



Connecticut Deaf and Hard of Hearing Resource Guide

Advocacy and Legal:

- Connecticut Bar Foundation: <https://www.ctbarfdn.org/>
- Connecticut Resources for the Deaf: “The Self Advocacy Page” and “The Government Page”: <http://www.studenttransitionresources.org/student-resources.html>
- Connecticut Legal Rights Project: <http://www.clrp.org/>
- Connecticut Legal Services: <https://ctlegal.org/>
- Connecticut Veterans Legal Center: <https://ctveteranslegal.org/>
- Disability Rights Connecticut: <https://www.disrightsct.org/>
 - VP: 860-509-4992
- Greater Hartford Legal Aid: <https://www.ghla.org/>
- New Haven Legal Assistance Association: <https://nhlegal.org/>
- Statewide Legal Services of Connecticut: <https://slsct.org/>

Adaptive Equipment:

- C-Print Services: Source Interpreting: <http://www.sourceinterpreting.com/>
- Communication Access Realtime Translation (CART):
 - New England ADA Center: <https://www.newenglandada.org/cart-services>
 - Source Interpreting: <http://www.sourceinterpreting.com/>
- Connecticut Resources for the Deaf: “The Communication Page”: <http://www.studenttransitionresources.org/student-resources.html>
- Connecticut Tech Act: www.cttechact.com
 - AT Loan Program
 - AT Resources
 - AT Device Loans
- Converse Communication Corporation: www.conversecommunications.com
 - Captel Loan Application
 - TTY Loan Application
 - E911 Special Needs Form
- Aging & Disability Connect-ability Videos in ASL: <https://elearning.connect-ability.com/catalog.cfm?all=true&strSearch=>
 - Assistive Technology
 - Independent Living
- New England Assistive Technology (NEAT Marketplace): <https://oakhillct.org/NEAT-Center>
- Relay Connecticut: <https://www.relayconnecticut.com/>
 - Relay Conference Captioning: <https://www.relayconnecticut.com/rcc>
- Service Dogs for the Deaf:
 - State Legislation: <https://www.cga.ct.gov/2014/rpt/pdf/2014-r-0025.pdf>



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- Service Dogs Agencies:
 - Assistance Dogs International - <https://www.assistedogsinternational.org/>
 - Dogs for Better Lives (formerly Dogs for the Deaf, Inc.) – <https://www.dogsforbetterlives.org/>
 - NEADS World Class Service Dogs - <https://neads.org/service-dog-programs/hearing-dogs-deaf-and-hearing-loss>
 - Paws with a Cause – <https://www.pawswithacause.org/>
 - Pawsitivity Service Dogs – <https://www.pawsitivityservicedogs.com/>
- Sorenson Communications: <http://www.sorenson.com/>
- Sprint Relay Store: <https://www.sprintrelay.com/services/sprint-relay-store>

American Sign Language Classes:

- American School for the Deaf: <https://www.asd-1817.org/outreach-services/sign-language-classes> (virtual and in person)
- Connecticut State Colleges and Universities: <http://www.ct.edu/>
- Disabilities Network of Eastern Connecticut (DNEC): <https://www.dnec.org/deaf-services> (virtual and in person)
- Gallaudet: <https://www.gallaudet.edu/asl-connect/asl-for-free> (virtual)
- Jessica Tanner- Campagna: Jessica.Tanner@uconn.edu (virtual)
- Life Print: <https://www.lifeprint.com/> (virtual)
- Sign School: <https://www.signschool.com/> (virtual)
- Start ASL: <https://www.startasl.com/learn-sign-language-asl/> (virtual)
- University of Connecticut: <https://asl.uconn.edu/>
- West Blue ASL Communications: <http://westblueaslcommunications.com/> (virtual only)

CT Centers for Independent Living:

- Access Independence
300 Long Beach BLVD Suite 1
Stratford, CT 06615
 - Katie Smolinsky, Advocate
Email: ksmolinsky@accessinct.org
Phone: (203)378-6977 ext. 111
VP: 203-416-6076
Fax: (203)375-2748
- Center for Disability Rights
69 Highland Street
West Haven, CT 06516
 - Sue Catale
Email: sue@cdr-ct.org
V: 203-934-7077



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- Disabilities Network of Eastern CT—DNEC
19 Ohio Ave
Norwich, CT 06360
 - Danielle Guy, Advocate

Email: Dguy@dnec.org
VP: 860-237-3448
 - Brynn Hickey, Program Coordinator
Email: Bhickey@dnec.org
V: 860-823-1898 Ext 121
VP: 860-237-4515

- Independence Northwest
1183 New Haven Road, Suite 200
Naugatuck, CT 06770
 - Kassey Neason, Advocate Deaf Services
Email: kassey.neason@indnw.org
VP:203-490-2373

