

Who We Are FACT SHEET



OUR MISSION

The Kentucky Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing's mission is to provide effective and efficient leadership, education, advocacy and programs to eliminate barriers and to meet the social, economic, cultural and intellectual needs of deaf and hard of hearing Kentuckians.

Hearing Loss

Information/Advocacy

Equipment

Interpreter/CART

DeaFestival



What We Do for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Kentuckians - Our Mandates

The Commission shall:

- Advise the Governor and the General Assembly concerning policy and programs to enhance the quality and coordination of services for deaf and hard of hearing persons.
- Cooperate with and assist local, state, and federal governments and public and private agencies in the development of programs for deaf and hard of hearing persons.
- Review legislative programs related to services and conduct studies of conditions affecting the health and welfare of deaf and hard of hearing persons.
- Oversee the provision of interpreter services to deaf and hard of hearing persons and may provide such services if needed.
- Oversee the implementation and operation of a Telecommunications Access Program (TAP) to ensure equal access to telecommunications services by providing specialized telecommunications equipment (STE) to citizens of the Commonwealth who are deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired.

KENTUCKY COMMISSION ON THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING

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KCDHH - What We Do

Information & Advocacy

- Maintains resources, provides information, education, outreach through web, social media, publications, presentations, trainings, workshops and makes referrals to assist consumers.
- Provides assistance/advocacy or makes appropriate referrals to agencies that can offer the best assistance for you and your needs.



KCDHH Website

Deaf Resource Library



Brochures, Fact Sheets & Veteran Resources



Public access to communication through:

- Video Phone
- Computer Website
- Captioned Telephone



- Receives and coordinates interpreter requests and captioning services for **state agencies only**
- Provides information to consumers on how to find an interpreter and self-advocate
- Provides information to private and non-state entities on how to find an interpreter, available referral agencies, hiring interpreters directly, billing, etc.

Interpreters

Equipment

Provides specialized telecommunications equipment (STE) to citizens of the Commonwealth who are deaf, hard of hearing, speech impaired or deaf blind at no cost to the consumer



Amplified Landline Phones



Speech Impaired Phones



Captioned Phones



Wireless Phones

Public access to test telephone equipment.



For other cabinet locations:
kcdhh.ky.gov/oea/trydevice.html



- A one-day **FREE** event for **ALL** that celebrate the language, art, diversity and talents of the deaf and hard of hearing community.
- DeafFestival gives attendees an opportunity to fully experience and participate in a comprehensive program of cultural enrichment, activities, and artistic performances.
- Everyone who attends has the opportunity to immerse themselves in a world of visual wonders and gain a better awareness about the deaf and hard of hearing community.

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