

# THE COMMUNICATOR

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## NJ Hearing Aid Project Receives Award

On Thursday, April 27, 2017 the New Jersey Speech-Language-Hearing Association presented the Program of the Year Award to The New Jersey Hearing Aid Project.

*Montclair State University Professor and Chair, Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, Janet Koehnke and Wayne Roorda, DDHH Hard of Hearing Specialist accepted the award.*



## Organizations Serving People with Hearing Loss in NJ

The division is revising this publication. If your agency would like to be included contact DDHH, Baylie Sappir, at 609-588-2648 or [baylie.sappir@dhs.state.nj.us](mailto:baylie.sappir@dhs.state.nj.us)

## DDHH Exhibits in Warren County

On July 31, DDHH staff members Wayne Roorda and Baylie Sappir (pictured) were at Warren County Fair for the seniors and disability expo. Equipment that is available for consumers was showcased along with the corresponding applications for fairgoers to take. Many people stopped by to ask questions and to get more information.



## Hearing Aid Project Update

The New Jersey Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing has updated the application for the NJ Hearing Aid Project for the 2018 fiscal year. Eligible recipients must be

65 or older and their income must not exceed \$26,655 if single; \$32,680 if married. The application form may be found by clicking on this [link](#).

## The New Jersey Hearing Aid Project Accepts Donations

To donate a used hearing aid to the project, please send in a padded envelope, box or unlabeled prescription container to;

**New Jersey Hearing Aid Project  
Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders  
Montclair State University  
1515 Broad Street, Bldg B  
Bloomfield, NJ 07003**

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## DDHH Presents at Rowan College

On July 26, DDHH Communication Access Coordinator Cathy Grehlinger met with students in an Interpreter Practicum class at Rowan College at Burlington County (RCBC). She gave an overview about the Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DDHH) and discussed the services provided. The primary focus was on interpreter and communication access services and the problems and issues encountered when trying to advocate for and provide services for deaf and hard of hearing individuals. The students had very practical and engaging questions. If anyone would like information about sign language interpreting in New Jersey contact Cathy at 609-588-2648.



**Rowan College**  
at  
**BURLINGTON COUNTY**

## DDHH Works with MVC to Improve Access

For several months, DDHH Case Coordinator Jaclyne Brown has been working with the NJ Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) to resolve issues of language accessibility and interpreters. Miss Brown had given a presentation to the managers of all 29 MVC centers on language accessibility and use of sign language interpreters. Although there was confusion about "diversity" in Deaf Culture, Miss Brown discussed the concept of language in different aspects of the Deaf community. Her goal is to improve the communication access at MVC and give the Deaf community the opportunity to obtain qualified interpreters for appointments. Whether it is permit test or another kind of appointment at MVC, you have right to obtain an interpreter. Miss Brown has been invited back to MVC to train additional employees. If readers have questions related to the MVC, please contact DDHH at 609-588-2648.

## Hard of Hearing Outreach

DDHH has reached out to the 21 Counties' Offices of Aging. As a result we have been invited to present information about DDHH services, and programs. Other events, health fairs, information resource gatherings are scheduled for the coming months. Contact with the hard of hearing community was made with the Hearing Loss Association of America's New Jersey State Association at the quarterly board meeting on August 5 and at the New Jersey Walk4Hearing Kickoff event. At both of these meetings business cards and brochures were distributed.

## NJ DAW Hosts 14th Biennial DEAF FEST 2017

**September 24, 2017**  
**Free Admission - Free Parking**  
Click [HERE](#) for information



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## DDHH Advisory Council Meeting

Friday, October 27, 2017  
East Brunswick Public Library  
2 Jean Walling Civic Center  
East Brunswick, NJ 0881



Speaker:  
Kelly Reymann  
Assistant Director,  
The College of New Jersey,  
Center for Sensory and Complex Disabilities



DDHH Office Hours: Monday – Friday: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Office Closed: October 9 – Columbus Day  
November 7 – Election Day  
November 11 – Veteran’s Day  
November 23 - Thanksgiving

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