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



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

## **Vision**

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

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

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

### **Virginia Relay Customer Care**

Office: (866) 894-4116

TTY: (866) 246-9300

Fax: (402) 694-5110

### **About Virginia Relay**

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

Website: [www.facebook.com/VirginiaRelay](https://www.facebook.com/VirginiaRelay)

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## VDDHH PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

### **Virginia Relay**

- A free public service, Virginia Relay enables people who are deaf, hard of hearing, deafblind, or speech disabled 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)**

- The 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

### **Interpreting Services Program (ISP)**

- Maintains a Directory of Qualified Interpreters
- Coordinates sign language interpreter and CART services for state agencies and Virginia courts
- 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**

- 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 and provides referrals on various topics related to hearing loss
- 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

### **Civic Access**

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Charlottesville, Virginia 22902

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

Specializing in communication access, education & advocacy

### **Deaf Grassroots Movement**

Website: <http://dgmvirginia2014.wixsite.com/dgmvirginia>

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

### **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; providing information or 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)

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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

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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

TTY Toll Free: (800) 464-9950

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

(Con't) 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.

**Regional Technology Assistance Program (TAP)**

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

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

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

**William Hess**

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**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.

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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.

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

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

**Debbie Jones**

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

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Fairfax, Virginia 22030

Office: (703) 352-9055

Videophone: (571) 350-8656

Email: [djones@nvrc.org](mailto:djones@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:** Appomattox, Prince Edward, Campbell, Charlotte, Lunenburg, Pittsylvania, Halifax, Mecklenburg, Danville, and all independent cities/towns within these counties.

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**Region Six:** Albemarle, Fluvanna, Buckingham, Cumberland, Charlottesville and all independent cities/towns within these counties

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**Region Seven:** Louisa, Hanover, New Kent, Goochland, Henrico, Richmond, 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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**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

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## COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

**Coastal Virginia Resource Center for the Deaf (CVRCD)**

Email: [CVRCDDeaf@gmail.com](mailto:CVRCDDeaf@gmail.com)

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

A social group serving the Tidewater region of Virginia

**Deaf and Hard of Hearing Service Center (DHHSC)**

Betti Thompson, Executive Director

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Roanoke, Virginia 24018

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Website: <http://www.deafhh.net/wp>

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.

**Greater Shenandoah Valley Club of the Deaf**

Wayne Dietz

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)**

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Fairfax, Virginia 22030

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Videophone: (571) 350-8656

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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.

**Resources for Independent Living (RIL)**

Kerry Byrne, Deaf/HOH Program Coordinator

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Website: [www.ril-va.org](http://www.ril-va.org)

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

**Greater Richmond Deaf Club (GRDC)**

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.

### **Regional VAD Chapters:**

#### **Blue Ridge Chapter of Virginia Association of the Deaf**

Website: <http://www.vad.org/BlueRidge.html#Blue>

#### **Northern Virginia Association of the Deaf**

Website: [www.vad.org/nvad.html](http://www.vad.org/nvad.html)

#### **Greater Richmond Chapter of the Deaf**

Website: [www.vad.org/richmond.html#Greater Richmond Chapter of the Deaf](http://www.vad.org/richmond.html#Greater%20Richmond%20Chapter%20of%20the%20Deaf)

#### **Skyline Chapter of the Deaf**

Website: [www.vad.org/skyline.html#Skyline Chapter of the Deaf](http://www.vad.org/skyline.html#Skyline%20Chapter%20of%20the%20Deaf)

## **DEAFBLIND SERVICES**

### **Helen Keller National Center (HKNC), Region 3**

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

HKNC provides information about the 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, the National Deaf-Blind Equipment Distribution Program, and more.

**Virginia Association of the DeafBlind (VADB)**

12506 Trammell Ct.

Ashland, Virginia 23005

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

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

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

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Website: [www.dbvi.org/deafblind.htm](http://www.dbvi.org/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**

Julie Durando, Ed.D., Project Director

Virginia Project for Children and Young Adults with Deaf-Blindness

Partnership for People with Disabilities

Virginia Commonwealth University

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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.

## EDUCATION K-12

### **Virginia Department of Education (DOE)**

Wanda Council, Ed.S.

