## **Advocacy**

NCDHH team members are available at no cost to provide training and education to businesses, government agencies, and others on ways to improve the lives of people who are Deaf, DeafBlind or Hard of Hearing Some common issues are:

- Effective Communication
- Employment
- Education
- Access to Information & Resources
- Medical & Behavioral Health

## **Equipment & NSTEP**

Telecommunication and assistive listening devices are available for short-term loans to individuals, businesses and organizations at no cost. These include: amplified telephones, caption telephones, TTY/TTDs (telecommunication devices for the deaf) and personal assistive listening devices.

The Nebraska Specialized
Telecommunications Equipment
Program (NSTEP) is funded by the
Public Service Commission (PSC).
Through this program, qualified Deaf,
Hard of Hearing, DeafBlind or Speech
Disabled residents of Nebraska can
apply to select and receive specialized
telephone equipment at no cost.
Contact your local NCDHH office for
more information.

## **Hearing Aid Banks**

NCDHH coordinates, processes and approves applications for refurbished hearing aids in accordance with guidelines established by the Lions and Sertoma Clubs Hearing Aid Banks. Contact your local NCDHH office for more information about this program.







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## Services

Serving Nebraskans since 1979

Lincoln - Omaha
North Platte - Kearney - Scottsbluff

## **Mission**

We advocate to create opportunities by raising awareness through collaboration

Vision
Access For All

The State of Nebraska established the Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (NCDHH) in 1979. At NCDHH, our mission is to be a proactive state agency, work toward building support, cooperation, and understanding regardless of hearing ability resulting in fairness and equality for all Nebraskans.

## **Information**

NCDHH is Nebraska's resource for information on deafness and hearing issues. Establishing connections statewide with private businesses, hospitals, clinics, and educators can ensure that you have effective access to appropriate services and resources

- Call or visit any of our offices in your area
- Visit our website at: www.ncdhh.nebraska.gov
- Subscribe to our newsletter, The Communicator

# Follow us on Facebook & Twitter!



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# Presentations & Training

NCDHH offers presentations and training at no cost for businesses, schools, and service groups. Topics may include but are not limited to:

- Deaf Culture
- Technology
- Behavioral Health
- Education & IEPs
- Emergency Preparedness
- ADA or Interpreter Issues
- Noise Awareness
- Many more request a topic!

## **Behavioral Health**

NCDHH Behavioral Health services assists consumers, providers and the general public in promoting and advocating for accessible mental health, substance abuse, and domestic violence/sexual assault services for people who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing in Nebraska.

## **Education Advocate**

The Commission has an Education Advocate on staff to provide assistance and support to students and families who are experiencing educational and/or vocational needs in the school setting. Our Education Advocate focuses on advocating to ensure every student who is deaf or hard of hearing has access to effective communication and equal opportunities to learn.

# Interpreter Resources & Licensing

NCDHH regulates the licensing of sign language interpreters and VRI businesses. Nebraska state law requires any person or entity who practices, offers to practice, or attempts to practice as an interpreter for the Deaf or Hard of Hearing for compensation or as a Video Remote Interpreting (VRI) provider to hold a license.

### Services available are:

- Online resources to locate a licensed sign language interpreter can be found on our website
- Licensing applications and information

## **Media Center**

Nebraska residents may check out a variety of resources from our lending library. Materials include books and DVDs covering a range of topics including Deaf culture, hearing issues, and sign language. A list of available materials can be found on our website.