

# MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD - DISABILITY NETWORK DIRECTORY

## Deaf 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](mailto:info@abletoolbox.com)

[www.abletoolbox.com](http://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.

### **Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing**

3417 Volta Place, NW  
Washington, DC 20007

202-337-5220 (V)

202-337-5221 (TTY)

E-mail: [info@agbell.org](mailto:info@agbell.org)

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

Helps families, health care providers and education professionals understand childhood hearing loss and the importance of early diagnosis and intervention.

Through advocacy, education, research and financial aid, AG Bell helps to ensure that every child and adult with hearing loss has the opportunity to listen, talk and thrive in mainstream society. Offer financial assistance for hearing technology, parent and infant financial aid for families of infants and toddlers under the age of 4 who have been diagnosed with a moderately severe to severe-to-profound hearing loss, and college scholarship programs for full-time students who are deaf or hard of hearing. Free membership to the AG Bell Community for families, adults and children with hearing loss. Membership includes a subscription to a quarterly magazine, weekly email newsletters, the Leadership Opportunities for Teens (LOFT) program, resources for families, and financial and advocacy guidance.

### **Auditory Services, Inc.**

#### **Silver Spring Office**

1734 Elton Road, Suite 104

Silver Spring, MD 20903

301-434-4300 (V)

#### **Potomac Office**

9800 Falls Road, Suite 5

Potomac, MD 20852

301-339-8583 (V)

[www.auditoryservices.com](http://www.auditoryservices.com)

Private practice offer hearing assessments, hearing aid evaluations, and counseling services regarding assistive listening devices. Medicare accepted.

### **Center for Families in Transition (CFIT)**

Ellen Schaefer-Salins, LCSW-C

8720 Georgia Avenue, Suite 205

Silver Spring, MD 20910

301-495-6393 (V)

301-384-3631 (TTY)

E-mail: [ellenss12@aol.com](mailto:ellenss12@aol.com)

[www.cfitherapy.com](http://www.cfitherapy.com)

Private practice providing mental health services to individuals, couples, and families. Psychological evaluation, including evaluations for IQ and learning disabilities. Special program for working with people who are Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing. Accept a variety of health insurances.

### **Deaf Abused Women's Network (DAWN)**

1140 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, NE

Washington, DC 20002

202-559-5366 (Videophone)

1-855-812-1001 (24/7 Videophone)

E-mail: [info@deafdawn.org](mailto:info@deafdawn.org)

Emergency E-mail: [hotline@deafdawn.org](mailto:hotline@deafdawn.org)

(E-mail hotline hours: Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)

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

Non-profit organization that addresses domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking in the deaf, hard of hearing and deaf-blind community. Appointments encouraged before coming to the office. Offer crisis intervention and survivor services including resource referrals (medical and legal); case management; peer advocacy; counseling; and support groups.

### **Deaf Addictions Services at Maryland (DASAM)**

Laura C. Dreany-Pyles, LCSW-C, Program Manager  
1001 West Pratt Street  
Baltimore, MD 21223  
443-462-3416 (Voice)  
443-965-9172 (Video Phone)

E-mail: [lpyles@som.umaryland.edu](mailto:lpyles@som.umaryland.edu)

[www.umaryland.edu/dasam](http://www.umaryland.edu/dasam)

Hours: Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., evening available by appointment only.

Programming includes: deaf support groups; substance abuse assessment; medical evaluations; psychiatric evaluations; addiction education; stress/anger management; relapse prevention; individual/group counseling; interpreted NA/AA meetings; women/men groups; DWI/DUI counseling; urine screens; breathalyzer tests; case management; and intensive outpatient programs.

The DASAM mobile treatment team will travel anywhere in the State of Maryland for individuals that do not live near the Baltimore site. Mobile counseling includes: substance abuse assessments; individual counseling; and case management.

