

## **DEAF & HARD OF HEARING RESOURCES, DEFINITION & CRITERIA**

### **Local Resources**

Catholic Deaf Ministry  
314-727-2747

[www.archstl.org/deafministry/](http://www.archstl.org/deafministry/)

Catholic religious services and education conducted in sign language; advocacy and referral.

Center for Hearing and Speech  
9835 Manchester Road  
St. Louis, MO 63119  
314-968-4710

[www.hearing-speechstlouis.org](http://www.hearing-speechstlouis.org)

Comprehensive, diagnostic hearing evaluations and therapy programs, hearing aid fittings, aural rehabilitation.

Central Institute for the Deaf  
825 South Taylor Avenue  
St. Louis, MO 63110  
314-997-0132  
314-977-0037(TTY)

[www.cid.edu](http://www.cid.edu)

Provides education, research and clinical services to help children and adults who are hearing impaired. Specialize in independent evaluations and diagnosis and intervention for young children. School serves children through age 14 with all the necessary skills for mainstreaming.

Concordia Seminary  
801 Seminary Place  
St. Louis, MO 63105  
314-505-7000  
314-505-7151 (TTY)

[www.csl.edu](http://www.csl.edu)

Sign language instruction.

Deaf Community Center  
8764 Manchester Rd, Suite 201  
Brentwood, MO 63144  
314-222-0041

314-961-1350 (TTY)

Umbrella organization composed of representatives from organizations united to better serve the community of people who are deaf and hard of hearing

Deaf Inter-Link  
314-837-7757

314-222-0137 (VP)

[www.deafinterlink.com](http://www.deafinterlink.com)

24-hour emergency service of interpreters and referral service.

Deaf Way Interpreting Services  
Paraquad, Inc.  
5420 Oakland Avenue  
St. Louis, MO 63110  
314-289-4294

[www.deafway.net](http://www.deafway.net)

Eardley Family Clinic for Speech,  
Language and Hearing  
Fontbonne University  
6800 Wydown Blvd, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, East  
Building  
St. Louis, MO 63105  
314-889-1407

[http://www.fontbonne.edu/academics/undergraduate/departments/communication\\_disordersdeafeducation/eardleyfamilyclinic/](http://www.fontbonne.edu/academics/undergraduate/departments/communication_disordersdeafeducation/eardleyfamilyclinic/)

Greater St. Louis Association of the  
Deaf  
2190 Creve Coeur Mill Road  
Maryland Heights, MO 63043  
314-222-2318

Videophone: 314-222-0185

[www.gslad.org](http://www.gslad.org)

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Social and recreational.

Hear Ink

314-427-1113

[www.hearink.com](http://www.hearink.com)

Open and closed captioning of videotapes, real-time captioning of live events, note taking by certified court reporters.

Hearing Loss Association of America - Greater St. Louis Chapter

25 E Frisco Ave.

Webster Groves, MO 63119

<http://www.hlaastl.org/>

Dedicated to the education and awareness of the complications of hearing loss and what can be done about it.

The Moog Center for Deaf Education

12300 South Forty Dr.

St. Louis, MO 63141

314-692-7172

[www.moogcenter.org](http://www.moogcenter.org)

Educational programs (parent-infant birth to 3, preschool, academic and mainstream) and clinical services (audiological, cochlear implant and assessment).

St. Joseph Institute for the Deaf

1300 Strassner

Brentwood, MO 63144

636-532-3211 voice/TTY)

[www.sjid.org](http://www.sjid.org)

St. Joseph Institute for the Deaf provides educational programs for children from birth to 8th grade and their parents.

Clinical services are included in the cost of tuition and the school also provides services to adults of all ages who are hard of hearing. These services include audiology, and hearing aid/cochlear implant assessments. We believe people who are deaf or hard-of-hearing deserve the opportunity to hear, speak and read. Our staff includes certified AG Bell

LSLS (leaders in listening and spoken language) members, Speech/Language Pathologists and PhD certified audiologists. Our facility encompasses an Outreach Service to schools whose students live too far from our Chesterfield, MO, location where we are located. Outreach allows a trained professional to travel to other locations and assist students and teachers alike. In addition, St. Joseph Institute provides an online Internet Therapy Program called ihear as well.

