Advocacy

Trained NCDHH team members are available to assist in educating businesses, government agencies, and other groups on ways to improve the lives of people who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing. **Common issues are:**

- Communication
- Americans with Disabilities Act
- Employment
- Access to entertainment, information, and social resources
- Emergency planning
- Hearing aid affordability
- Family support

Equipment

Short term loans of telecommunications and assistive hearing devices are available through programs for individuals, businesses and organizations. Equipment available for loan at no cost includes: Amplified telephones, TTYs (teletypewriters), mobile phones, captioned telephones and Personal Listening Devices.

> One of the most popular programs is the Nebraska Specialized Telecommunications Equipment Program (NSTEP) funded by the Public Service Commission. Through this program, a Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Deaf-Blind, or Speech Disabled Nebraskan can apply to select and receive specialized telephone equipment at not cost to them. Contact your local NCDHH office today for an application.

Hearing Aid Banks

NCDHH coordinates hearing aid bank referrals and processes the applications in accordance with guidelines established by the Lions and Sertoma Clubs. NCDHH approves applications, informs applicants of the necessary testing and fitting procedures, and assists the applicants in the overall process.





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Services

Serving Nebraskans since 1979 Lincoln - Omaha - North Platte Kearney - Scottsbluff

Scottsbluff 505A Broadway Suite 700 Scottsbluff, NE 69361

North Platte 200 South Silber Room 35 North Platte, NE 69101 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.

Public Presentations

NCDHH offers community education programs for businesses, schools, and service groups. Topics may include:

- Interpreter or ADA
 issues
 - Noise Awareness
 Domestic Violence/
 - Technology
- Mental Health
- Sexual Assault Request a topic

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Information

NCDHH is Nebraska's source for information on deafness and hearing issues. Establishing connections with private businesses, hospitals, clinics, and leading educators statewide will ensure you have quicker access to appropriate services and resources.

- Visit any of our offices state-wide
- Call a NCDHH representative near you
- Research online at: www.ncdhh.nebraska.gov
- Subscribe to our newsletter, The Communicator
- Follow us on Facebook!

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Behavioral Health

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

Training

Instruction for conversational sign language is available to state agencies who employ or work with people who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing. For more information contact us at 402-471-3593.

Media Center

Nebraska residents can check out books, DVDs, and videos covering hearing issues and instructional training for sign language. Our Media Center is located in our Lincoln office. You may also find a listing of our materials on our website: www.ncdhh.nebraska.gov

Interpreter Licensing & Referral

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 provider hold a license in the State of Nebraska. Services available are:

- Sign language interpreter licensing
- Online resources on how to locate a licensed sign language interpreter can be found on our web site at: www.ncdhh.nebraska.gov/find-aninterpreter

NCDHH regulates interpreters in Nebraska. We also coordinate with the nationally recognized association Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID) to develop interpreters' skills.