### **Deaf AIDS Project - Family Service Foundation**

5301 76<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Landover Hills, MD 20784  
301-459-2121 X 296 (V)  
1-866-935-4658 (Toll Free)  
301-731-2116 (TTY)

E-mail: [ssoulier@fsfinc.org](mailto:ssoulier@fsfinc.org)

[www.deafnonprofit.net/dap](http://www.deafnonprofit.net/dap)

**Hours:** Monday through Friday, 9:00am to 5:00pm.

The project provides HIV education and functions to bridge the gap between human service agencies and deaf clients with AIDS-related issues. Services are offered both on-site at the FSF office and off-site throughout Maryland. Services include free HIV testing, counseling, referrals, condom distribution, group presentations, and individual sessions.

### **Deaf Counseling Center**

Candace A. McCullough, PhD., LCPC  
Sharon M. Duchesneau, LCPC

E-mail: [info@deafcounseling.com](mailto:info@deafcounseling.com)

[www.deafcounseling.com](http://www.deafcounseling.com)

Deaf-owned and operated psychotherapy and consulting practice staffed by Deaf licensed professional therapists. Provide individual, couples, and family therapy for Deaf people and their families. Please use e-mail when requesting services. Sliding scale/out-of-pocket fees also offered. Offices in Bethesda and Frederick.

### **DeafHealth.org**

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

Provide health education videos for the deaf and hard of hearing in their preferred language. Also maintain a database of deaf-friendly doctors.

### **Deafnet Association**

551 Jefferson Street  
Hagerstown, MD 21741  
301-791-9025 (V)  
240-329-9687 (Videophone)  
E-mail: [deafnet@myactv.net](mailto:deafnet@myactv.net)  
[www.deafnetmd.org](http://www.deafnetmd.org)

Serve Frederick, Allegany, Garrett and Washington Counties. Provide information and referral on deafness and related issues. Offer sign language classes and training classes, including TTY's and other specialized equipment, ADA compliance, deaf awareness, and how to use an interpreter. Group meetings every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month. Learning aids available for purchase. **Interpreter Referral Service:** Interpreters are available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Fees are charged for services.

### **Division of Rehabilitation Services (DORS) – Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services**

[www.dors.maryland.gov](http://www.dors.maryland.gov)

#### **Germantown Office**

20010 Century Boulevard, Suite 400  
Germantown, MD 20874  
301-601-1500 (V)  
301-200-8083 (Videophone)

E-mail: [germantown.dors@maryland.gov](mailto:germantown.dors@maryland.gov)

#### **Wheaton Office**

Westfield South Office  
11002 Veirs Mill Road, Suite 605  
Wheaton, MD 20902  
301-949-3750 (V)  
301-200-8090 (Videophone)

E-mail: [wheaton.dors@maryland.gov](mailto:wheaton.dors@maryland.gov)

Offer programs and services that help people with disabilities go to work or stay independent in their homes and communities. Also offer specialized services for people who are deaf or hard of hearing such as audiological evaluation and assessment, assistive devices, telecommunication devices, speech and language therapy, and interpreter services.

### **Family Hearing Center**

#### **The Treatment and Learning Center**

Susan Yaffe Oziel, Director  
2092 Gaither Road, Suite 100  
Rockville, MD 20850  
301-738-1415 (V)  
301-424-5203 (TTY)

E-mail: [syaffe-oziel@ttlc.org](mailto:syaffe-oziel@ttlc.org)  
[www.ttlc.org/family\\_hearing\\_center](http://www.ttlc.org/family_hearing_center)

Serve all ages, from newborn infants to seniors. Offer individual recommendations and counseling for hearing aids and hearing aid fittings based on communication needs. Hearing aid services include: digital hearing aid technology and devices; free consultations and hearing aid demonstrations; electroacoustic hearing aid analysis; demonstration and sales of hearing aid accessories and assistive listening devices; trial period with all new hearing aids; and a walk-in clinic for hearing aid problems most Fridays 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Offer a full range of hearing services including: newborn and pediatric hearing testing; adult testing; team testing (difficult-to-test children and adults); otoacoustic emissions; auditory processing disorder evaluation; and bilingual testing (Spanish, Hebrew, and Arabic). Screenings can be scheduled at senior centers, schools, childcare centers, and places of employment through community screenings and education program. Educational talks on hearing loss, coping strategies and hearing aid technology can also be presented to an organization or group. Help Others Hear program provides free hearing aids to children and adults who could not otherwise afford them.