St. Louis Catholic Deaf Society

[www.stlcds.org](http://www.stlcds.org)

Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic

St. Louis University

Communication Sciences & Disorders

McGannon Hall

3750 Lindell Blvd.

St. Louis, MO 63108

314-977-3365

<http://www.slu.edu/department-of-communication-sciences-and-disorders-home/speech-language-hearing-clinic>

Provides services to St. Louis area children and adults with communication disorders. • Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic — extensive diagnostic evaluation and treatment of communication impairments, assessment and management of hearing loss • Early Childhood Learning Center — preschool program for children 3 to 5 who present language impairment as their primary disability.

### State Resources

Missouri Association of the Deaf

<https://www.facebook.com/MissouriAssociationOfTheDeaf?ref=stream>

Promotes the advancement of the general welfare of Missourians who are deaf or and hard of hearing.

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The L.E.A.D. Institute (Leadership Through Education and Advocacy For the Deaf)

<http://www.deaflead.com/>

Missouri Assistive Technology Program

[www.at.mo.gov/](http://www.at.mo.gov/)

Missouri's Telecommunications Access Program provides adaptive telephone equipment to qualified disabled Missouri residents at no cost. Such equipment can be a TTY, a light flasher, an amplified phone, a CapTel phone, and much more.

Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

[www.mcdhh.mo.gov](http://www.mcdhh.mo.gov)

Information and referral regarding deafness, legal rights, assistive devices, service providers, interpreting services and Relay Missouri.

Missouri School for the Deaf

505 E. 5th Street

Fulton, MO 65251

573-592-4000 (voice/TTY)

[www.msdk12.mo.us](http://www.msdk12.mo.us)

State agency provides elementary, secondary and vocational education in residential setting for school-age children who are hearing impaired and deaf; outreach services.

Relay Missouri

800-676-3777

(ASCII/Voice/VCO/Speech to Speech)

<http://www.relaymissouri.com/>

Facilitated by specially trained communications assistants who use special equipment to relay conversations initiated by either voice users or the TDD user.

### National Resources

The Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

[www.agbell.org](http://www.agbell.org)

Encourages use of residual hearing and teaching of speech and speech reading. Research library, publications, public education program, conferences.

American Society for Deaf Children

[www.deafchildren.org](http://www.deafchildren.org)

Supports and educates families of deaf and hard of hearing children and advocates for high quality programs and services.

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA)

[www.asha.org](http://www.asha.org)

Journals, guide to professional services, brochures for parents, educators and therapists.

National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD)

[www.nidcd.nih.gov](http://www.nidcd.nih.gov)

### Some Choices in Communication

- American Sign Language (ASL) — a visual language that has its own vocabulary, idioms, grammar and syntax; elements consist of the handshape, position, movement and orientation of the hands to the body and each other
- Finger spelling — using a manual alphabet to "write in the air"; more typically used to augment American Sign Language, as in spelling proper names and terms for which there are no signs
- Manual English — the vocabulary of ASL and finger spelled words presented in English word order resulting in a Pidgin Sign English (PSE)
- Oral Communication — the use of speech, residual hearing and speechreading as the primary means of communication

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- Speechreading — recognizing spoken words by watching the speaker's lips, face and gestures
  - Cued Speech — system in which eight hand shapes in four possible positions supplement the information visible on the lips; the hand cue signals a visual difference between sounds that look alike on the lips
  - Simultaneous Communication — the combined use of speech, signs and finger spelling; offers the benefit of seeing two forms of a message at the same time
  - Total Communication — philosophy that implies acceptance and use of all possible methods of communication
- (from the National Information Center on Deafness)*

A. A hearing impairment has been diagnosed by an audiologist;

B. The hearing impairment adversely affects the child's educational performance.

### **DEFINITION AND ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FROM APPENDIX A OF THE MISSOURI STATE PLAN**

#### **Hearing Impairment and Deafness Definition**

“Hearing Impairment” means an impairment in hearing, whether permanent or fluctuating, that adversely affects a child’s educational performance, but is not included in the following definition for deafness.

"Deafness" means a hearing impairment that is so severe that the child is impaired in processing linguistic information through hearing, with or without amplification, that adversely affects a child’s educational performance.

#### **Criteria for Initial Determination of Eligibility**

A child displays a Hearing Impairment when: