
OR

Come to our workshop on Wednesday, February 5, 2020 1:15pm—2:45pm
DEAF, Inc. Boston Office
215 Brighton Ave
Allston, MA 02134

- Learn about the different political parties
- Learn how to fill out the registration form
- Register to vote online at DEAF, Inc.
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CLOSED 12:00PM TO 1:00PM MONDAY—FRIDAY

Valentines and Spring Word Search

- VALENTINE
- CANDY
- CARD
- CUPID
- FLOWERS
- HEART
- LOVE
- POEM
- SPRING
- BLOOM
- PUDDLES
- RAIN
- SUNSHINE
- UMBRELLA

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Come do your taxes at DEAF, Inc. with the help of AARP Tax-Aides and the City of Boston
*Interpreters will be provided*

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**Where:**

DEAF, Inc. Boston
215 Brighton Ave
Allston, MA 02134

**What to bring:**

- Photo ID (license, government ID, passport)
- Social Security card
- 2018 Tax Return
- 2019 W-2 (from all your jobs)
- 2019 1099/1099G/1099R forms
- Rent (total paid in 2019) AND your landlord’s name and address
- Health insurance documents

**Appointments Required:**

Email: ASLTax@deafinconline.org
VP: 617-505-4823
Introduction to Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

- Learn about ADA
- The history of ADA
- What does the ADA do?
- What are reasonable accommodations?
- What are not reasonable accommodations?
- Where can I except to have reasonable accommodations?
- Jobs, transportation, government services, and telecommunications; and how they relate to ADA
- How to file a complaint of discrimination

Deaf and Hard of Hearing Constituents Day

- When: Monday, March 30, 2020
  10:00am—12:00pm

- Where: Great Hall
  Boston State House

(If you enter the State House at the Ashburton Park entrance, the elevator will drop you on the second floor close to that room.)

Join us on March 30th, partnering with our legislators to support and improve access and services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing adults and children throughout Massachusetts.

There will be ASL, CDI and CART communication access providers.
Assistive Listening Devices will be available at the event upon request. To request close vision/tactile interpreters please email: Hana Hanigan at ami.hanigan@mass.gov

Deadline for communication access requests is: March 2.
What is the Census?
It is a count of everyone living in the United States.

Who gets counted?
EVERYONE! Both citizens and non-citizens.

When is the census?
Census letters will be mailed mid-March.

The Department of Public Health (DPH) has partnered with the Massachusetts Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (MCDHH) to provide information on filing a complaint about care received in a hospital.

Learn more by watching the vlog below, or visit https://www.mass.gov/how-to/file-a-complaint-regarding-a-hospital

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7oWuF5oD7pQ
### Independent Living Program Classes & Workshops

#### Boston Office

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#### DEAF Parents Support Group (DPSG)

**Wednesday**

10:00AM—11:30AM

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### The Journey of Trauma and Addiction

#### When:
Wednesday, February 19
10:00am—11:45am

#### Where:
DEAF, Inc. Boston
215 Brighton Ave.
Allston, MA 02134

This presentation reviews four important topics:

1. What is trauma?
2. What is PTSD?
3. How some people cope with PTSD by using alcohol, drugs, or other unsafe behaviors
4. How people can choose to cope in more safe ways
### DEAF, Inc. Calendar of Events
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ASL Department News

DEAF, Inc. is looking for ASL teachers
The teacher will provide weekly ASL instruction from
6 pm - 8 pm for a session for adult learners in American Sign
Language using the True-Way ASL curriculum materials. Positions
available in Boston, Lawrence, and New Bedford.

Find more information on our website at www.deafinconline.org/jobs/job-opportunities

Are you an ASL tutor?
Contact asl@deafinconline to be added to our resource list. We can refer students to you.

Are you interested in Classes?
Check out our website www.deafinconline.org/asl-program for more information.

Looking for new opportunities??
Are you motivated to be part of DEAF, Inc.’s amazing team?
Interested in working with accessible services?

American Sign Language Instructor
Teaches ASL at adult evening classes
Boston, Lawrence, & New Bedford locations

Independent Living Specialist (Hard of Hearing/Late-Deafened)
Provides independent living services to people experiencing mild to moderate hearing loss and seniors
Salem—35 hours a week

Independent Living Specialist (Hard of Hearing/Late-Deafened)
Provides independent living services to people experiencing mild to moderate hearing loss and seniors
Hyannis 17.5 hours + Taunton 17.5 hours (35 hours a week)

DBCAN Provider
Provides direct services to DeafBlind
Hours and locations vary

ASL Social Event Mentor
Interacts with ASL learners at events
Boston — up to 3 hours a month contract

Independent Living Specialist
Provides independent living services to Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard of Hearing/Late Deafened people
New Bedford—35 hours a week

Interested in Applying? Email a cover letter, resume, and 3 reference letters to
Ann Thompson athompson@deafinconline.org
More information on our website: www.deafinconline.org/jobs

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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. Contact DEAF, Inc. for more information.

SUPPORT/SOCIAL GROUPS

Deaf Seniors of America:
www.deafseniorsofamerica.org
National Association of the Deaf: www.nad.org
Deaf Women United: www.dwu.org
MA State Association of the Deaf: www.msassdeaf.org

Association of Late Deafened Adults
National: www.alda.org info@alda.org
Boston: www.aldaboston.org
  • Francine Stieglitz: fstiegl@bu.edu
ALDA Seacoast NH:
  • Laura Sinclair: aldaseacoastnh@gmail.com

Cochlear Implant Groups
Bionic Ear Association:
www.advancedbionics.com
Med-EL: HearPeers Community Online Support
www.medel.com
Minuteman Implant Club:
www.necisupport.org
  • Terri Charles: terri_charles@verizon.net

Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA)
www.hearingloss.org
Boston, MA: www.hearinglossboston.org
  • Meets at Watertown Free Public Library, 123 Main St., Watertown
  • Betsy Anderson: betucansea@gmail.com
North of Boston:
  • Meets at Lucius Beebe Memorial Library, 345 Main St., Wakefield (2nd Fl. Treasurers Room)
  • 3rd Wednesday at 11am
  • JoAnn Lacock: jlpisces@aol.com
Plymouth, MA: www.hearinglossplymouth.org
  • Meets at Plymouth Public Library, 123 South St., Plymouth
  • Sandy Spekman: sspekman@gmail.com
Central MA: hearinglosscentralma.wordpress.com
  • Meets at Northborough Public Library, 24 Main St., Northboro
  • info@hearinglosscentralma.org

Online Groups
HLAA Virtual Hearing Loss Community:
Connect.mayoclinic.org/groups

Healthy Relationship Support Group
For the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community

Dates and Topics: 1:00pm-2:30pm
February 5: Types of Domestic Violence
March 4: Safety Planning
April 1: Boundaries
May 6: Technology Safety
June 3: Self Care

Location:
Worcester Senior Center
128 Providence St., Worcester

YWCA is here for you. Join us for in-depth conversations around:
  • The importance of building healthy relationships with intimate partners
  • personal empowerment
  • advocating for oneself

ASL interpreters will be provided.
Walk-ins welcome!
ENJOY THE BOSTON NEWSLETTER!

Available Now!
Visor Cards for Deaf & Hard of Hearing drivers

Visit any DEAF, Inc. Office to get yours.

Text To 911 Now Available
State 911 Department Says “Call if you can, text if you can’t”

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

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