### **Hearing and Speech Agency (HASA)**

Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Building  
5900 Metro Drive  
Baltimore, MD 21215  
410-318-6780 (V)  
E-mail: [hasa@hasa.org](mailto:hasa@hasa.org)  
[www.hasa.org](http://www.hasa.org)

Private, non-profit organization that provides hearing and speech services, offers an information resource center, and advocates for people of all ages with communication disorders/disabilities. Services include hearing tests, hearing aids, hearing-aid repair, speech-language evaluations and therapy, auditory-oral therapy, oral deaf education, pre- and post-cochlear implant services, occupational and physical therapy, special education, sign language and oral interpreting, sign language classes, deaf awareness seminars, social work, and parent support groups. Financial aid applications are available.

### **Humanim – Deaf Services**

6355 Woodside Court  
Columbia, MD 21046  
410-381-7171 (V)  
1-888-374-8342 (Toll Free)  
E-mail: [info@humanim.com](mailto:info@humanim.com)

<http://humanim.org/what-we-do/human-services/deaf-services/>

Provide social, educational, and employment services to individuals who are deaf, deafblind, or hard of hearing, as well as individuals who are deaf and have a developmental disability. Person-centered approach facilitates self-advocacy by developing an individual's unique interests and goals so that they can exercise greater personal and economic independence and be successful in the community. Deaf Services Day Program promotes self-advocacy, skills development, and community integration for individuals who are not yet ready for employment. Clients create personal goals and develop skills that foster greater independence and involvement in the community. Services are offered in a bilingual environment (American Sign Language and English) through team-oriented educational activities including: social, communication, and life skills development; pre-employment and academic skills; and community based activities and integration. Offer a variety of vocational supports that address the specific needs of individuals who are deaf and have a developmental disability. Supported Employment services focus on matching an individual's unique interests and skills to the hiring needs of employers. Once employed, job coaches continue to work with clients and employers to ensure job success. Services include: employment discovery and customization; job readiness training; job placement; and job coaching and on-site job support. Rehabilitation and Employment for Deaf Individuals program and Employment Services for the Blind provide shorter-term services that focus specifically on employment for individuals who are deaf, deafblind, or blind.

### **Jewish Social Service Agency (JSSA) Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services**

200 Wood Hill Road  
Rockville, MD 20850  
301-838-4200 (V)

[www.jssa.org/get-help/individuals-with-special-needs/deaf-and-hard-of-hearing-services/](http://www.jssa.org/get-help/individuals-with-special-needs/deaf-and-hard-of-hearing-services/)

Provide counseling and care management services for children, teens and adults who are deaf and hard of hearing. Specialized programs include: individual, family and group counseling for all ages, case management services, psychiatric evaluations and medication management, career and employment services, workshops and support groups, community education and advocacy, and referrals to other community resources. JSSA clinical social workers, therapists and supported employment specialists are fluent in ASL.

### **Kendall Demonstration Elementary School**

#### **Gallaudet University**

800 Florida Avenue, NE  
Washington, DC 20002  
202-651-5206 (V)  
202-250-2761 (Videophone)

<http://www3.gallaudet.edu/kdes.html>

Located on Gallaudet's campus. Serve deaf and hard of hearing students from birth through age 15, beginning with the Parent-Infant Program and ending in grade 8. Support services are available to all students including speech, audiological, counseling, social work, psychological, occupational and physical therapy, and medical and health services. Also offer an extensive after-school program. Tuition is free.

