“DEAF, Inc.’s mission is to inspire people to achieve personal and professional goals through accessible programs and services. We build bridges by increasing communication access and awareness across communities.”

Deaf and Hard of Hearing Constituents’ Annual Day
Wednesday, May 15, 2019
10 am – 12 pm
Great Hall, State House
Boston, MA

A gathering of Statewide Advisory Council members, community members, legislators, and state agency directors at the State House, Boston Program

Greetings from Legislative and State Agency Leaders
Presentations
Annual Awards

For more information and/or to request close vision/tactile interpreters, contact Ami Hangan.
The deadline for communication access request is April 15, 2019) Ami.Hanigan@massmail.state.ma.us

Afternoon Legislative Visits:
Meet with your legislators to discuss community concerns and bills of interest.
Schedule your visits in advance.
Find legislators’ names and contact information malegislature.gov

To request communication access for Legislator visits – Contact ADA coordinator Carl Richardson at the State House by email: carl.richardson@state.ma.us or by phone at 857-400-5502. Requests are due by April 26, 2019.

This event is run & organized by MCDHH Statewide Advisory Council

Office Locations: Allston • Hyannis • Lawrence • New Bedford • Salem • Taunton •
What is HPV?  (Human Papillomavirus)

Presenter: Paula McDonald
When: Thursday, February 14, 2019
Time: 1pm-3pm
Where: 105 William Street, # 25
New Bedford, MA 02740

COME TO OUR WORKSHOP AND GET ANSWERS!

- What is Human Papillomavirus?
- How do you get it?
- How do you prevent from getting it?
- What to do if you have it?

Accommodations: If you need DeafBlind interpreters, CART, or assistive listening system — please contact us ASAP.
Catarina Lima: clima@deafincoline.org
508-858-5178 Videophone/Voice
508-990-1382 TTY/Voice
DIABETES: WHAT DO YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT IT?

JOIN OUR UPCOMING WORKSHOP AND GET ANSWERS!

- What is diabetes?
- What can you do if you are diabetic?
- How to prevent it?
- How to read the blood sugar level?
- How to stay healthy?

Light healthy snacks will be provided

Presented by: Paula McDonald

When: March 14, 2019
Time: 1PM to 3PM
Where: 105 William Street # 25
       New Bedford, MA 02740

Learn About Public Transportation

Get Questions and Answers about:
- New Routes
- Fill out applications for Disability Access
- What is On-Demand?

Presenter: Mandy of SRTA
When: Wednesday, February 6, 2019
Time: 1pm-3pm
Where: 105 William Street, # 25
       New Bedford, MA 02740

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Do you have your new Medicare card? Did not get it?

No worries! You can call Medicare at 1-800-633-4227, or go online at www.MyMedicare.gov.

Text To 911 Now Available

Starting January 2019, in Massachusetts, you can now text 911.

“Call if you can, text if you can’t”

Emergency call 911 — 1st Best VP, TTY, Voice
2nd Best Text

Heidi Reed has retired as Commissioner from Massachusetts Commission for Deaf and Hard of Hearing (MCDHH) this past January 2019.

DEAF, Inc. appreciates her time, energy and dedication. Thank you for your work in providing accessible communication, education, and support to individuals who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Late Deafened and Deaf Blind.

Steven A. Florio has been appointed MCDHH Commissioner beginning on February 17, 2019.
Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Late-Deafened Resources

DEAF, Inc. can help you get equipment for you and your home. Things like hearing aids, pocket-talkers, TV listening systems, visual fire alarms, doorbells, and alarms to wake up. If you would like to learn more about which device is right for you, or know where to get this and other equipment, or if you need financial assistance, contact us.

For your FREE equipment contact your IL specialist OR If you are a community member contact: Noemi Paz Independent Living Program Administrative Assistant: npaz@deafinconline.org; (617) 206-3292 VP; (617) 254-4041 V

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF  WWW.NAD.ORG
DEAF WOMEN UNITED  WWW.DWU.ORG
MA STATE ASSOC. OF THE DEAF  WWW.MSASSDEAF.ORG

HEARING LOSS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA (HLA)
NATIONAL: WWW.HEARINGLOSS.ORG

Local Chapters:
Boston, MA  http://www.hearinglossboston.org
Meets at Watertown Free Public Library, 123 Main St. Watertown
Contact: Betsy Anderson: betucansea@gmail.com

North Of Boston Chapter (3rd Wednesday of the Month at 11am)
Meets at Lucius Beebe Memorial Library (2nd Fl. Treasurer's Room),
345 Main St. Wakefield, MA
Contact: JoAnn Lacock at jlpisces@aol.com  603-216-2381

Plymouth, MA  (BI-MONTHLY) WWW.HEARINGLOSSPLYMOUTH.ORG
Meets at Plymouth Public Library, 132 South Street, Plymouth, MA
Contact: Sandy Spekman at sspekman@gmail.com

Central Massachusetts Chapter  https://hearinglosscentralma.wordpress.com/
Meets at Northborough Public Library, 24 Main St, Northboro
Contact: info@hearinglosscentralma.org for more information I

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Cochlear Implant Groups
Bionic Ear Association

Med-EL
HearPeers Community—online support
http://www.medel.com/us/show/index/id/557/titel/HearPeers

MINUTEMAN IMPLANT CLUB  WWW.NECISUPPORT.ORG
Contact: Terri Charles at terri_charles@verizon.net
Cold and Flu Prevention

- Stay at home when you are sick
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze
- Cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve, not your hand
- Put used tissues in the waste basket