

KENTUCKY HEARING AID RESOURCES

Audiology Associates – (2 locations)

Bob Manning, Audiologist
2101 Nicholasville Rd., Ste. 104
Lexington, KY 40503
(859) 277-0491
<http://www.kyhearing.com/>

1428 North Lake Drive
Prestonsburg, KY 41653
606-263-1552
<http://www.kyhearing.com/>

Western KY Hearing Aid Bank

% Trover Clinic
200 Clinic Drive
Madisonville, KY 42431
Contact Ms. Anita Payne
1-800-733-2312
Serves: Caldwell, Christian, Hopkins

Kentucky Assistive Technology Loan Corporation

KY Assistive Technology Loan Program
275 East Main Street, 2E-K
Frankfort, KY 40621
1-877-675-0195
EDU.katlc@ky.gov
<http://katlc.ky.gov>

The KATLC operates a low-interest loan program funded by both private and public money to help Kentuckians with disabilities obtain assistive technology to improve their independence or quality of life. Included are hearing aids and other communication devices.

The Department of Vocational Rehabilitation may provide a hearing aid if it is needed for employment or school.

Also, check your local organizations.

- The Lion's Club
- Knight of Columbus
- Shriners
- Kiawans
- Rotary Club

U.S. Military Veterans

If you have served in the military, then you may be able to receive some assistance from the nearest Veterans Affairs office.

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NATIONAL HEARING AID RESOURCES

Miracle-Ear Children's Foundation

P.O. Box 59261
Minneapolis, MN 55459-0261
1-800-234-5422
<http://www.miracle-ear.com/>

Hope for Hearing Foundation & Hearing Aid Bank

806 West Adams Blvd
Los Angeles, CA 90007
(213) 748-5481
<http://www.jtc.org/>

Hear Now

6700 Washington Avenue S.
Eden Prairie, MN 55344
1-800-648-Hear
<http://www.starkeyhearingfoundation.org/>

AUDIENT Program

Northwest Hearing Care
901 Boren Ave. Ste. 810
Seattle, WA 98104-3534
206-838-7194 Office
206-838-7195 Facsimile
1-877-AUDIANT
info@audientalliance.org
www.audientalliance.org

Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

3417 Volta Place, NW
Washington, DC 20007
202/337-5220 TTY:
202/337-5221(voice)
Fax: 202/337-8314
info@agbell.org
www.agbell.org

Disabled Children's Relief Fund

P.O. Box 89 Freeport,
New York 11520
www.dcrf.com

Easter Seals

230 West Monroe Street, Suite 1800
Chicago, IL 60606
312-726-6200 TTY:
312-726-4258
Fax: 312-726-1494
Toll-Free: 800-221-6827
www.easterseals.com

First Hand Foundation

2800 Rockcreek Parkway
Kansas City, MO 64117
816-201-1569
816-571-1569 Fax
www.cerner.com/firsthand
Firsthandfoundation@cerner.com

Hike Fund, Inc.

10115 Cherryhill Place Spring Hill,
FL 34608-7116
352-688-2579 (also FAX)
www.thehikefund.org
ceterrill1@aol.com

Miracle Ear Children's Foundation

P.O. Box 59261
Minneapolis, MN 55459-0261
800-234-5422
www.miracle-ear.com

Travelers Protective Association of America

3755 Lindell Boulevard
St. Louis, MO 63108
314-371-0533
314-371-0537
www.tpahq.org
support@tpahq.org

hi HealthInnovations

3022 Momentum Place
Chicago, IL 60689
1-855-523-9355 (V)
1-877-955-4336 (Fax)
www.hihealthinnovations.com

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Lions Affordable Hearing Aid Project (Lions-AHAP) Fact Sheet

The Problem of Hearing Impairment

The World Health Organization estimates that 250 million people worldwide suffer from severe hearing loss. Global hearing aid sales for 2002 were estimated at 6 million units. In the United States, there are 28 million Americans with a hearing loss. Of those Americans who need hearing aids, seven million cannot afford them. In 2002, the average price for a hearing aid in the United States was \$1,600. Pricing is not affordable for many users, and many insurance companies often do not cover hearing aids. Additionally, the "low-priced" hearing aids advertised often are poor in quality and provide low user satisfaction.

The Lions-AHAP Solution

To address these problems, LCIF has partnered with Project Impact to develop and manufacture the world's highest quality, affordable hearing aid - branded as the "Lions Affordable Hearing Aid." LCIF has provided \$600,000 in Core 4 funding since 2001 to support the design/development phase and to initiate manufacturing. Additionally, LCIF has funded clinical trials in Washington State and additional field-testing of this aid in Michigan, Mexico and South India. The clinical trial confirmed that the Lions Affordable Hearing Aid is of superior quality and compares favorably to aids costing US\$1000 and more.

Through the Lions Affordable Hearing Aid Project, LCIF is now distributing the "Lions Affordable Hearing aid" at a cost of only \$90-\$120 (depending on volume ordered) to Lions hearing programs and individual clubs. Clubs in areas without a Lions hearing program will work with local audiologists to test and fit low-income patients. The price of \$90-\$120 does not include the provision of hearing tests and hearing aid fittings, which clubs and Lion hearing programs need to arrange with an appropriate local hearing professional. LCIF is encouraging hearing professionals to provide discounted services for these low-income patients, with clubs helping the patients cover these costs.

The Lions Affordable Hearing Aid has received FDA approval as well as the CE Mark for distribution in Europe. The first model now available is a digitally-programmable Behind-The-Ear design. A fully digital version, and smaller In-The-Ear models, will be available in late 2004.

What can Lions clubs do?

Local Lions clubs can become involved by recruiting audiologists and covering whatever costs the patient cannot afford. LCIF will be making the aid available to all Lions hearing programs and to individual clubs not covered by such programs. To qualify for participation, Lions programs and clubs will be required to income-qualify patients to ensure that low-income patients benefit. Guidelines for this are available from LCIF.

For more information, contact: LCIF Humanitarian Programs

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