### **Laurent Clerc National Deaf Education Center**

#### **Gallaudet University**

800 Florida Avenue, NE  
Washington, DC 20002  
202-651-5855 (V/TTY)

E-mail: [clerc.center@gallaudet.edu](mailto:clerc.center@gallaudet.edu)

[www3.gallaudet.edu/clerc-center.html](http://www3.gallaudet.edu/clerc-center.html)

Centralized source of accurate, objective information provides information, training, and technical assistance for parents and professionals to meet the needs of deaf and hard of hearing children. The work of the Clerc Center is guided by the Education of the Deaf Act, which sets forth our mission: To raise the achievement of deaf and hard of hearing students ages birth-21 nationwide by supporting the families and professionals who work with these students. This support is in turn guided by public input gathered from educators, professionals, and families working with deaf and hard of hearing children. Info To Go collects, develops and disseminates informational materials on communication, education, parenting, organizations, services/programs, and more. All of the informational materials are available to download, free of charge.

### **Library Services for People who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing – Montgomery County Public Libraries**

240-777-0001 (V)  
240-777-0902 (TTY)

Email: [MCPL.DeafAccess@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:MCPL.DeafAccess@montgomerycountymd.gov)

<http://montgomerycountymd.libguides.com/deaf>

Library and literacy services are available to the deaf and hard of hearing community through a wide range of materials, library programs and telecommunication services. Many books, closed captioned videos or DVDs, and periodicals about deaf culture, hearing loss, deaf history, and communication options can be borrowed from the Rockville Memorial Library or another Montgomery County library branch. Items can be sent to other libraries for pick up. At the Rockville Memorial Library, books, magazines, and videos or DVDs for

parents, teachers, and child care providers are available on the first floor in the Children's Resource Collection. Materials related to employment, rehabilitation, and coping with adult onset deafness or other disabilities can be found on the second floor of the Rockville Memorial Library. MCPL offers services that make library programs accessible to its deaf and hard of hearing customers:

- **Interpreting Services:** Montgomery County Public Libraries has a contract through Montgomery County Government to provide sign language or oral interpreting or cued speech transliteration services for deaf and hard of hearing individuals for all library sponsored programs. Five (5) work days notice is requested. Complete the interpreter request form.
- **Sign-Interpreted Programs:** You may check on the availability of a list of sign-interpreted library programs by contacting the Coordinator of Library Services to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community.
- **Hearing Assistive Technology:** Audio induction loop, a hearing assistive technology, are available in library meeting rooms that can be used during a library sponsored program. When you request the audio loop, a microphone will then be reserved. To make this arrangement, contact the library three (3) work days in advance.
- **Videophones:** Three Video Phone Booths have been installed. They are available at the Germantown Library, the Rockville Memorial Library and the Silver Spring Library.

### **Listening Center at Johns Hopkins**

443-997-6467 (V)

[www.hopkinsmedicine.org/otolaryngology/specialty\\_areas/listencenter/index.html](http://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/otolaryngology/specialty_areas/listencenter/index.html)

Offers comprehensive approach to cochlear implantation and develops resources needed to provide patients with optimal access to sound and spoken language. Also serve as a major research and training center for medical and educational professionals working with individuals with hearing loss. Locations in Baltimore and Bethesda. Call to schedule an appointment.

