**Connecticut Deaf and Hard of Hearing Resource Guide**

**Advocacy and Legal:**

* Connecticut Bar Foundation: <https://www.ctbarfdn.org/>
* Connecticut Resources for the Deaf: “The Self Advocacy Page” and “The Government Page”: <http://www.studenttransitionresources.org/student-resources.html>
* Connecticut Legal Rights Project: <http://www.clrp.org/>
* Connecticut Legal Services: <https://ctlegal.org/>
* Connecticut Veterans Legal Center: <https://ctveteranslegal.org/>
* Deaf Child Bill of Rights: <http://www.ct.gov/dph/lib/dph/family_health/edhi/pdf/ppt_communication_plan_3-09.pdf>
* Disability Rights Connecticut: <https://www.disrightsct.org/>
* Greater Hartford Legal Aid: <https://www.ghla.org/>
* New Haven Legal Assistance Association: <https://nhlegal.org/>
* Statewide Legal Services of Connecticut: <https://slsct.org/>

**Adaptive Equipment**:

* C-Print Services: Source Interpreting: <http://www.sourceinterpreting.com/>
* Communication Access Realtime Translation (CART):
  + New England ADA Center: <https://www.newenglandada.org/cart-services>
  + Source Interpreting: <http://www.sourceinterpreting.com/>
* Connecticut Resources for the Deaf: “The Communication Page”: <http://www.studenttransitionresources.org/student-resources.html>
* Connecticut Tech Act: [www.cttechact.com](http://www.cttechact.com)
  + AT Loan Program
  + AT Resources
  + AT Device Loans
* Converse Communication Corporation: [www.conversecommunications.com](http://www.conversecommunications.com)
  + Captel Loan Application
  + TTY Loan Application
  + E911 Special Needs Form
* DORS Connect-ability Videos in ASL: <https://elearning.connect-ability.com/catalog.cfm?all=true&strSearch=>
  + Assistive Technology
  + Independent Living
* New England Assistive Technology (NEAT Marketplace): <https://oakhillct.org/NEAT-Center>
* Service Dogs for the Deaf:
  + State Legislation:
    - <https://www.cga.ct.gov/2014/rpt/pdf/2014-r-0025.pdf>
  + Service Dogs Agencies:
    - Assistance Dogs International - <https://www.assistancedogsinternational.org/>
    - Dogs for Better Lives (formerly Dogs for the Deaf, Inc.) – <https://www.dogsforbetterlives.org/>
    - NEADS World Class Service Dogs - <https://neads.org/service-dog-programs/hearing-dogs-deaf-and-hearing-loss>
    - Paws with a Cause – <https://www.pawswithacause.org/>
    - Pawsititivty Service Dogs – <https://www.pawsitivityservicedogs.com/>
* Sorenson Communications: <http://www.sorenson.com/>

**American Sign Language Classes:**

* American School for the Deaf: <https://www.asd-1817.org/outreach-services/sign-language-classes>
* Disabilities Network of Eastern Connecticut (DNEC): <https://www.dnec.org/deaf-services>
* LifeBridge: <http://www.lifebridgect.org/deaf-outreach-interpreting-services/>
* Connecticut State Colleges and Universities: <http://www.ct.edu/>
* University of Connecticut: <https://asl.uconn.edu/>

