.us/sub/mentalhealth (UNDER SUBSTANCE ABUSE)

A group of citizens representing people with physical and/or mental disabilities, family members and professionals that conducts advocacy activities, works to facilitate support services, and organizes Regional Interagency Coordinating Committees to address community living, education and employment issues. Assists individuals and families with access to appropriate treatment, services and habilitation.

Michigan Protection and Advocacy Service

4095 Legacy Parkway
Suite 500
Lansing, MI 48911-4263

(800) 288-5923 (V/TTY)
(517) 487-1755 (V/TTY)
(517) 487-0827 (FAX)
molson@mpas.org (E-MAIL)
www.mpas.org (INTERNET)

Is an information and referral service that provides advocacy and legal services for people with developmental disabilities and/or mental health issues, in areas such as SSI, education and employment. Also offers special education parent advocacy training program.

National Black Deaf Advocates

State Chapter: Detroit Black Deaf Advocates Chapter #6
PO Box 32348
Detroit, MI 48233

(313) 527 6403 (V)
(313) 527-6403 (FAX)
info@Detroitbda6.org (E-MAIL)
www.nbda.org (WEB)
www.detroitbda6.org (INTERNET)

Promotes leadership, deaf awareness, and active participation in the political, educational, and economic processes that affect the lives of black deaf citizens. Currently there are 26 chapters in the United States and the Virgin Islands.

Telecommunications for the Deaf, Inc.

8630 Fenton Street, Suite 604
Silver Spring, MD 20910-3803

(301) 589-3786 (V)
(301) 589-3006 (TTY)
(301) 589-3797 (FAX)
Tdlexdir@aol.com (E-MAIL)
www.tdi-online.org (WEB)

A nonprofit consumer advocacy organization promoting full visual access to entertainment, information and telecommunications for people who are deaf, hard of hearing, deaf-blind, and speech impaired. Conducts consumer education and involvement, technical assistance and consulting, application of existing and emerging technologies, networking and collaborations, uniformity of standards, national policy development and advocacy.

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

Ameritech/ Michigan Relay Center

155 Henrietta, Floor 2
Birmingham, MI 48009

(800) 432-5413 (TOLLFREE TTY/V)
(248) 647-3827

Kenya Lowe
queenlowe@hotmail.com

Dial 711 for direct call to Relay Center
Provides relay services between TTY users and regular telephone services anywhere within the state. Local, zone or long distance calls are billed as if dialed directly. Person-to-person and collect calls cost more to place.

Michigan's Assistive Technology Resource (MATR)

1023 S. US-27
St. Johns, MI 48879-2423

(800) 274-7426
(517) 224-0333 (V/ TTY)
(517) 224-0330 (FAX)
matr@match.org (E-MAIL)
www.matr.org (WEB)

Provides information on "low" and "high" technology assistive devices for persons with physical or sensory disabilities. Includes a range of services for children with disabilities to enable maximum performance in academic settings and daily living.

DEAF-BLIND SERVICES

Michigan Commission for the Blind

Deaf-Blind Unit
Attn: Cindy Caldwell
201 North Washington
P. O. Box 30652
Lansing, MI 48909

(517) 335-7124 (V)
(517) 373-4025 (TTY)
(888) 864-1212 (TOLL FREE TTY)
(517) 335-5140 (FAX)
caldwellc@state.mi.us (E-MAIL)

A vocational rehabilitation agency that works with school systems to provide consultative services and transition from school to adult services beginning at age 14. The Deaf-Blind Unit serves deaf-blind individuals statewide.

DB Central

Central Michigan University
Suite 105
Mount Pleasant, MI 48859

(989) 774-2725 (VOICE & TTY)
(989) 758-0508 (VOICE & TTY)
(989) 774-2553 (FAX)
dbcen@cmich.edu (E-MAIL)
www.chsbs.cmich.edu/dbcentral (WEB)

Provides family support, educational support and a resource lending library to children from birth through twenty-five years of age who are suspected of having both a hearing AND a visual impairment. Students who are deaf-blind and have additional disabilities are also eligible for services

EARLY INTERVENTION

***Early On*® Michigan**

Michigan 4 C Association
2365 Woodlake Drive
Suite 140
Okemos, MI 48864

(800) 327-5966
(517) 381-0528
Bridge4kids.org

Offers a system of services involving the Michigan Departments of Education and Community Health and the Family Independence Agency. Early On provides services to infants and toddlers from birth to 36 months with developmental delay or conditions that could lead to delay including hearing loss.