### Maryland's Assistive Technology Program

Workforce Technology Center  
2301 Argonne Drive, Room T-17  
Baltimore, MD 21218  
410-554-9230 (V)  
1-800-832-4827 (Toll Free)  
1-866-881-7488 (TTY)  
E-mail: [mdtap@mdtap.org](mailto:mdtap@mdtap.org)  
[www.mdtap.org](http://www.mdtap.org)

Provides assistive technology services available to every Maryland resident with a disability, providing tools to help Marylanders with disabilities and seniors enjoy the same rights and opportunities as other citizens. The free services include equipment demonstrations, equipment loans, a device-exchange program, training, and public awareness initiatives. Website features an online library of accessible technology and applications for smartphones. There are two low-interest financing programs for the purchase of assistive technology and provide access to cooperative buying discounts on AT purchases. Staff can also assist individuals with referrals to vendors, comparison price shopping or funding sources, and connecting them to local representations that can provide training. MD TAP is a program of the Maryland Department of Disabilities and coordinates with two regional offices to deliver these free AT services to Marylanders across the state. **On-Line Assistive Technology Classified Ads:** For individuals to view and post gently used assistive technology for sale, free or needed - [www.myatprogram.org](http://www.myatprogram.org)

### Maryland Relay Services

Department of Information Technology  
Telecommunications Access of Maryland  
301 West Preston Street, Suite 1008A  
Baltimore, MD 21201  
1-800-552-7724 (V/TTY)  
443-453-5970 (Videophone)  
Maryland Relay: 711  
Maryland Residents: 1-800-735-2258 (V/TTY)  
Spanish Line: 1-800-877-1264 (V/TTY)  
E-mail: [moreinfo@mdrelay.org](mailto:moreinfo@mdrelay.org)  
[www.mdrelay.org](http://www.mdrelay.org)

Provides free service to call TTY users. Services include traditional relay (TTY), hearing carry-over and speech-to-speech, captioned telephone, Braille TTY, and Spanish Relay. Distribute free amplified phones, ring signalers, TTYs, and other assistive devices to qualified applicants who have difficulty using the telephone. Applications available online. **Maryland Relay Partner** program provides free training to businesses on how to place and receive Relay calls.

### Maryland School for the Deaf

[www.msd.edu](http://www.msd.edu)  
**Frederick Campus**  
101 Clarke Place  
P.O. Box 250  
Frederick, MD 21705-0250  
301-360-2000 (V)  
301-360-2001 (TTY)  
240-575-2966 (Videophone)  
E-mail: [frederick@msd.edu](mailto:frederick@msd.edu)

**Columbia Campus**  
P.O. Box 894  
8169 Old Montgomery Road  
Columbia, MD 21044  
E-mail: [columbia@msd.edu](mailto:columbia@msd.edu)  
410-696-3027 (V)  
410-480-4501 (TTY)  
410-696-7449 (Videophone)

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. Utilize a general education curriculum as well as the voluntary state curriculum. Students are immersed in educational, developmental, and extra-curricular activities.

### Maryland Sheriffs' Association - Deaf Visor Cards

410-659-8329 (V)  
E-mail: [execdir@mdsheriffs.org](mailto:execdir@mdsheriffs.org)  
The card states "DRIVER IS DEAF" and gives the driver instructions on how to use it in the event of a routine traffic stop to help prevent miscommunication. Print the card online, fold it in half and place it in the windshield when the vehicle is being operated by a deaf driver. When needed, the card will inform the officer that the individual has special communication needs due to hearing loss and is not intentionally failing to respond to their request.

### Maxi-Aids

42 Executive Boulevard  
Farmingdale, NY 11735  
1-800-522-6294 (V)  
631-752-0738 (TTY)  
[www.maxiaids.com](http://www.maxiaids.com)  
Products for those who are blind, low vision, deaf, hard of hearing, or have mobility impairments. Products for health and rehabilitation, household, and computer accessories.

### **Montgomery College -**

#### **American Sign Language Classes**

Pauline Laster, M.S., Assistant Professor of ASL  
301-637-2935 (Video Relay Services)

E-mail: [pauline.laster@montgomerycollege.edu](mailto:pauline.laster@montgomerycollege.edu)

#### **The Certificate Program in American Sign**

**Language** is designed to provide students with a foundation in ASL and would benefit those pursuing business or other service-oriented fields where they might be called upon to communicate directly with Deaf clients. The program also serves students preparing to enter an Interpreter Training Program, students whose first language is ASL and who desire to learn the structure and syntax of the language, and students desiring to improve their understanding of Deaf culture to better communicate with Deaf family, friends, neighbors, and community.

