

Fast Resources about Hearing Loss

Arizona Commission for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing: A State Agency, offering: Information, Advocacy, Resources, Empowerment, AZTEDP, AZRS, Interpreter Licensure. 602-542-3323 v/tty, 800-352-8161 v/tty, www.acdhh.org For training and other resources, contact Michele Michaels, the Hard of Hearing Specialist for the State of Arizona, at 602-364-0007 or send email to: m.michaels@acdhh.az.gov.

Arizona Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program: State Program offers free loaned telephones for qualifying individuals with hearing loss & speech disability. Call for program & equipment availability and information about the application process. 602-264-6876 v/tty, outside Phoenix call 866-223-3412, www.acdhh.org/aztedp.

Arizona Relay Service: This free service relays phone calls between hearing people and people with hearing loss or speech difficulties 24 hours a day. Dial 7-1-1 anywhere in Arizona. Visit www.azrelay.org for more information.

Arizona Technology Access Program: A Northern Arizona University program, available statewide, offers free demonstrations and loaning of assistive technology. Also loans money for assistive technology & hearing aids. Call 602-728-9534, or 800-477-9921, visit aztap.org.

Arizona Department of Health Services, Office of Special Licensing: A State Agency: licenses hearing aid dispensers, audiologists, and speech-language pathologists: direct any complaints about hearing aids or licensed hearing care professionals to this office. Call 602-364-2079, or visit www.azdhs.gov/als/special-licensing/speech-and-hearing/index.htm.

Hearing Aids for Low-Income Arizonans: Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation 602-954-1723, lions-sight-and-hearing-foundation.org/# (Statewide), Hearing Aid Bank, 520-792-1906 (serving residents 65+ in Pima County), Starkey "Hear Now" Foundation 800-648-4327, www.sotheworldmayhear.org, (National).

Cochlear Implant Information: Provided by the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders, one of the National Institutes of Health. Cochlear implants are for people with severe sensorineural hearing loss and difficulty understanding speech. There are also devices for single-sided deafness and conductive hearing loss. Visit the website, www.nidcd.nih.gov/health/hearing/coch.asp to learn more about cochlear implants.

Association of Late-Deafened Adults: ALDA is a national non-profit organization providing support to all late deafened adults. For comprehensive information about ALDA, visit www.alda.org, or call 815-332-1515 and for information about Arizona's chapter, including chapter meetings, email to: RD4@alda.org.

Hearing Loss Association of America: HLAA, a non-profit organization, provides assistance and resources for people with hearing loss and their families to learn how to adjust to living with hearing loss. To reach chapter representatives in Arizona via email, visit the Arizona location information listed on the national website, www.hearingloss.org, or call 301-657-2248.

Adult Loss of Hearing Association: ALOHA is a non-profit support and advocacy organization that provides services for hard of hearing and deaf adults in Southern AZ. 520-795-9887, www.alohaaz.org, or send email to: info@alohaaz.org.

American Tinnitus Association: A national non-profit organization providing information to the public and working to cure tinnitus. Call 800-634-8978, or visit www.ata.org.

Better Hearing Institute: A non-profit corporation that educates the public about the neglected problem of hearing loss and what can be done about it. Call 202-449-1100, or visit www.betterhearing.org.

Academy of Doctors of Audiology: Professional organization for audiologists. 866-493-5544, www.audiologist.org/.

International Hearing Society: Professional organization for Hearing Instrument Specialists. 734-522-7200, ihsinfo.org/IhsV2/Home/Index.cfm.