- Independence Unlimited
151 New Park Ave
Hartford, CT 06106
 - Shanya Wilson, Advocate
Email: swilson@independenceunlimited.org
VP: 860-724-2742 VP
V: 860-523-5021 ext 111

CT Organizations:

- American School for the Deaf Alumni Association: <http://www.asdaa-ct.org/>
- Bridgeport Club of the Deaf: <http://www.deafwebconnections.org/bpt/index.html>
- Cochlear Implant Events: <https://www.cochlear.com/us/en/home/ongoing-care-and-support/connect-with-us/events>
- Communication Advocacy Network: <http://www.cancorp.org/>
- Connecticut Academy of Audiology: <https://www.ctaud.org/>
- Connecticut Association of the Deaf: <http://www.deafcad.org/>
- Connecticut Council of Organizations Serving the Deaf: <http://ccosd.org/>
- Connecticut Resources for the Deaf: “The Community Page”:
<http://www.studenttransitionresources.org/student-resources.html>
- Connecticut Deaf Senior Citizens: <http://www.deafwebconnections.org/cdsc/index.html>
 - Southwest Connecticut Deaf Senior Citizens
- Connecticut Hands & Voices: <http://www.cthandsandvoices.org/>



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- Connecticut Retirement Community: <http://www.deafwebconnections.org/crc/index.html>
- Council de Manos: <http://www.councildemanos.org/>
- Deaf People United CT Chapter: <http://www.deafpeopleunited.org/>
 - More information on Facebook Page
- Deaf-Blind Association of the CT: <http://www.deafwebconnections.org/dbac/index.html>
- Deaf Women United: <http://www.dwu.org/>
- Disabilities Network of Eastern Connecticut (DNEC): <https://www.dnec.org/deaf-services>
- Hartford Club of the Deaf: Facebook Page only
- Hearing Loss Association of America Eastern Connecticut Chapter: <http://hlaaeasternctchapter.org/>
- Hearing Loss Association of America Southwest Connecticut Chapter: <http://ct-shhh.tripod.com/hlaaeasternct/>
- Hear Here Hartford: <http://www.hearherehartford.org/>
 - More information on Facebook Page
- Litchfield County ASL Social club: Only on Facebook
- Relay Connecticut/Sprint: <http://www.relayconnecticut.com/>
- The Northwest Deaf Club: <https://www.nwcc.edu/clubs-organizations/>
- We the Deaf People-CT Chapter: <http://www.wtdp.org/>
 - More information on Facebook Page

DeafBlind:

- CT DeafBlind Grant Program for Adults: <https://portal.ct.gov/AgingandDisability/Content-Pages/BOARDS/Deaf-Blind-Advisory-Committee>
- DeafBlind Technology Grant: <http://www.icanconnect.org/how-to-apply/connecticut>

Driver's Education Programs:

- DMV ADA Policy: <https://portal.ct.gov/DMV/Common-Elements/Common-Elements/About-Us>

Emergency Preparedness:

- American Red Cross Video: "Preparing to go to a Shelter- Deaf and Hard of Hearing" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=izwCXt7B6sc>
- American Red Cross Video: "Emergency Preparedness Kit in American Sign Language" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yEmrm9Ns3KA&feature=related>
- American Red Cross and NTID Disaster Preparedness and the Deaf Community Handbook: http://www.cidrap.umn.edu/sites/default/files/public/php/332/332_brochure.pdf
- CDC COVID-19 information in ASL: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvvp9iOILTQatwnqm61jqFrsfUB4RKh6J>
- CT Department of Public Health Hearing Loss Emergency Planning Tip Sheet: <https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Public-Health-Preparedness/BT/Tips-for-People-Who-Are-Hearing-Impaired>



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- CT Department of Public Health Preparedness Video for People who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n7Hlj5OmE>
- CT Department of Public Health Ebola Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8VPVJ9LH57I>
- FEMA ASL Videos: <https://www.fema.gov/resources-people-disabilities-access-functional-needs>

Family and Transition Resources:

- American School for the Deaf: <https://www.asd-1817.org/>
- Conference of Educational Administrators of Schools and Programs for the Deaf: <http://www.ceasd.org/advocacy/advocacy-tool-kit>
- Connecticut Birth to 3: <https://www.birth23.org/>
- Connecticut Deaf and Hard of Hearing Transition Resources: "The Transition Page": <http://www.studenttransitionresources.org/student-resources.html>
- Connecticut Parent Advocacy Center: <http://www.cpacinc.org/>
- Connecticut Hands & Voices: <http://www.cthandsandvoices.org/>
- Connecticut Transition Community of Practice: <https://www.cttransition.org/>
- Deaf Child Bill of Rights: https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Special-Education/FAQs_Language_and_Communication_Plan.pdf
 - PA 19-184: An Act Concerning the Provision of Special Education: <https://www.cga.ct.gov/2019/SUM/pdf/2019SUM00184-R02HB-07353-SUM.pdf>
 - Language and Communication Plan: https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Special-Education/Language_and_Communication_Plan.pdf?la=en
- Gallaudet University Laurent Clerc National Deaf Education Center: <http://www3.gallaudet.edu/clerc-center.html>
- National Deaf Center (formerly Pepnet 2): <https://www.nationaldeafcenter.org/>
- Soundbridge: <http://www.crec.org/soundbridge/>

