“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.”

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Question and Answer Session about Medicare

**When:**
Friday, February 28
10:00am—12:00pm
(Back up date:
Thursday, March 5
10:00am—12:00pm)

**Where:**
DEAF, Inc.
Lawrence Office
370 Merrimack St.
Bldg 5, Suite 205
Lawrence, MA 01843

What is credit?

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Why are my gas and electric bills so high?

**How can I budget better?**

Where:
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Lawrence, MA 01843

When:
Tuesday, March 24
2:00pm—4:00pm

We had a great holiday party! Thank you to everyone who participated!
## Lawrence Office Hours

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### DEAF, Inc. Lawrence Class Schedule

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### Want to VOTE for the President in the 2020 Election?

Every VOTE is important!

U.S. Citizens must be registered to vote, visit: [www.vote.org/register-to-vote/massachusetts/](http://www.vote.org/register-to-vote/massachusetts/) (Did you move to a new town, register your new town. online)
Valentines and Spring
Word Search

VALENTINE
CANDY
CARD
CUPID
FLOWERS
HEART
LOVE
POEM

SPRING
BLOOM
PUDDLES
RAIN
SUNSHINE
UMBRELLA

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

Appointments Required:
Email: ASLTax@deafinconline.org
VP: 617-505-4823

What to bring:
⇒ Photo ID (license, government ID, passport)
⇒ Social Security card
⇒ 2018 Tax Return (last year’s tax forms)
⇒ 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

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

When:
Wednesday
February 12
February 19
February 26

Thursday
February 13
February 20
February 27

Saturday
February 8
February 22
March 7
March 21
April 4

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.
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.

NEW MASSACHUSETTS STATE LAW!!
Starting February 23, 2020
Cannot use your phone when driving.
- Using GPS? Use phone holder.
- Need to text? Pull over and park.

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

JOIN US!

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

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 (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)

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, 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. 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: fstiegli@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

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

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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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