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

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[http://www.doe.virginia.gov/special\\_ed/disabilities/sensory\\_disabilities/hearing\\_impairment](http://www.doe.virginia.gov/special_ed/disabilities/sensory_disabilities/hearing_impairment)

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

### **Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind**

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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)**

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DARS helps 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.

### **Pre-Employment & Transition Services (Pre-ETS)**

Traci Branch

Statewide Pre-ETS Consultant – Deaf Services

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Richmond, Virginia 23229

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Pre-ETS offers students with disabilities an early start at career exploration and preparation for adult life. Beginning at age 14, students with disabilities can connect with DARS for Pre-ETS to gain knowledge regarding: career exploration; work-based learning experiences; exploration of education and training programs for after high school; workplace readiness training to develop social and independent living skills; and self-advocacy.

### **DARS Regional Rehabilitation Counselors for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing:**

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

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

**Monica Kelly**

8 Radford Street Suite 102-B

Christiansburg, Virginia 24073

Videophone: (276) 451-2788

Text: (276) 582-0978

Email: [Monica.Kelly@dars.virginia.gov](mailto:Monica.Kelly@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

**Sheri Shimada**

303 Butler Farm Road, Suite 105

Hampton, Virginia 23666

Office: (757) 865-4863

Videophone: (757) 506-0035

Email: [Sheri.Shimada@dars.virginia.gov](mailto:Sheri.Shimada@dars.virginia.gov)

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

Counties - Essex, Gloucester, Isle of Wright, James City, King & Queen, Richmond County, Surry, Westmoreland, York

**Hired Hands and Associates**

15221 Carrollton Boulevard

Carrollton, Virginia 23314

Office: (757) 238-9400

Fax: (757) 942-8985

Email: [Aburns@Hired-Hands.org](mailto:Aburns@Hired-Hands.org)

Email: [vgreatwood@hired-hands.org](mailto:vgreatwood@hired-hands.org)

Website: <https://www.hired-hands.org/>

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

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) 429-0280

Email: [general@thebelldavis.com](mailto:general@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

**Wilson Workforce and Rehabilitation Center (WWRC)**

243 Woodrow Wilson Avenue

Fishersville, Virginia 22939

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

TTY: (800) 811-7893

FAX: (540) 332-7132

Email: [WWRCInfo@wwrc.virginia.gov](mailto:WWRCInfo@wwrc.virginia.gov)

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

Provides people with disabilities comprehensive services to realize personal independence through employment

## 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/closed captioning as well as audio description

**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

4400 University Drive, MS 2F5

Fairfax, Virginia 22030-4444

Office: (703) 993-8881

Email: [cfatix@gmu.edu](mailto:cfatix@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.

## HEARING AID ASSISTANCE

### **Assistive Technology Loan Fund Authority (ATLFA)**

1602 Rolling Hills Drive, Suite 107

Richmond, Virginia 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

Office: (804) 774-8311

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.

### **The Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment Fund, Inc. (The HIKE Fund)**

Office: (712) 325-0812

Email: [awards@thehikefund.org](mailto:awards@thehikefund.org)

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

The HIKE Fund, a project from Job's Daughters International, provides funding assistance for low cost hearing aids for young people age newborns to age 20. Funding assistance for other technology may also be available, including for FM Systems, closed Caption converters, tactile Units, alerting systems, and specialized sports equipment.

### **Virginia Department of Health Hearing Aid Loan Bank**

Blue Ridge Care Connection for Children

Sandra Woodward, Program Director

2205 Fontaine Ave., Suite 201

Charlottesville, Virginia 22903

Office: (434) 924-0222

Email: [Spw5w@virginia.edu](mailto:Spw5w@virginia.edu)

Website: [www.vdh.virginia.gov/early-hearing-detection-and-intervention/virginia-hearing-aid-loan-bank/](http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/early-hearing-detection-and-intervention/virginia-hearing-aid-loan-bank/)

Open to children under age 18 whose hearing loss is confirmed by an audiologist, the bank lends hearing aids and FM systems for up to six months. The initial loan period can be extended for an additional three months in certain circumstances. Families must be residents of Virginia and be in the process of securing permanent hearing aids through insurance or other means.