Financial Assistance:

- Aging and Disability Connect-Ability ASL videos: <https://elearning.connect-ability.com/catalog.cfm?all=true&strSearch=>
 - Benefits and Working
- IRS Videos in ASL: <https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/videos-american-sign-language-asl>
- U.S. Social Security Administration Videos in ASL: <https://www.ssa.gov/people/deaf/>

Interpreters:

- 211 Connecticut Interpreters: <http://uwc.211ct.org/sign-language-interpretation/>
- Connecticut Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf: <http://www.connrid.org/>
- Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf: <https://rid.org>
 - Code of Professional Conduct: <https://www.rid.org/ethics/code-of-professional-conduct/>



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- Field of Interpreting: <https://www.rid.org/about-rid/about-interpreting/become-an-interpreter/>
- File a Complaint about an Interpreter: <https://www.rid.org/ethics/file-a-complaint/>
- Interpreter Associations: <https://www.rid.org/about-rid/about-interpreting/resources/>
- Interpreter Training, Preparation, and Education Programs: <https://www.rid.org/about-rid/about-interpreting/become-an-interpreter/about-interpreting-education-programs-2/>
- RID Best Practices: <http://rid.org/about-interpreting/standard-practice-papers/>
- State of Connecticut Interpreter Law: https://www.cga.ct.gov/current/pub/chap_814a.htm
- State of Connecticut Interpreter Registry: <https://portal.ct.gov/AgingandDisability/Content-Pages/Programs/Deaf-and-Hard-of-Hearing-Interpreter-Registry>
- Video Remote Interpreting (VRI): Source Interpreting: <http://www.sourceinterpreting.com/>

Law Enforcement Resources:

- ACLU Know Your Rights: Deaf Rights- What to do when dealing with the police: <https://www.acludc.org/en/know-your-rights/know-your-rights-deaf-rights-what-do-when-dealing-police>
- Americans with Disabilities Act Information for Law Enforcement: <https://www.ada.gov/policeinfo.htm>
- Americans with Disabilities Act and Law Enforcement: https://www.ada.gov/q%26a_law.htm
- Spokane First Responder Communication with Deaf and Hard of Hearing Citizens: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kSKZHZdfImc>

Mental Health:

- CT Department of Mental Health and Addition Services Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services: <http://www.ct.gov/dmhas/cwp/view.asp?q=335294>
- Deaf Counseling Center: <http://www.deafcounseling.com/>
- Franciscan Life Center: <http://www.flcenter.org/>
 - Sister Mary Elizabeth
- Gabriel Lomas, Psychologist, Ridgefield, CT: 832-746-2432
- Gretchen Brandt MA, LMFT, Southport, CT: 203-257-4171
- Holly Miller, Psy.D, Cheshire, CT: 203-271-1430
- Meg Geary-Strenk, LCSW, PLLC, Canton, CT: 203-525-7429
- Mental Health Connecticut, Inc.: <http://www.mhconn.org/>
- National Deaf Therapy: <https://www.nationaldeaftherapy.com/>
- Paul Shaker, LCSW, M.Div., SAP, Woodbury/Bloomfield, CT: 203-525-8358
- Suzanne Guerrucci, LCSW, Shelton, CT: 203-916-1084 (VP) or 203-285-8564
- Teresa Cohen, LMFT, West Hartford, CT: 959-666-6927



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- True Places Counseling: Allison Wetmur: <http://www.trueplacescounseling.com/staff/>
- Women's Center for Psychotherapy, West Hartford, CT: <http://www.womens-center.com/>
 - Dr. Lisa Kuntz, Ed.D

Religious Services:

- CCOSD Worship Services for the Deaf: <http://ccosd.org/connecticut-directory/>

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- Advisory Board of Persons who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing Meeting calendar: https://ct-n.com/show_info.asp?mbID=27272
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- Bureau of Rehabilitation Services:
 - Bureau of Education Services for the Blind: Marjorie Santos
 - Marjorie.santos@ct.gov
 - Connecticut Tech Act: www.cttechact.com
 - DeafBlind Technology Grant: <http://www.icanconnect.org/how-to-apply/connecticut>
 - Deaf and Hard of Hearing Counseling Unit: Sue Shatney
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 - VP: 203-617-0971
 - Simone Cossette: simone.cossette@ct.gov
 - VP: 203-584-9840
- CT DeafBlind Grant Program for Adults: <https://portal.ct.gov/AgingandDisability/Content-Pages/BOARDS/Deaf-Blind-Advisory-Committee>

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