



Assistive Technology is making it easier for people who are deaf or hard of hearing to communicate with friends and family, and is enabling many people to live independently far longer than they could otherwise.

For **Hard of Hearing** individuals, the available technology includes:

- Digital hearing aids and cochlear implants
- Amplified telephones
- Assistive loop systems and neck loops
- Captioned telephones / web-based captioning for telephone conversations, and
- Devices for Instant Messaging and Text Messaging
- Loud signalers for phones and doorbells
- Visual smoke and fire alarms, and
- Flashing / vibrating alarm clocks

For **Deaf, Late-Deafened, and DeafBlind** individuals, the available technology includes:

- TeleTypewriters (TTYs)
- Video Phones (VPs)
- Captioned telephones and web-based captioning for telephone conversations, and
- Devices for Instant Messaging and Text Messaging
- Visual smoke and fire detectors
- Other visual alerting devices, and
- Flashing and vibrating alarm clocks and remotes

Contact us!

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For a Map, visit our WEBSITE at

<http://www.vddhh.org>

The VDDHH Website also includes a full listing of all programs, services, and contact information.



Ronald L. Lanier, Director

## The Virginia Department for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing





Offering Keys to Communication

**VDDHH**

The Code of Virginia established the Virginia Department for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Advisory Board which serves the Department, and established the powers and duties of the Department including, but not limited to, providing information and referral, training, technical assistance, a program of assistive technology distribution and a statewide interpreter service.

### Contact VDDHH for Information about:

- Information about hearing loss and resources for assistance (Outreach)
- Training on subjects related to persons who are Deaf, Late-Deafened, Hard of Hearing, DeafBlind, or Speech-Impaired (Outreach)
- Information and Application for the Technology Assistance Program (TAP)
- Demonstration of assistive technology devices—telephones, alerting systems, and other technology (TAP / Outreach)
- Getting and using the services of a Qualified Interpreter or C.A.R.T and The Directory of Qualified Interpreters in Virginia (Interpreter Programs)
- Skills Assessment for Sign Language and Cued Speech Interpreters and Translators (Virginia Quality Assurance Screening—VQAS)
- Instructional and Practice Materials for VQAS Candidates
- Making a call using the Virginia Relay Service and Video Relay Services and Virginia Relay Partners Program (VA Relay)
- Emergency Preparedness (Outreach)
- Other Programs and Services



The Virginia Department for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing works to reduce the communication barriers between persons who are deaf or hard of hearing and their families and the professionals who serve them. VDDHH operates with the full understanding that communication is the most critical issue facing persons who are deaf or hard of hearing. The foundation of all programs at VDDHH is communication—both as a service (through interpreters, technology and other modes) and as a means of sharing information for public awareness (through training and education).

There are many resources available online for information about hearing loss. Some of these organizations and their websites are:

The Association of Late-Deafened Adults  
[www.alda.org](http://www.alda.org)

The Hearing Loss Association of America  
[www.hearingloss.org](http://www.hearingloss.org)

National Association of the Deaf  
[www.nad.org](http://www.nad.org)

Virginia Association of the Deaf  
[www.vad.org](http://www.vad.org)

Virginia Relay  
[www.varelay.org](http://www.varelay.org)