### **Virginia Lions Hearing Aid Bank Foundation**

Mike McLaughlin, District Chair

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

11260 Roger Bacon Drive, Suite 300

Reston, Virginia 20190

Office: (703) 471-6150, Ext. 2204

Direct: (571) 353-2002

Email: [mmclaughlin@fc-alions.org](mailto:mmclaughlin@fc-alions.org)

Website: <https://www.lions24l.org/HearingPrograms>

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

3951 Pender Drive, Suite 130

Fairfax, Virginia 22030

Office: (703) 352-9055

Videophone: (571) 350-8656

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**

Kevin Mowen

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**

Diann Drew

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

*Don Doherty*

Office: (757) 535-9364

Email: [dondoherty46@gmail.com](mailto:dondoherty46@gmail.com)

*Jane Popkin*

Office: (757) 650-1658



Email: [janedpop@gmail.com](mailto:janedpop@gmail.com)

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**

### **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: [bisCOORD@bisworlds.com](mailto:bisCOORD@bisworlds.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**

205 2nd St SW

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

Videophone: (571) 252-5387

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 sign language interpreting services in the MD, Virginia, West Virginia and District of Columbia areas and Video Remote Interpreting (VRI) services to the world.

### **KW Metropolitan Sign Language Interpreting Services, LLC**

2100 Bremon Road, Suite 102

Richmond, Virginia 23230

Office: (804) 516-3823 (voice/text)

Fax: (804) 560-9108

Email: [kwmetro.slis@gmail.com](mailto:kwmetro.slis@gmail.com)

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

Provides a host of interpreting services to the deaf/hard of hearing community and hearing customers in Virginia and the Mid-Atlantic region

### **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

### **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)

Purple Communications provides sign language interpreting on site, video remote interpreting, VRS, and CART services.

**Sign Language Professionals, Inc. (SLP)**

42 Broad Street Road, Suite 219

Manakin Sabot, Virginia 23103

Office: (844) 740-7279

Email: [office@signlanguageprofessionals.com](mailto:office@signlanguageprofessionals.com)

Website: <http://signlanguageprofessionals.com>

SLP offers sign language interpreting, cued speech transliteration and real-time captioning 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/>

Sorenson 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.

## MENTAL HEALTH

**Aligned Clinical & Educational Services, PLC**

Crozet Office: 325 Four Leaf Lane, Suite 12, Charlottesville, VA 22903

Midlothian Office: 4920 E. Millridge Parkway, Suite 206, Midlothian, VA 23112

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 28, Crozet, VA 22932

Office: (434) 466-1588 (Voice/Text)

Videophone: (434) 326-1496

Fax: (434) 823-1174

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, Coordinator**

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.

**Paula Markham, PsyD**

Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board

200 Medical Drive, Suite B

Hampton, Virginia 23666

Office: (757) 788-0261

TTY: (757) 245-3089

Fax: (757) 245-5015

Email: [pmarkham@hnnscsb.org](mailto:pmarkham@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

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.

**Kathy McIndoe, LPC**

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: [Kathy.Mcindoe@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Kathy.Mcindoe@fairfaxcounty.gov)

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

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

**Natalie Smith, PsyD**

7019 Backlick Ct.

Springfield, Virginia 22151

Office: (703) 731-4581

Fax: (703) 562-8396

Email: [drnatalies@gmail.com](mailto:drnatalies@gmail.com)

Website: <http://drnataliesmith.com>

Licensed clinical psychologist who is hard of hearing and fluent in American Sign Language focusing on mind, body, and soul

**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.

## PARENT RESOURCES

**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://centerforfamilyinvolvement.vcu.edu/>

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.

### **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: <http://infantva.org/>

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

### **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.

### **Parent Child Advocacy (PCA) Program**

1503 Santa Rosa Road, Suite 211

Richmond, Virginia 23229

Office: (804) 282-1943

TTY: (804) 282-1944

Email: [pcaprogram@gmail.com](mailto:pcaprogram@gmail.com)

Website: <http://www.challengediscoveryprojects.org/parent-child-advocate-program>

PCA addresses the multiple needs of families with children who are deaf or hard of hearing by offering sign language skill development, providing psychosocial education and facilitating access to community resources.

### **Virginia's Children First**

ReBecca Bennett

disAbility Resource Center

409 Progress Street

Fredericksburg, Virginia 22401

Email: [rbennett@cildrc.org](mailto:rbennett@cildrc.org) or [VAChildrenFirst@gmail.com](mailto:VAChildrenFirst@gmail.com)

Office: (540) 373-2559

Videophone: (540) 645-5378

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.

