

## Resource Library

ACDHH maintains an extensive and up-to-date library of books, DVDs, CDs and videotapes.

Topics include:

- Deaf Culture
- American Sign Language
- Hearing Loss
- Interpreter Resources
- Teachers' Resources
- Children's Materials

How do I use the library?

- Complete a library use form
- Sign a conditions of use form
- Provide two forms of picture ID

How do I borrow Items?

- View the complete list of materials available on line at [www.acdhh.org](http://www.acdhh.org)
- Visit our office to borrow items
- Rural area users call our office

## Other ACDHH Services

Website Resources

Publications

Email distribution list

Conferences and workshops

Diversity Training

Public policy advocate

## Contact ACDHH

To know more, contact us at:

The Arizona Commission for the Deaf  
and the Hard of Hearing

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Suite 104  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Consumer Assistance Line:  
(602) 542-3323 V  
(480) 559-9441 VP  
(602) 364-0990 TTY  
(800) 352-8161 V/TTY

(602) 364-0581 FAX

[info@acdhh.az.gov](mailto:info@acdhh.az.gov)

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

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## About ACDHH



# The Arizona Commission for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing

The Arizona Commission for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing (ACDHH) was established in 1977 to improve the quality of life for Deaf and Hard of Hearing residents.

ACDHH serves as a statewide information referral center for issues related to people with hearing loss.

ACDHH is a national leader in communication access, support services and community empowerment throughout the state.

There are 14 Commissioners appointed by the Governor to oversee the work of ACDHH:

- Four Deaf Representatives
- Four Hard of Hearing Representatives
- One Parent of a Deaf or Hard of Hearing Child
- One Arizona Licensed Interpreter
- One Licensed Hearing Aid Dispenser
- One Clinical Audiologist Representative
- One Representative from the Arizona Department of Economic Security
- One Representative from the Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and the Blind

## Why does Arizona need ACDHH?

- Three out of 1000 newborns are diagnosed with hearing loss.
- Nearly two out of 10 people experience hearing loss during their life.

- One out of three older adults have hearing loss.
- There are more than 1,100,000 Deaf or Hard of Hearing individuals throughout the state.

## Programs and Services of ACDHH

ACDHH functions as a clearinghouse for information on issues related to deafness and hearing loss. Information and referral services are provided to individuals, families, service providers and professionals seeking to improve the quality of life or quality of services for the deaf and the hard of hearing in Arizona.

ACDHH is responsible for the availability of public telephone services to Arizonans who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Deaf-Blind, or have Speech difficulties. Arizona Relay Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week and is offered in both English and Spanish. ACDHH oversees the Arizona Relay Service.



- Established in 1985 to give telephone users access to a wide variety of no-cost assistive equipment
- Serves people with hearing loss and speech difficulties
- More than 25,000 recipients to date have been helped by this program
- Limited training on equipment is provided

Contact AzTEDP at:

- (602) 542-1124 V/TTY
- (866) 223-3412 V/TTY
- (602) 542-3488 FAX
- [www.aztedp.org](http://www.aztedp.org)



## Arizona Relay Service 7-1-1

Arizona Relay Service (AZRS) is a public service that makes communication by telephone easy and accessible for people who are deaf, hard of hearing, deaf-blind, or have difficulty speaking.

This service provides confidential communication for its users 24 hours a day, seven days a week by simply dialing 7-1-1.

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## Interpreter Licensure

Arizona sign language interpreters are required to be licensed through the Arizona Commission for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing (ACDHH).

The law establishing licensing (A.R.S. 36-1946) was passed by Arizona voters in 2000. It is designed to create a statewide standard for sign language interpreters. To see an up to date listing of licensed interpreters, please visit our website at [www.acdhh.org](http://www.acdhh.org).

## Educational Outreach

ACDHH employs Deaf and Hard of Hearing Specialists who travel throughout the state to present workshops and sensitivity trainings.