**CT Organizations**:

* American School for the Deaf Alumni Association: <http://www.asdaa-ct.org/>
* Bridgeport Club of the Deaf: <http://www.deafwebconnections.org/bpt/index.html>
* Cochlear Implant Events: [https://www.cochlear.com/us/home/stories-and-community/events-calendar#](https://www.cochlear.com/us/home/stories-and-community/events-calendar%23)
* Communication Advocacy Network: <http://www.cancorp.org/>
* Connecticut Academy of Audiology: <https://www.ctaud.org/>
* Connecticut Association of the Deaf: <http://www.deafcad.org/>
* Connecticut Council of Organizations Serving the Deaf: <http://ccosd.org/>
* Connecticut Resources for the Deaf: “The Community Page”: <http://www.studenttransitionresources.org/student-resources.html>
* Connecticut Deaf Senior Citizens: <http://www.deafwebconnections.org/cdsc/index.html>
  + Southwest Connecticut Deaf Senior Citizens
* Connecticut Hands & Voices: <http://www.cthandsandvoices.org/>
* Connecticut Retirement Community: [http://www.deafwebconnections.org/crc/index.html](%20http:/www.deafwebconnections.org/crc/index.html)
* Council de Manos: <http://www.councildemanos.org/>
* Deaf People United CT Chapter: <http://www.deafpeopleunited.org/>
  + More information on Facebook Page
* Deaf-Blind Association of the CT: [http://www.deafwebconnections.org/dbac/index.html](%20http:/www.deafwebconnections.org/dbac/index.html)
* Deaf Women United: <http://www.dwu.org/>
* Disabilities Network of Eastern Connecticut (DNEC): <https://www.dnec.org/deaf-services>
* Hartford Club of the Deaf: Facebook Page only
* Hearing Loss Association of America Eastern Connecticut Chapter: <http://hlaaeasternctchapter.org/>
* Hearing Loss Association of America Southwest Connecticut Chapter: <http://www.hearez.org/>
* Hear Here Hartford: <http://www.hearherehartford.org/>
  + More information on Facebook Page
* Litchfield Country ASL Social club: Only on Facebook
* Relay Connecticut/Sprint: <http://www.relayconnecticut.com/>
* The Northwest Deaf Club: <https://www.nwcc.edu/clubs-organizations/>
* We the Deaf People-CT Chapter: <http://www.wtdp.org/>
  + More information on Facebook Page

**Deaf Blind:**

* CT Deaf Blind Grant Program for Adults: <http://www.ct.gov/besb/cwp/view.asp?a=2665&q=331560>
* Deaf Blind Technology Grant: <http://www.icanconnect.org/how-to-apply/connecticut>

**Driver’s Education Programs:**

* DMV ADA Policy

<http://www.ct.gov/dmv/cwp/view.asp?a=803&q=537226>

**Emergency Preparedness**:

* American Red Cross Video**:** “Preparing to go to a Shelter- Deaf and Hard of Hearing”<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=izwCXt7B6sc>
* American Red Cross Video**:** “Emergency Preparedness Kit in American Sign Language” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yEmrm9Ns3KA&feature=related>
* American Red Cross and NTID Disaster Preparedness and the Deaf Community Handbook: <http://www.cidrap.umn.edu/sites/default/files/public/php/332/332_brochure.pdf>
* CT Department of Public Health Hearing Loss Emergency Planning Tip Sheet: <https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Public-Health-Preparedness/BT/Tips-for-People-Who-Are-Hearing-Impaired>
* CT Department of Public Health Preparedness Video for People who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_n7Hljd5OmE>
* CT Department of Public Health Ebola Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8VPVJ9LH57I>
* FEMA ASL Videos: <https://www.fema.gov/resources-people-disabilities-access-functional-needs>

**Family and Transition Resources**:

* American School for the Deaf: <https://www.asd-1817.org/>
* Conference of Educational Administrators of Schools and Programs for the Deaf: <http://www.ceasd.org/advocacy/advocacy-tool-kit>
* Connecticut Birth to 3: <https://www.birth23.org/>
* Connecticut Deaf and Hard of Hearing Transition Resources: “The Transition Page”: <http://www.studenttransitionresources.org/student-resources.html>
* Connecticut Parent Advocacy Center: <http://www.cpacinc.org/>
* Connecticut Hands & Voices: <http://www.cthandsandvoices.org/>
* Connecticut Transition Community of Practice: <https://www.cttransition.org/>
* Deaf Child Bill of Rights: <http://www.ct.gov/dph/lib/dph/family_health/edhi/pdf/ppt_communication_plan_3-09.pdf>
* Gallaudet University Laurent Clerc National Deaf Education Center: <http://www3.gallaudet.edu/clerc-center.html>
* National Deaf Center (formerly Pepnet 2): <https://www.nationaldeafcenter.org/>
* Soundbridge: <http://www.crec.org/soundbridge/>