### **Virginia Early Hearing Detection and Intervention**

Office: (804) 864-7713

Toll Free: (866) 493-1090

Email: [hearing@vdh.virginia.gov](mailto:hearing@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 and 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>

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

### **Virginia Hearing Journey**

Shady Grove United Methodist Church

8209 Shady Grove Road

Mechanicsville, Virginia 23111

Email: [VaHearingJourney@gmail.com](mailto:VaHearingJourney@gmail.com)

Website: [www.facebook.com/pg/VaHearingJourney/about/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/pg/VaHearingJourney/about/?ref=page_internal)

Family networking group for families with children with hearing loss. All ages and modes of communication are welcome.



**Virginia Network of Consultants for Professionals Working with Children who are Deaf & Hard of Hearing (VNOC), Technical Assistance Center for Children Who are Deaf & Hard of Hearing**

700 E. Franklin Street, Suite 140

P.O. Box 843020

Richmond, Virginia 23284

Office: (804) 828-1342

Website: <https://partnership.vcu.edu/programs/education/virginia-network-of-consultants>

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

Provides training and technical assistance in the area of deafness and hearing impairment to public school systems and state-operated programs, through the Virginia Network of Consultants for Professionals Working with Children Who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing (VNOC)

## **SIGN LANGUAGE 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

100 VHCC Drive

Abingdon, Virginia 24210

Office: (276) 739-2438

Website: <http://www.vhcc.edu/current-students/academic-resources/class-schedules/take-10>

### **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: <http://www.nvcc.edu/annandale/lass/asl.html>

### **Charlottesville**

University of Virginia

P.O. Box 400808

258 New Cabell Hall

Charlottesville, Virginia 22904-4808

Office: (434) 924-6691  
Videophone: (434) 566-0213  
Fax: (434) 924-1478  
Website: <http://asl.virginia.edu/asl-program>

### **Danville**

Danville Community College  
1008 S. Main Street  
Danville, Virginia 24541  
Office: (434) 797-2222  
Website: <http://www.dcc.vccs.edu/Departments/A&S/Academics/ASL.htm>

### **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: <http://www.germanna.edu/pathways/public-service/american-sign-language-csc/>

### **Lynchburg**

Liberty University  
1971 University Blvd  
Lynchburg, Virginia 24515  
Office: (434) 592-5888  
Email: [ndthorn@liberty.edu](mailto:ndthorn@liberty.edu)  
Website: <http://www.liberty.edu/academics/arts-sciences/modernlanguages/index.cfm?PID=28195>

**Central Virginia Community College**

3506 Wards Road

Lynchburg, Virginia 24502-2498

HSS Office

Phone: (434) 832-7657

Email: [hss@centralvirginia.edu](mailto:hss@centralvirginia.edu)

Website: <https://centralvirginia.edu/Class-Schedule/Courses/American-Sign-Language>

**Martinsville**

Patrick Henry Community College

645 Patriot Avenue

Martinsville, Virginia 24112

Office: (276) 638-8777

Website: <https://m.sis.vccs.edu/?institution=PH285>

**Norfolk**

Old Dominion University

1004 Rollins Hall

Norfolk, Virginia 23529

Office: (757) 683-3685

Website: <http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/dardencollegeofeducation/communicationdisordersspecialeducation/>

**Tidewater Community College**

Green District Administration Building

121 College Place

Norfolk, Virginia 23510

Office: (757) 822-1122

Website: <https://m.sis.vccs.edu/?institution=TC295>

**Radford**

Radford University

801 East Main St.

Radford, Virginia 24142

Office: (540) 831-5549

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: [www.reynolds.edu/onlinecatalog/current/academic-programs/degrees-career-studies/american sign languagecsc 640-01.aspx](http://www.reynolds.edu/onlinecatalog/current/academic-programs/degrees-career-studies/american_sign_languagecsc_640-01.aspx)

