

Communication Access

Current approaches and assistive technologies available to promote communication access among hearing and deaf persons are:



- Certified Deaf Interpreters
- Registered Interpreters
- Real-time Captioning
- Video Relay Interpreting
- Video Remote Interpreting
- Voice-to-Text

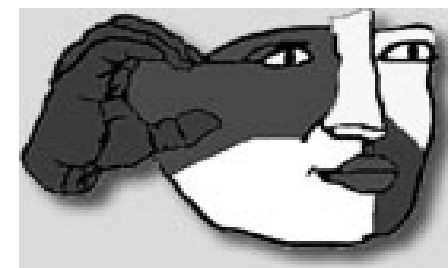
Language/ Communication Modes

Individuals with hearing losses have the right to choose any mode of communication upon their preference.

- American Sign Language
- Signed English
- Speech reading
- Spoken English
- Tactile Sign Language



Communication Advocacy Network



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Call for an appointment

General Information

Based on US Census Bureau data in 1994-95, the population in CT of non-institutionalized persons with hearing losses is approximately 150,000. This includes persons who are Deaf, deaf-blind, late-deafened, and hard-of-hearing.



CAN will collaborate with any service provider or agency to provide advocacy, legal support, and counseling services to persons with hearing losses and their families.

In addition, employment-related services, i.e., training and workshops, are available to employers who want to enhance the quality of the workplace for persons with hearing losses.

Purpose:

To advocate as a centralized statewide agency with auxiliary support services for deaf, hard-of-hearing, deaf-blind, and persons with hearing losses, regardless of race, age, and gender and ensure those services most citizens take for granted are also accessible to those citizens who cannot hear.

Organizational Goals

Information & Referral

To provide information & referrals:

- Education
- Assistive technology
- Literacy
- Independent living
- Legal issue
- Interpreter Services
- Resources for job seekers and employers

Consumer & Legal Advocacy

To promote full communication access by providing training and workshops:

- Review policies and programs
- Trainings and workshops
- ASL translation service

Deaf-blind Advocacy & Services

To maximize Deaf-blind individuals' potential through independence and participation in the society:

- Provide the listing of Service Support Providers (SSP) to deaf-blind persons
- Provide training and workshops for anyone interested in becoming the SSP

Counseling Services

To provide counseling services:

- Individual, Group & Family Counseling
- Social and Emotional Assessments
- Life and Career Coaching

They are available through LifeStages Consulting, LLC. Please contact Mary Ann Dayton-Fitzgerald, LPC.

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