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Collecting Used Hearing Aids

If you have a used hearing aid and wish to donate it, we have the place. Used hearing aids are reconditioned and dispensed to qualified low income residents in New Jersey. This initiative is a joint collaboration with the New Jersey Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Sertoma, Inc., and Montclair State University.

Please send the aids in a padded envelope or box, or unlabeled prescription container to:

**New Jersey Hearing Aid Project
Montclair State University
1515 Broad St., Bldg. B
Bloomfield, NJ 07003**

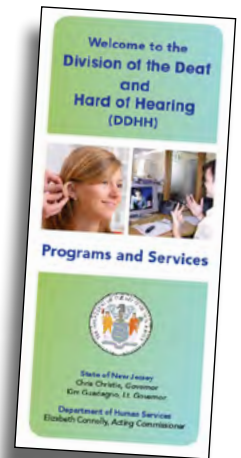


DDHH Hires Hard of Hearing Specialist

The division has hired Hard of Hearing Specialist, **Wayne Roorda**, who is available to give presentations to groups such as offices on aging, adult communities, health fairs, et. al. Topics include the latest technology such as audio loops, assistive listening devices, captioned and amplified telephones.

New DDHH Brochure

The division has published a new brochure entitled "**Programs and Services**" which is available online ([Click Here](#)) or contact our office at 609-588-2648 for a hard copy.



As Hurricane Season Approaches...

DDHH wants to make sure that people who are deaf and hard of hearing know how to prepare and protect themselves during widespread emergencies and natural disasters. It is important that you know what to do until help arrives. Click this [link](#) to see helpful resources.

The Hearing Loss Association of America Published Health Care Guide

The **Guide for Effective Communication in Health Care** was created for patients, families, caregivers, all members of the health care team, administrators, and support staff. It provides information, resources, and tools to help improve communication. The guide can help hospitals, facilities, and private offices follow federal, state and local laws, regulations, and health care standards, and allow patients to ask for and get the services they need. It can be accessed [here](#).

What is N-CHATT?

The **Network of Consumer Hearing Assistive Technology Trainers (N-CHATT)** is a volunteer consumer train-the-trainer program. The program's goal is to build a network of consumer trainers with the knowledge and skills necessary to train others impacted by hearing loss. Trainers will assist others in the successful integration of hearing assistive technology to support individual hearing and communication needs at home, work, school, and the community. For information [click here](#)!

You're one click away from using Relay Conference Captioning (RCC)

Do you have multiple phones in your home/office, all connected to the same phone number? The Line in Use feature on your CapTel phone alerts you when someone else is talking on the same line. It saves you from accidentally picking up and dialing a new call when another call is already in progress. For additional tips visit [this site](#).

Deaf Leader Transfers Out of State

Michelle Cline is leaving New Jersey. Michelle relocated here from a short stint in Florida, arriving May 1997. She accepted a position as a Mental Health Clinician with ACCESS at Barnert Hospital and worked in that capacity for 11 years until it was taken over by St. Joseph's Healthcare System. She continued to work as a Mental Health Clinician and was promoted to manager of a newly formed program called Deaf Specialty Services, known as DSS. It's purpose is to provide out of home services for deaf and hard of hearing youth who need extra support in order to live independently in the community.

She became president of New Jersey Association of the Deaf in June 2011 and served until November of 2015. During this time, she served on several advisory board positions including, but not limited to NJ Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Advisory Council, Marie Katzenbach School for the Deaf Citizen Advisory Council, and Union County College Program Advisory Council. She was elected to the National Association of the Deaf as Region 1 representative in 2014.

Michelle accepted a position with The Learning Center, Inc. in Framingham, Massachusetts as Walden School Director and will begin employment at the end of June.

On behalf of the DDHH and the community at large, a big thank you for all the great services you provided throughout the years. You will be missed.

Dear CapTel Equipment Provider, From WCI, Captel

We're excited to inform you about a new CapTel® product – the CapTel 880iB – designed for people who are Deaf-Blind. The new CapTel 880iB, also referred to as "Braille CapTel", allows people with both vision and hearing loss to read Braille captions during their telephone conversations.

With Braille CapTel, the user connects their Braille display reader (sold separately by other vendors) to the CapTel 880iB via Bluetooth or with a USB cable. During their calls, the CapTel 880iB displays captions of everything the caller says on the Braille display for the user to read in Braille.

The ideal candidate for this equipment is a person who has both vision and hearing loss, who reads Braille, and who speaks for him- or herself.

We're happy to work with you if your program is interested in providing CapTel 880iB to serve people with both vision and hearing loss. Staff training will be provided through webcasts, training videos, or via videophone.

CapTel 880iB is also available through iCanConnect/the National Deaf Blind Equipment Distribution Program (NDBEDP), which provides one-on-one user training and installation support.

PLEASE NOTE: Because CapTel 880iB is not a subsidized product, customers are not able to get a free CapTel 880iB using the third-party certification process that covers other CapTel models. Deaf-Blind individuals need to acquire a CapTel 880iB either through a state Equipment Distribution Program, through programs such as iCanConnect, or through local Deaf-Blind support agencies.

Because of the highly specialized nature of this equipment and the limited user base, the CapTel 880iB must be ordered on an as-needed basis. Programs may not stock this equipment and demo models are not available.

Detailed product information, including training videos and a list of compatible Braille devices, can be found at: www.captel.com/braille.



Camden County Deaf and Hard of Hearing Coordinator Retires

After twenty-nine years at Camden County College working with the Program for Students who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing, Coordinator **Kathy Earp, M.S.W., CI/CT** is retiring.

Kerry Ceccanecchio will replace Kathy in this position. She is a 2013 graduate of the CCC Interpreter Education Program and has worked as an interpreter and tutor at the college since January of 2014. Kerry is also a graduate of the College of New Jersey, where she earned a BS in Deaf Education in 1998. She also worked as a teacher at the Pennsylvania school for the Deaf and Union Valley Elementary School. For additional information about this; 856-227-7200 ext.4255; 856-302-0024 VP

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DDHH Advisory Council

Friday, July 28, 2017

Details TBA



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

Office Closed: **Tuesday, July 4 – Independence Day**

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