Project Find

Michigan 4 C Association
2365 Woodlake Drive
Suite 140
Okemos, MI 48864
(800) 327-5966
(517)-381-0528
Bridge4kids.org

Is a statewide educational intervention system for children over age three years with any type of developmental delay. Provides information for parents and referrals to local coordinators in every Michigan county.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Center for Educational Networking

Eaton Intermediate School District
224 South Cochran
Charlotte, MI 48813

(800) 593-9146 or (517) 541-1318
(517) 541-1351 (FAX)
tbullock@eaton.k12.mi.us (E-MAIL)
www.michigansipsig.match.org (WEB)
www.mde.state.mi.us/off/sped/index.html (WEB)

Publishes outcome guide, assessment strategy and needs papers on hearing impairment. Also produces a directory of special education services in Michigan; disseminates materials that describe the process and programming for children in special education including revised special education rules and position statements.

**Holley Ear Institute
St. John Hospital and Medical Center**

22101 Moross Rd.
Detroit, MI 48236-2172

(313) 343-4046 (V)
(313) 343-4436 (AUDIO TTY)
(313) 343-8789 (TTY)
(313) 343-4111 (FAX)
stjohn.org (INTERNET)

A non-profit organization of volunteers committed to: educating local and hospital communities to the world of the deaf and hearing challenged in order to raise a consciousness of the handicaps they must face daily in a hearing world; developing a family center, research center and a community outreach program for the deaf and hearing impaired; and enhancing audiological services to the community within their own Audiology Department at St. Johns Medical Center. Holley Ear Institute sponsors summer educational and recreational programs at its Family Village facility located in the Irish Hills. Programs for hearing families with deaf children, deaf families with hearing children, deaf seniors, as well as special programs for persons who are deaf/blind, deaf with cerebral palsy, and deaf/autistic are available.

Michigan School for the Deaf and Blind

1667 Miller Road
Flint, MI 48503

(800) 622-6730 (V/ TTY)
(810) 257-1400 (V/ TTY)
(810) 238-1220 (FAX-DEAF)
(810) 257-0500 (FAX-VISION)
cnfv41a@prodigy.com (E-MAIL)
www.msdb.k12.mi.us
msdb_mail.state.mi.us

Specialized statewide school in Flint for children in preschool through 12th grade who are deaf or blind. Students can live on campus or commute from home daily. Services include academic and vocational programs, occupational and physical therapy, sports program, social work services, sign language classes, audiological services.

Public School Programs

Programs for children with hearing impairment are available in many local school districts. Contact your local school district to find the programs closest to you.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Community Service Clubs

Also check the listings under "Service Clubs" for other possible sources of financial support.

Children's Special Health Care Services Plan

Michigan Department of Community Health
P.O. Box 30734
Lansing, MI 48909

1-800-359-3722
(517) 335-8983 (V)
(517) 335-9224 (FAX)

Provides insurance coverage for children with hearing impairment who meet the criteria for joining the plan. Diagnostic evaluations, medical care and treatment, hearing aids, cochlear implants and this program can cover appropriate therapies. Also covers services related to over 2,500 medical diagnoses. Call for current information on eligibility and enrollment procedures.

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program

(800) 772-1213
www.ssa.gov

A federal needs-based benefit program for children with disabilities. Must meet certain disability criteria in order to receive benefits that include cash payments and Medicaid eligibility.

GENETIC SERVICES

Hereditary Disorders Program

Michigan Department of Community Health
3423 N. Martin L. King, Jr. Blvd.
Lansing, MI 48909

(517) 335-8887 (V)
(517) 335-9419 (FAX)
bachj@michigan.gov (E-MAIL)
www.mdch.state.mi.us/pha/bcfs/hdp/
(INTERNET)

Coordinates a statewide network of genetic diagnosis and counseling services. Families who have questions about whether their child's hearing loss is inherited or part of a genetic syndrome might benefit from genetic counseling. The genetics consultant can provide information about services available throughout the state.

HEARING DOGS

Paws with a Cause

4646 South Division
Wayland, MI 49348

(800) 253-PAWS (7297) (V/TTY)
(616) 877-PAWS (7297) (V/TTY)
(616) 877-0248 (FAX)
paws@ionline.com (E-MAIL)
www.pawswithacause.org (INTERNET)

Is a national, non-profit, community-based organization that identifies and develops ways to establish mutually beneficial working relationships between people with disabilities and dogs. They train hearing and service dogs. Must be at least 17 years of age to be considered for placement of a hearing dog.