### **Roanoke**

Virginia Western Community College

3094 Colonial Avenue SW

Roanoke, Virginia 24015

Office: (540) 857-8922

Website: <https://www.viriniawestern.edu/classes/>

### **Virginia Beach**

Adult Learning Center

5100 Cleveland Street

Virginia Beach, Virginia

Office: (757) 648-6050

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

### **Warrenton**

Lord Fairfax Community College

Warrenton Campus

6480 College Street

Warrenton, Virginia 20187-8820

Office: (540) 351-1505

Website: <https://lfcc.edu/degree/american-sign-language/>

### **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. 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/?page\\_id=64](http://charlottesvilleirc.org/?page_id=64)

### **Fairfax**

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

3951 Pender Drive, Suite 130

Fairfax, Virginia 22030

Office: (703) 352-9055

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

### **Fishersville (Augusta County)**

Fishersville Main Library

1759 Jefferson Highway

Fishersville, Virginia 22939

Office: (540) 885-3961

Check library calendar of events for current availability of classes

Website: <http://www.augustacountylibrary.org/classes-events>

### **Fredericksburg**

disAbility Resource Center

409 Progress Street

Fredericksburg, Virginia 22401

Office: (540) 373-2559

CAPTEL/TTY (540) 373-5890

Videophone: (540) 645-5378

Website: <http://www.cildrc.org/services-for-people-with-disabilities>

### **Harrisonburg**

Harrisonburg Park and Recreation City Hall

409 South Main Street

Harrisonburg, Virginia 22801

Office: (540) 432-7701

ASL Courses periodically available; consult the current activity guide available at

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: <http://whbcnow.org/sign-classes/>

### **Portsmouth/Hampton Roads**

Day 2 Day ASL

Office: (757) 968-2121

Website: <https://day2dayasl.com/classes/>

### **Richmond**

*ASL Champs*

The Mill house

7812 Shrader Lane

Richmond, Virginia 23294

Email: [burtonx479@gmail.com](mailto:burtonx479@gmail.com)

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

### ***Parent Child Advocate (PCA) Program***

1503 Santa Rosa Road, Suite 211

Richmond, Virginia 23229

Office: (804) 282-1943

TTY: (804) 282-1944

Email address: [PCAPROGRAM@gmail.com](mailto:PCAPROGRAM@gmail.com)

Website: <http://www.challengediscoveryprojects.org/parent-child-advoate-program>

The PCA Program conducts monthly meetings for parents with children who are deaf or hard of hearing to come together for a time of family learning, food, and fun! Parents learn sign language communication skills while their children have social time and English language development games. PCA "Sign with Your Child" videos can be found at

<http://www.youtube.com/user/PCAprogram>

### **Staunton**

The Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind

Dr. Debbie Pfeiffer, Outreach Director

Office: (540) 414-5249

Email: [Debbie.Pfeiffer@vsdb.k12.va.us](mailto:Debbie.Pfeiffer@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. Our 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.

## **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.bhcamps.org/>

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

### **Camp Loud and Clear**

Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center

1267 4-H Camp Road

Appomattox, Virginia 24522

*Jennifer Bowen*

Office: (434) 738-6191 ext. 4371

Email: [jebowen1@vt.edu](mailto:jebowen1@vt.edu)

*Jennifer Kingsley*

Office: (434) 391-3679

Email: [jkkingsley@hotmail.com](mailto:jkkingsley@hotmail.com)

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

Office: (540) 370-4453

Videophone: (540) 645-5029

Fax: (540) 370-4453

Email: [signsoffuncamp@gmail.com](mailto:signsoffuncamp@gmail.com)

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.

### **Brethren Woods Camp and Retreat Center**

4896 Armentrout Path

Keezletown, Virginia 22832

Office/Fax: (540) 269-2741

E-mail: [camp@brethrenwoods.org](mailto:camp@brethrenwoods.org)

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

In partnership with "Camping for All", Brethren Woods offers a one-week program for deaf, hard of hearing, and hearing campers and staff to participate in camp together. Campers will enjoy the regular Junior (3rd-5th grade) or Jr. High (6th-8th grade) camp activities in addition to learning and sharing about Deaf Culture and American Sign Language.

### **Deaf Science Camp**

Jefferson Laboratory

628 Hofstadter Rd

Newport News, Virginia 23606

Email: [deafsciencecamp@gmail.com](mailto:deafsciencecamp@gmail.com)

Website: <https://education.jlab.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

### **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 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.

### **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.