

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD - DISABILITY NETWORK DIRECTORY

Deaf-Blind Resources

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Able Toolbox

8700 Georgia Avenue, Suite 303

Silver Spring, MD 20910-3605

301-818-2253 (V)

E-mail: info@abletoolbox.com

www.abletoolbox.com

Auditory and visual products for those who are Low Vision, Hard of Hearing, Blind and DeafBlind. Products include clocks, watches, phones, kitchen items, magnifiers, canes and more.

American Association of the Deaf-Blind (AADB)

E-mail: AADB-Info@aadb.org

www.aadb.org

National consumer organization of, by, and for deaf-blind Americans and their supporters. Provide information, referral, advocacy, trainings, workshops, and technical assistance on topics related to deaf-blindness. Publish bi-yearly magazine and monthly e-newsletter.

Deaf Abused Women's Network (DAWN)

5321 First Place, NE

Washington, DC 20011

202-559-5366 (Videophone)

E-mail: info@deafdawn.org

E-mail: hotline@deafdawn.org

(Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)

www.deafdawn.org

DAWN provides educational outreach and other resources to help prevent abuse and promote healthy relationships in Washington, DC's Deaf community. DAWN provides crisis intervention services for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Deaf-Blind communities. Our survivor services include: resource referral (medical and legal); case management; peer advocacy; counseling; and support groups.

Hellen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind

Youths and Adults

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www.hknc.org

East Central Regional Office

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Serving MD, DC, VA, DE, PA, WV.

The Center provides services to youth and adults who are deaf-blind according to the definition of deaf-blindness in the Helen Keller Act. Support services for youth and adults who are deaf-blind, their families and the professionals who serve them across the country are provided through our system of field services. Staff provides information, training and support through core services including assistive technology training, communication training, independent living training, orientation and mobility training, and vocational training.

Regional Representatives - Provide information, support and advocacy nationwide to individuals with combined vision and hearing loss, their families and the professionals who support them

Senior Adult Services - Senior Adult Specialist provides information, support, advocacy and training to seniors, age 55 and better, with combined vision and hearing loss, their families and the professionals who serve them. Through the Confident Living Program, offered at HKNC headquarters, and the Confident Living Program On the Road, seniors learn about: self advocacy; creative solutions to performing daily tasks; low and high tech devices; local resources and more.

Community Services Program - A team of rehabilitation professionals provide home- and work-based services to youth and adults who are deaf-blind living in the 5 boroughs of New York City, Westchester and Long Island.

Residential Program - Located in Sands Point, NY. Develop invaluable skills and strategies to help you in every area of your daily life - from managing your home and communicating with loved ones to traveling safely and succeeding on the job.

Youth Programs - Summer programs for deaf-blind young adults ages 16 to 23. Work one-on-one with

experts in assistive technology, vocational training, mobility and more. Share experiences with other deaf-blind students in small peer-group sessions.

HumanWare Communicator

1-800-722-3393 (Toll Free)

E-mail: info@humanware.com

www.humanware.com/en-usa/products/deafblind_communication_solutions

HumanWare Communicator is a face-to-face conversation app for deaf-blind people. This app helps deaf-blind individuals communicate on an everyday basis by connecting a HumanWare Braille device (BrailleNote Apex or Brailliant) with an iPhone, iPad, or iPod touch. Portable Brailliant Braille display combined with Apple's popular iOS tools (iPhone, iPod Touch and iPad), allow a deaf-blind user to utilize all the communication options that an iOS device has to offer. Type text messages with the Brailliant's Braille input keys, read emails in Braille and quickly respond, and engage in a face to face conversation with a sighted individual.

iCanConnect

TCS Associates

7361 Calhoun Place, Suite 350

Rockville, MD 20850

240-428-1820 (V)

240-221-1227 (VP)

E-mail: info@tcsassociates.com

www.iCanConnect.org

Provides free access to distance communication technologies, including smartphones, computers, software and Braille readers, as well as training and support, to people with significant combined hearing and vision loss who meet federal income guidelines. TCS Associates is the official distributor for the National DeafBlind Equipment Distribution Program in the state of Maryland.

Maryland School for the Blind

3501 Taylor Avenue

Baltimore, MD 21236

410-444-5000 (V)

E-mail: info@mdschblind.org

www.mdschblind.org

Provide a traditional classroom education in addition to a wide range of services, including Braille and low vision instruction, orientation and mobility, assistive technology, therapeutic recreation, residential services, career education, health services, psychology, social work, speech, physical and occupational therapy, outreach and transition, and infant/toddler services. Serve students who are deafblind.

Maryland School for the Deaf

Frederick Campus

101 Clarke Place

P.O. Box 250

Frederick, MD 21705-0250

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301-360-2001 (TTY)

240-575-2966 (Videophone)

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Columbia Campus

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Columbia, MD 21045

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410-480-4501 (TTY)

410-696-7449 (Videophone)

www.msd.edu

Provide free public education for children from birth through age 21 who are deaf and hard of hearing, reside in Maryland, and meet the admissions criteria. Serve children across a broad spectrum of intellectual and physical abilities, including those with mild to severe additional disabilities. Utilize a general education curriculum as well as the voluntary state curriculum. Students are immersed in educational, developmental, and extra-curricular activities.

Metro Washington Association of the DeafBlind

E-mail: board@mwadb.org

www.mwadb.org

Social organization where individuals who are Deaf-Blind and their friends meet on a regular basis to share stories and enjoy activities. The Deaf-Blind members are people who have both some hearing and visual loss. A Deaf-Blind Event is held monthly except for June and July. Events consist of socializing, guest lecturers and games. Membership is open to all deaf, hard of hearing deaf-blind and hearing persons 18 years old or older. Membership is free.

National Center on Deaf-Blindness

503-838-8754 (V)

E-mail: info@nationaldb.org

www.nationaldb.org

Work to improve the quality of life for children who are deaf-blind and their families by: Creating visibility and direction for identified priorities through a range of practices, activities, supports and partnerships; Identifying and encouraging new innovations in local, state, and national practice and policy; Promoting opportunity for reflection, debate, and constructive dialogue around ideas and developing practice; Maintaining a rich repository of content, history, and knowledge, easily available and shared by all who are part of the community of deaf-blindness.

National Federation of the Blind of Maryland

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Affiliate of the National Federation of the Blind. Nonprofit made up of blind people of all ages, their families and friends. Information and resources for students, seniors, parents, and diabetics. Local chapters and divisions and well-trained leaders help newly blind people adjust to vision loss, and promote the full participation and integration of blind people in our communities.

Sligo Creek Chapter

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Monthly meetings second Saturday primarily in Silver Spring, MD. Draws members from Montgomery County and surrounding areas.

White Cane ‘& More’ and Beyond Specs Store

8720 Georgia Avenue, Suite #302
Silver Spring, MD 20910-3658
301-589-0866 (V)
www.whitecaneandmore.com/index.html

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