INFORMATION AND REFERRALS

Deaf & Hearing Impaired Services, Inc.

25882 Orchard Road #L2
Farmington Hills, MI 48336

(248) 473-1888 (V)
(248) 473-1875 (TTY)
(248) 474-7938 (FAX)
deafsvcs@aol.com (E-MAIL)

A non-profit agency serving seven counties in southeast Michigan. Works with area groups to provide information and referrals, interpreting services, advocacy, support groups, assistive devices, sign language classes, social groups and trips, and newsletter. Targets senior citizen population but provides services to all ages.

INTERPRETER SERVICES

Michigan Association for Deaf, Hearing, and Speech Services (MADHS)

800-YOUREAR

See page 32 for complete information on MADHS

Michigan Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, Inc.

523 Emmons Blvd
Lincoln Park, MI 48146

(313) 386-8296
miridpres@aol.com

Promotes activities and policies to assure that interpreter services are available throughout Michigan. Provides training through workshops, lectures and meetings.

**Mott Community College
Interpreter Training Program**

1401 E. Court
Flint, MI 48503

(800) 649-3777 (RELAY)
(810) 762-0470 (V)
(810) 762-0272 (TTY)
(810) 232-9478 (FAX)
snaeyaert@email.mcc.edu (E-MAIL)

Trains adults to become interpreters for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Also provides interpreting referrals.

**Communication Access Center for
Deaf and Hard of Hearing**

1631 Miller Road
Flint, MI 48503

(810) 239-3112 (V/TTY)
(810) 239-1606 (FAX)
sshi1@juno.com (E-MAIL)
www.cacdhh.org (INTERNET)

A non-profit agency that provides interpreter services, sign language classes, TTY relay, mentorship, public education, information/ referral, and case management.

Also offers a residential program for developmentally disabled and mentally ill adults, and a senior citizen program for Genesee and Shiawassee counties.

PARENT NETWORKS AND SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS

Deaf Community Advocacy Network (Deaf CAN!)

2111 Orchard Lake Road
Suite 101
Sylvan Lake, MI 48320

(248) 332-3331 (V)
(248) 332-3323 (TTY)
(248) 332-7334 (FAX)
deafcan@prodigy.net (E-MAIL)
www.deafcan.org (WEB)

Provides a wide range of services to help bridge the gaps between the deaf and hearing worlds. Call Becky Calaman for information on "Families in Transition," a support program for families with deaf or hard of hearing children. Deaf CAN! also sponsors "Pathways for Parenting," a video program for deaf parents with hearing children; contact Michelle Graham for more information.

Deaf, Hearing, and Sign Language Center

19185 Wyoming
Detroit, MI 48221

(313) 341-1353 (V)
(313) 861-4669 (TTY)
(313) 341-4091 (FAX)
dhsc1@aol.com (E-MAIL)
www.dhsc.org (WEB)

Serves adults with hearing impairment and their families. Offers information groups and speech reading classes.

Family Information Exchange

The Arc Michigan
333 S. Washington Square, #200
Lansing, MI 48933

(800) 292-7851
(517) 487-0303 (FAX)

Provides information and referrals for families of children from birth through two years. Provides statewide communication network within the Early On system. Distributes a newsletter for families of children with disabilities for ages birth through two years.

Family Support Network

Michigan Department of Community Health
Cadillac Place
3056 W. Grand Blvd.
Suite 3-350
Detroit, MI 48202

(800) 359-3722 (V)
(313) 256-2605 (FAX)

Provides family support and advocacy through a system of parent consultants and local groups throughout Michigan. Can assist with: finding families who have children with the same medical concerns, enrollment into the **Children's Special Health Care Services Plan**, assurance of timely service provision, and navigating "the system."

Michigan Chapter

Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf

615 Griswold Street, Suite 1616
Detroit, MI 48226

(313) 961-7078 (V/TTY)- Sid Kraizman

(313) 331-2378 (V/TTY)-Mark Reeve

(313) 961-3832 (FAX)

www.agbell.org (INTERNET)

(National)

www.miagb.org (Michigan)

Provides services and resource information for those following the oral

approach to communication for individuals with hearing impairment/deafness. Opportunities for parents to share their concerns with one another are offered through meetings and conferences. Speech and language summer camp for oral deaf and hard of hearing children. Advocates for legislation to better serve hearing impaired persons.

Michigan Self-Help Clearinghouse

www.mpas.org (INTERNET)

Provides self-help and support group information for the state of Michigan. Helps people start new groups and problem-solve group issues.

Michigan Society for Deaf Children - Wayne County

19488 Westmoreland

Detroit, MI 48219

(313) 255-3918 (V/ TTY)

(313) 255-0133 (FAX)

Is an advocacy group for deaf and hard of hearing children and adults in Wayne County.

Bridges (held at)

Rockpoint Community Church

38100 Utica Road

Sterling Heights, MI

(810) 778-5454

Barbara Waldorf, Coordinator
Is a parent organized support group for families of children with special needs.

Parents of Hearing Impaired Students

c/o Shawnee Park Hearing Impaired

Program

2036 Chesaning SE

Grand Rapids, MI 49506

(616) 771-3070 (V/TTY)

(616) 771-3065 (FAX)

Serves families of student's ages 0-25 in the oral hearing-impaired program. Monthly meetings.

Self Help for Hard of Hearing People, Inc. (SHHH)

Liz Kobylak
1938 Canary Court
Troy, MI 48084

Kobylak@Mich.com
(248) 642-0358

SHHH is a non-profit consumer organization dedicated to the well-being of hard of hearing people of all ages and communication styles. Promotes education, advocacy, and self-help. Groups or chapters are located in Ann Arbor, Birmingham, Flint, Grand Rapids, Iron Mountain, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Lansing, Muskegon, Petoskey, and Traverse City. Contact the Michigan coordinator for specific information. The national office can be reached at (301) 913-9413.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Michigan Academy of Audiology

P.O. Box 6701
Lansing, MI 48826

Is a chapter of the national organization which supports the professional needs of state audiologists who provide diagnosis and treatment strategies for individuals with hearing impairment including hearing aids and therapies.

Michigan Speech and Hearing Association

790 W. Lake Lansing Road
Suite 500A
East Lansing, MI 48823

(517) 332-5691
(517) 332-5870 (FAX)
msha@ix.netcom.com (E-MAIL)

A professional organization which provides continuing education for member speech-language pathologists, audiologists, and educators of the hearing impaired. Has a subcommittee on education of the hearing impaired and maintains a resource library for professionals and families with hearing loss in the family.

Michigan Supervisors of Public School Programs for the Hearing Impaired

Macomb Intermediate School District

Attn: Dr. Lynn Fontainive

44001 Garfield

Clinton Township, MI 48038

(586) 228-3320 (V)

(586) 286-8040 (TTY)

(586) 263-6240 (FAX)

Lfontainive@misd.net

This is a professional organization of supervisors in local school districts who are responsible for providing education to children with hearing impairment.

Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, Inc.

333 Commerce Street

Alexandria, VA 22314

(703) 838-0030 (V)

(703) 838-0459 (TTY)

(703) 838-0454 (FAX)

A professional organization that certifies interpreters provides information on interpreting to the general public, publishes a national directory of certified interpreters, and makes referrals to interpreter agencies.

SERVICE CLUBS

Service Clubs are community groups such as the Elks, QUOTA clubs, Zonta and Rotary sometimes help provide support for children and families. Contact your local branch to inquire whether any assistance is available for your child's specific needs.

Lions of Michigan

State Office

5730 Executive Drive

Lansing, MI 48911

(517) 887-6640

(517) 887-6642 (FAX)

www.lionsofmi.com (WEB)

lions@acd.net (E-MAIL)

This is a service organization with local clubs throughout the state. May provide financial support, transportation and other community services. Contact state office to find a community representative in your area.

Michigan State Grange

Deaf Activities Committee
c/o Beulah Winter
15150 A Drive N.
Marshall, MI 49068

(616) 781-2500

-or-

**Michigan State Grange
Headquarters**

1730 Chamberlin
Haslett, MI 48840

(517) 339-2171 (V/TTY)
msgrange@voyager.net (E-MAIL)

A service group made up of agricultural representatives from around the state. Provides educational materials and support to individuals in the community related to noise induced hearing loss. Programs geared to 4th, 5th and 6th graders.

SPEECH/LANGUAGE THERAPY

Easter Seal Society of Michigan, Inc.

4065 Saladin Drive, SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49546

(800) 292-2729 (v)
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