

COMMUNITY ADVOCACY

NCDHH equips individuals with the tools and knowledge to confidently navigate daily life. We work to eliminate barriers and ensure full access to communication, opportunity, and autonomy.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

NCDHH educates service providers, employers, and the public to build equitable, accessible spaces where Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard of Hearing people can fully participate and contribute.

EDUCATION, YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES

NCDHH works with students, families, and educators to ensure Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard of Hearing youth have access to communication and learning environments that reflect their language and cultural needs. Our team provides consultation and systems-level advocacy across K-12 and postsecondary settings.

We also coordinate with youth programs and service systems to support family engagement, build self-determination, and expand opportunities that reflect the lived experiences of Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard of Hearing Nebraskans.

NSTEP / EQUIPMENT

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

NCDHH provides education on available telecommunication and assistive listening devices—such as amplified phones, captioning devices, and personal listening systems—and helps connect individuals to the resources that best fit their needs.

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SERVICES

NEBRASKA
Good Life. Great People.

ABOUT NCDHH

The Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (NCDHH) was established in 1979. At NCDHH, our mission is to educate and engage Nebraskans by advancing equity, influencing policy, and ensuring communication access across information, services, and systems is built with and for the community.

*Our Vision is Simple:
Access is a foundation
in every part of life.*

NCDHH is a state agency committed to advancing equity through education and community engagement. We provide culturally and linguistically responsive resources, advocate for communication access across state-wide systems, and uphold standards that reflect the lived experiences of Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard of Hearing Nebraskans. Equitable access is not a service—it's a right. Together, we shape systems built with and for the community.

PRESENTATIONS & TRAINING

- Deaf Culture
- Technology
- Behavioral Health
- Youth Advocacy
- Education and IEPs
- ADA & Communication Access
- Noise Awareness ...and more!

HEARING AID BANKS

The Nebraska Hearing Aid Bank (HAB), located at Barkley Memorial Center, connects eligible Nebraskans with refurbished hearing aids through three statewide programs (HearU, Lions, Sertoma).

- Children (0–18) may qualify through HearU Nebraska.
- Adults ages 19–64 may qualify through Lions Hearing Aid Bank.
- People age 65+ may qualify through Sertoma Hearing Aid Bank.



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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

NCDHH ensures Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard of Hearing Nebraskans can access behavioral health care—including mental health, substance use treatment, and services for those impacted by domestic and sexual violence. We work with providers to expand equitable, culturally responsive care and close long-standing service gaps statewide.

INTERPRETER RESOURCES

• Licensing

NCDHH regulates the licensing of sign language interpreters and VRI businesses. Nebraska state law requires any person or entity who practices 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

Online resources to find a licensed sign language interpreter or licensed VRI provider are on our website, as well as licensing applications and information.