

Monthly Communicator

NJ Department of Human Services | Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

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Chris Christie, Governor

Kim Guadagno, Lt. Governor

Elizabeth Connolly, Acting Commissioner

David Alexander, Director

The Monthly Communicator = The Communicator

Beginning in December The Monthly Communicator is going to be posted on our Web site quarterly instead of monthly. Consequently, it will be renamed, “*The Communicator*.” You can read archived and current issues [here](#).

Free Seminars on Discrimination Laws Offered

The NJ Office of the Attorney General, The Division on Civil Rights and State of New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing present:

‘Know Your Rights!’

Providing Reasonable Accommodations for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Deaf-blind Communities
Seminar on State & Federal Discrimination Laws

September 27, 2016

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Stockton University

Stockton Center for Community Engagement Campus
Center 101 Vera King Farris Drive, Pomona, NJ 08205

and

‘Know Your Rights!’ * **POSTPONED** *

Seminar on State & Federal Discrimination Laws

September 28, 2016

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Rutgers University Camden

303 Cooper St, Camden, NJ 08102

**ASL interpreters and CART services provided for both events*

**Deaf-blind interpreter requests or other accommodations should be ASAP at (800) 792-8339 or 609-588-2648.*

Taste of Technology

NJ Relay’s Fall Taste of Technology for Deaf-blind is coming up on October 29, 2016 at Montclair State University in Montclair, NJ. New Jersey Relay is thrilled to have the Deaf-Blind Community Access Network of New Jersey organization (DBCAN-NJ) as a co-sponsor. This year’s theme is all about Connecting to the World- Using Deaf-Blind Technology to Make It Happen. Anindya “Bapin” Bhattacharyya from the Helen Keller

National Center (HKNC) will be the keynote speaker. He is world renowned on Deaf-Blind technology. Throughout the day we will have workshops that include: Useful Apps at Home or On the Go, Advocating for Facebook Accessibility for the Blind, Keeping Your Data Secure on Your Phone, Tablet and Computer, and Telecommunication Access for Deaf-blind. Vendor displays will be set up with hands-on demonstrations available all day. Admission is free including lunch. ASL interpreting and CART (captioning) will be provided. The deadline to register is October 1, 2016, so be sure to register today at www.njrelay.com. Any questions, contact njrelayoutreach@sprint.com.

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DDHH Equipment Distribution Program Change

DDHH will no longer offer internet based caption phones, only the analog 840 CapTel. Consumers may get an internet based phone at no cost from the resources listed below.

Caption Call

www.captioncall.com/ or at 1-877-557-2227.

To receive a free phone, you must provide a professional certification form from a qualified professional certifying your hearing loss and need for captioned telephone service. You must self-certify that you have a medically recognized hearing loss that necessitates use of captioned telephone service.

High-speed internet and a landline telephone are required to use the service. There is no charge for delivery, installation or ongoing customer support.

CapTel - Contact Registration Help at 1-877-202-9578

Grace's Law brochure Updated

The division has updated the Grace's Law brochure which can be found at the link below. This law, effective as of 2009 provides hearing aid benefits covered under health plans written in New Jersey for children under 16 years old. The original benefit was limited to \$1,000 for each ear. That limit was eliminated in 2014. However, co-pay, deductibles, and coinsurance are applicable. For more information, click [here](#).

NJ Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Provides Free Sensitivity Trainings

The New Jersey Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing has played a tremendous role over the years in working with consumers by advocating for their right to communication access and ensuring that service providers are fulfilling their legal obligation to provide reasonable accommodations. In addition to advocacy, the NJ DDHH also provides a variety of training topics which includes cultural sensitivity, technology access for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Law Enforcement, and Health Care. The trainings are provided at no cost through the Division.

If your organization or agency is interested in securing a training with a NJ DDHH representative, please contact Jason Weiland, Field Representative at (609) 498-7006 or by email at Jason.weiland@dhs.state.nj.us.

Calendar of Events

DDHH

Advisory Council Meeting

Friday, October 28, 2016

East Brunswick Public Library

Speaker: Joseph Geleta, *Director*

NJ Department of Human Services'

Office of Emergency Management

Topic: "Law Enforcement Interaction with the
Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community"



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

Office Closed: Monday, Sept. 5 - Labor Day

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