

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

Local Resources

Catholic Deaf Ministry
309 E. Hoffmeister Ave
St. Louis, MO 63125
314-631-0691

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

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
314-977-0001 (TTY)

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

Sign language instruction.

Deaf Community Center
8764 Manchester Rd, Suite 201
Brentwood, MO 63144
314-222-0041
314-961-1350 (TTY)

www.rtr-stl.org

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
100 Rue St. Francois Street
Florissant, MO 63031
314-837-7757

314-837-7470 (TTY)

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
314-289-4200

www.deafway.net

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

www.fontbonne.edu

Greater St. Louis Association of the Deaf
2190 Creve Coeur Mill Road
Maryland Heights, MO 63043
314-236-9048

www.gslad.org

Social and recreational.

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Hear Ink
8229 Jackson Street
St. Louis, MO 63114
314-427-1113

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 Greater St. Louis
636-734-8016

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

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

St. Joseph Institute for the Deaf
1809 Clarkson Road
Chesterfield, MO 63017
636-532-3211 voice/TTY)

www.sjid.org

The Malloy Parent-Child Center serves families and their children under age 5 who have delayed speech and language development. Offers parent-child sessions, nursery classes, parent group sessions, liaison/tutorial services, audiological services, evaluations.

St. Louis Catholic Deaf Society
8300 Morganford Road
St. Louis, MO 63123
314-633-2540
314-633-2548 (TTY)

www.stlclds.org

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

Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic
St. Louis University
Department of Communication Disorders
McGannon Hall

3750 Lindell Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63108
314-977-3365

www.slu.edu.x12349.xml

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
P.O. Box 220764
St. Louis, MO 63122

www.moadshowme.org

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

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

www.deaflead.org

Missouri Assistive Technology Program
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

Information and referral regarding deafness, legal rights, assistive devices,

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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.msd.k12.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)
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
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
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

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

National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD)
www.nidcd.nih.gov

Online Resources

Family Village
<http://www.familyvillage.wisc.edu>
Library (click on first letter of a specific disability in the card catalog to go to resources)

National Dissemination Center of Children with Disabilities (NICHCY)
<http://nichcy.org>

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
- Speechreading — recognizing spoken words by watching the speaker's lips, face and gestures

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- 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)*

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:

- A. A hearing impairment has been diagnosed by an