WHAT’S UP AT DEAF, INC.?
Will return – after a short vacation

WE’RE LOOKING FOR NEW FACES!

Do you have the experience we’re looking for?
Apply today!

INDEPENDENT LIVING (IL) SPECIALIST (PART-TIME)
LOCATION: NEW BEDFORD, MA

ASL (AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE) INSTRUCTORS
LOCATION: BOSTON, LAWRENCE, NEW BEDFORD, MA AND
VIRTUALLY

DBCAN PROVIDERS
LOCATION: STATEWIDE

DEAF, Inc. is an Affirmative Action Equal Opportunity employer.
Deaf, DeafBlind, Hard of Hearing and Late-Deafened persons,
women, veterans, people of color, and persons with disabilities
are encouraged to apply.

https://www.deafinconline.org/jobs/job-opportunities
All staff continue to provide IL services remotely Mon-Fri.

VP: Can VP? Make a VP appointment
Email: Can email? Email your staff
Phone: Can phone? Call your staff

Can’t VP? Can’t email? Can’t phone? Ask staff for appointment. Staff must have approval first.

Open for in-person appointments on Tuesdays & Thursdays!
**Appointment & Face Mask Required.**

*Sorry, no* walk-in/frog services.

- Boston Office
- Hyannis Office
- Lawrence Office
- New Bedford Office
- Salem Office

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Why must we still wear masks?

Presented by:
Ronald Bergenheim,
Independent Living Specialist

Stop the Spread of the Coronavirus
Protect Yourself, Protect Others

When: Thursday, September 24, 2020
10:00 am to 11:00 am

Interested to join this Zoom workshop?
Email: frontdesk@deafinconline.org

Zoom: Meeting ID: 918 8838 8357 Passcode: brainfood
https://zoom.us/j/91888388357?pwd=N2k4bzdjS0hYWXdnckxvbHN1a0huZz09

This workshop presented in ASL.
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**DEAF, Inc.’s website**

Has great information!

Take a look at our ‘**Achieve**’
[https://www.deafinconline.org/archive](https://www.deafinconline.org/archive)

**Announcements**
**Coronavirus information**
**News vlogs**
**Newsletters**

All in one place for you
Come take a look, stay for awhile

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**Federal Contacts**

**US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)**
[www.uscis.gov/contactcenter](http://www.uscis.gov/contactcenter)
[www.uscis.gov/coronavirus](http://www.uscis.gov/coronavirus)

**Social Security Offices**
[http://www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov)
1-800-772-1213 / 1-800-325-0778 (TTY)

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**State Contacts**

**Dept. Transitional Assistance**
**DTA**
[www.DTAconnect.com](http://www.DTAconnect.com)
(877) 382-2363

**Dept. of Unemployment Assistance (DUA)**
[www.mass.gov/dua](http://www.mass.gov/dua)

**Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (MRC)**
[www.mass.gov/mrc](http://www.mass.gov/mrc)
617-204-3600

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**MCDHH**

**ASL Video:**
[https://youtu.be/vTM5PSZiM3Q](https://youtu.be/vTM5PSZiM3Q)

Emergency line: 800-249-9949

**Interpreters:**
[https://www.mcdhh.net/request/](https://www.mcdhh.net/request/)

**Case Management:**
VP: 617-326-7546 / Voice: 617-740-1600

**VOCA**
Shannon.Silvestri@mass.gov
Text: 857-202-7164

**Deaf Recovery Coaches**
Karran.Larson@mass.gov
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Map of # of New COVID Cases

Current RED towns:
Chelsea, Dedham, Everett, Framingham, Lawrence, Lynn, Lynnfield, Monson, Nantucket, New Bedford, Plainville, Revere, Saugus, Tyngsborough, Winthrop, Worcester, Wrentham

Your town has a color code!
Red: 9+ cases per 100k people
Yellow: 4-8 cases per 100k people
Green: 1-3 cases per 100k people
Gray: 4 or fewer reported cases total

Map: Change in # of COVID Cases
Map available at: www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/viewer?mid=1nHHi_NvHFlcVOZbiL
As of Sept. 18, 2020, COVID-19 lower-risk states are:

- Colorado
- Connecticut
- Maine
- New Hampshire
- New Jersey
- New Mexico
- New York
- Oregon
- Vermont
- Washington
- Colorado
- Connecticut
- Maine
- New Hampshire
- New Jersey
- New Mexico
- New York
- Oregon
- Vermont
- Washington

Returning to MA or visiting from a RED state? You must:
1. Complete and submit a **MA Travel form** before you arrive
2. Quarantine for 14 days **or** get a negative COVID19 test result

*If you do not do #1 and #2 you may be **fined $500 per Day***

For more information....
- Massachusets Travel Form: [www.mass.gov/forms/massachusetts-travel-form](http://www.mass.gov/forms/massachusetts-travel-form)
- Where to get a COVID-19 Test: [https://www.mass.gov/covid-19-testing](https://www.mass.gov/covid-19-testing)
- The Governor's interpreted announcement: [www.youtube.com/watch?](http://www.youtube.com/watch?)
Deaf Services at My Ombudsman
Lori Siedman, Director of Deaf Services

Lori Siedman, Deaf and fluent in ASL, is now Director of Deaf Services for the My Ombudsman program at Disability Policy Consortium.

This is a new position that will provide more opportunities to improve healthcare access. My Ombudsman created this role because of feedback from the Deaf community.

Since July of 2018, Lori has been the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Ombudsman for members of MassHealth plans. This part of her job has not changed. Lori will still work with Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Late-Deafened, and Deafblind people who need help accessing their healthcare benefits and understanding their rights.

As Director of Deaf Services, Lori will do more Deaf community outreach and education. She will also work closely with other healthcare organizations to give feedback and education on issues like Deaf culture and communication access.

A big goal is to give the Deaf community a voice in the healthcare system. Lori will listen to D/deaf and HOH people to understand their experiences and get ideas about how to make healthcare more Deaf-inclusive.

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Deadline

September 30, 2020

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State 911 Department Says
“Call if you can, text if you can’t”

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

Contact Tracing

Receive a call from
“MA COVID-19 Team”?

Answer it!
You may have been in contact with coronavirus.