The **Associate of Arts degree program in American Sign Language** is designed for students who plan to enter fields in which they would work with Deaf people on a daily basis. Following program completion, students would transfer to a four-year degree program majoring in Deaf Education, Interpreter Education, or Social Work.

### **Montgomery County Association for Hearing-Impaired Children (MCAHIC), Inc.**

P. O. Box 6610

Silver Spring, MD 20916

E-mail: [contactmcahic@gmail.com](mailto:contactmcahic@gmail.com)

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

All-volunteer organization dedicated to encouraging the educational development and achievement of our deaf and hard-of-hearing children. Forum for disseminating and exchanging information on educational, developmental, and social issues affecting deaf and hard-of-hearing children. Organization composed of parents, students, relatives, friends and educators who want to work together to make a difference.

### **National Association of the Deaf (NAD)**

8630 Fenton Street, Suite 820

Silver Spring, MD 20910

301-587-1788 (V / Videophone - ZVRS)

301-328-1443 (V / Videophone – Sorenson)

301-338-6380 (V / Videophone – Convo)

301-453-2390 (V / Videophone – Purple)

301-587-1789 (TTY)

E-mail: [NAD.info@nad.org](mailto:NAD.info@nad.org)

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

Private, nonprofit organization representing the interest and rights of people who are deaf or hard of hearing. Contact NAD for information on legal assistance, public policy on deafness and disabilities, and referrals to products that assist people who are deaf or hearing impaired.

### **National Institute on Deafness and other Communication Disorders (NIDCD)**

National Institutes of Health

31 Center Drive, MSC 2320

Bethesda, MD 20892-2320

1-800-241-1044 (Toll Free)

1-800-241-1055 (TTY)

E-mail: [nidcdinfo@nidcd.nih.gov](mailto:nidcdinfo@nidcd.nih.gov)

[www.nidcd.nih.gov](http://www.nidcd.nih.gov)

Conduct and support biomedical and behavioral research and research training in the normal and disordered processes of hearing, balance, smell, taste, voice, speech, and language. Calls are accepted Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Eastern time. Bilingual information specialists are available during these hours to assist you in locating relevant health information in English or Spanish.

### **Northern Virginia Resource Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Persons**

3951 Pender Drive, Suite 130

Fairfax, VA 22030

703-352-9055 (V)

703-352-9056 (TTY)

571-350-8656 (Videophone)

E-mail: [info@nvrc.org](mailto:info@nvrc.org)

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

Serves a diverse range of people, including the deaf, deaf-blind, late-deafened, hard of hearing, parents with deaf and hard of hearing children, children of deaf and hard of hearing parents, educators, sign language teachers and students, hearing aid users, people with cochlear implants, people with tinnitus, and people with auditory processing disorders. Programs in the community bring information and resources to people with hearing loss, introducing them to a range of possible solutions to improve the quality of their lives. Also offers educational programs in their large, all-access meeting room which is equipped with an audio loop. CART is also offered at their programs, as well as sign language interpreters. Awareness trainings are also given to agencies, organizations, and businesses. Outreach services include one-on-one hearing screenings and mentoring.

### **Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing The State of Maryland**

Kelby Brick, Esq., CDI, Director

217 East Redwood Street, Suite 910

Baltimore, MD 21202

410-767-6290 (V)

443-453-5954 (Videophone)

E-mail: [gov.odhh@maryland.gov](mailto:gov.odhh@maryland.gov)

[www.odhh.maryland.gov](http://www.odhh.maryland.gov)

Promote the general welfare of deaf and hard of hearing individuals in Maryland. Programs include awareness, training, technical assistance, constituent services, and community outreach and education.