**Financial Assistance**:

* DORS Connect-Ability ASL videos: <https://elearning.connect-ability.com/catalog.cfm?all=true&strSearch=>
  + Benefits and Working
* IRS Videos in ASL: <https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/videos-american-sign-language-asl>
* U.S. Social Security Administration Videos in ASL: <https://www.ssa.gov/people/deaf/>

**Interpreters**:

* 211 Connecticut Interpreters: <http://uwc.211ct.org/sign-language-interpretation/>
* Connecticut Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf: <http://www.connrid.org/>
* Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf: <https://rid.org>
  + Code of Professional Conduct: <https://www.rid.org/ethics/code-of-professional-conduct/>
  + Field of Interpreting: <https://www.rid.org/about-rid/about-interpreting/become-an-interpreter/>
  + File a Complaint about an Interpreter: <https://www.rid.org/ethics/file-a-complaint/>
  + Interpreter Associations: <https://www.rid.org/about-rid/about-interpreting/resources/>
  + Interpreter Training, Preparation, and Education Programs: <https://www.rid.org/about-rid/about-interpreting/become-an-interpreter/about-interpreting-education-programs-2/>
  + RID Best Practices: <http://rid.org/about-interpreting/standard-practice-papers/>
* State of Connecticut Interpreter Law: <https://www.cga.ct.gov/current/pub/chap_814a.htm>
* State of Connecticut Interpreter Registry: <http://www.dhoh.ct.gov/dhoh/cwp/view.asp?a=2684&q=334506&dhohNav=|>
* Video Remote Interpreting (VRI): Source Interpreting: <http://www.sourceinterpreting.com/>

**Law Enforcement Resources**:

* ACLU Know Your Rights: Deaf Rights- What to do when dealing with the police: [https://www.aclu.org/know-your-rights/deaf-rights-what-do-when-dealing-police](%20https:/www.aclu.org/know-your-rights/deaf-rights-what-do-when-dealing-police)
* Americans with Disabilities Act Information for Law Enforcement: <https://www.ada.gov/policeinfo.htm>
* Americans with Disabilities Act Police Response for People with Disabilities: <https://www.ada.gov/policevideo/policedialupgallery.htm>
* Spokane First Responder Communication with Deaf and Hard of Hearing Citizens: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kSKZHZdflmc>

**Mental Health**:

* Change Inc.: <http://changeinconline.org/index.htm>
  + Allison Wetmur, LCSW
* CT Department of Mental Health and Addition Services Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services: <http://www.ct.gov/dmhas/cwp/view.asp?q=335294>
* Deaf Counseling Center: <http://www.deafcounseling.com/>
* Franciscan Life Center: <http://www.flcenter.org/>
  + Sister Mary Elizabeth
* Gabriel Lomas, Psychologist, Ridgefield, CT: 832-746-2432
* Gretchen Brandt MA, LMFT, Southport, CT: 203-257-4171
* Mental Health Counseling & Consultation LLC: <http://www.mhccholistichealth.org/about-juliana-wood-ma/>
  + Juliana Wood, MS. 860-351-3011
* Mental Health Connecticut, Inc.: <http://www.mhconn.org/>
* Paul Shaker, LCSW, M.Div., SAP, Woodbury/Bloomfield, CT: 203-525-8358
  + Rushford Addiction Services, Meriden, CT
* Suzanne Guerrucci, LCSW, Shelton, CT: 203-916-1084 (VP) or 203-864-1220
* Women’s Center for Psychotherapy, West Hartford, CT: <http://www.womens-center.com/>
  + Dr. Lisa Kuntz, Ed.D- Also does psychological
  + Deborah Cavanaugh, LPC

**Religious Services**:

* CCOSD Worship Services for the Deaf: <http://ccosd.org/connecticut-directory/>

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