**Rehabilitation Services, Inc.**

Diana Weinrich, President  
14409 Greenview Drive, Suite 102  
Laurel, MD 20708  
301-498-8100 (V)  
E-mail: [info@rsitherapy.net](mailto:info@rsitherapy.net)  
[www.rsitherapy.net](http://www.rsitherapy.net)

Provides comprehensive care for acute injuries, chronic conditions, and developmental impairments for clients of all ages – including persons who are deaf or hard of hearing. Services include free screenings, evaluations and assessments, therapy and rehabilitation, and consultations. Therapists are trained in ASL. Accept a wide range of insurances, including Healthnet for military families.

**Smoke Alarm Program – Montgomery County Fire & Rescue Services**

311 (in County)  
[www.mcfrrs.org/mcsafe](http://www.mcfrrs.org/mcsafe)

Residents of Montgomery County may request a free home safety visit. The installation of free alarms is targeted to high risk individuals that include older people and senior citizens, individuals with mobility, vision or hearing impairments and residents who may have a disability or be economically challenged. Specially designed visual smoke alarms are available for those who are deaf or hard of hearing. Additional alarms must be purchased. If you rent, please first ask your landlord to install a smoke alarm. Also conduct home safety evaluations and identify fire safety and injury issues.

**Springfield Hospital Center - Forensic, Addiction and Trauma Recovery Services**

6655 Sykesville Road  
Sykesville, MD 21784  
410-970-7000 (V)  
410-549-7950 (TTY)  
1-800-333-7564 (Toll Free)  
E-mail: [shc\\_admin@dhhm.state.md.us](mailto:shc_admin@dhhm.state.md.us)  
<http://dhhm.state.md.us/springfield>

Provide deaf psychiatric services such as individual, couples or family therapy for deaf individuals and their families as well as occasional group therapy. Springfield Hospital Center only admits through direct referrals from hospital emergency rooms, inpatient units in general hospitals, or from State and local courts. regional psychiatric hospital operated by the State of Maryland, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Mental Hygiene Administration.

**Starkey Hearing Foundation – Hear Now**

1-800-328-8602 (Toll Free)  
E-mail: [hearnow@starkeyfoundation.org](mailto:hearnow@starkeyfoundation.org)  
[www.starkeyhearingfoundation.org/hear-now](http://www.starkeyhearingfoundation.org/hear-now)  
Hear Now is an application-based program that provides hearing help to low-income Americans. Each person they help is fit with new, top-of-the-line digital hearing aids that are customized to their hearing loss. Listen Carefully is a campaign to raise awareness about noise-induced hearing loss and prevent a hearing loss epidemic.

**TDI (formerly Telecommunications for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Inc.)**

PO Box 8009  
Silver Spring, MD 20907  
301-563-9112 (V)  
<http://tdiforaccess.org>  
Active national advocacy organization focusing its energies and resources to address equal access issues in telecommunications and media for people who are deaf, hard-of-hearing, late-deafened, and deaf-blind. Provide technical assistance and consulting to industry, organizations and individuals. Publish the TDI World quarterly magazine and the annual TDI National Directory and Resource Guide.

**Washington Hearing and Speech - Sibley Center for Rehabilitation Medicine**

5255 Loughboro Road, NW  
Washington, DC 20016  
202-537-4010 (V)  
[www.hopkinsmedicine.org/sibley-memorial-hospital/patient-care/specialty/rehabilitation-medicine/washington-hearing-speech/](http://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/sibley-memorial-hospital/patient-care/specialty/rehabilitation-medicine/washington-hearing-speech/)  
Audiology services include hearing testing for adults and children, hearing screenings for newborns and hearing aid evaluations and fittings. Assistive listening equipment, such as vibrating or flashing alarm clocks, FM listening systems, amplified telephones or handsets and personal listening systems for television viewing are also available. Hearing aid batteries, waxguards and dri-aid kits are also available for purchase. Speech therapy services diagnose and treat speech, language, cognitive and swallowing disorders.

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