

## ***Useful Information Resources for Those Who Suffer From Hearing Loss***

(Information, goods and/or services in these links do not imply HLAA endorsement, nor should exclusion imply disapproval.)

**NOTE: We are always open to your suggestions. Please send them to [info@hearinglosskyhome.org](mailto:info@hearinglosskyhome.org)**

### **Main Resource Sites**

**Hearing Loss Association of America** – This is the national office website for HLAA - filled with information and ideas for advocacy and links to other groups all over the country.

<http://www.hearingloss.org/>

**Kentucky Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing** – The KCDHH involves many of our people and provides a needed service for information, TDD Distribution and advocacy leadership.

<http://www.kcdhh.ky.gov/>

**Kentucky Board of Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology** – This board oversees licensure of hearing aid dispensers and audiologists and takes care of any complaints that are filed.

<http://slp.ky.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

**Indiana Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing** – This board oversees licensure of hearing aid dispensers and takes care of any complaints that are filed.

<http://www.in.gov/fssa/ddrs/2637.htm>

**Kentucky & Indiana US Congress & House Cochlear Implants in Kentuckiana**

<http://www.deafnix.com>

### **Online Lists, Information and News Groups**

**Emergency Email** - Emergency email provides immediate info on happenings in weather, news, homeland security, etc. This is a free service and will contact you by brief emails when there is something to report. You can tailor in advance what sort of info you want to be told about.

<http://www.emergencyemail.org/>

**Earthquakes and other Emergencies** - KCDHH tips on how to prepare yourself and your family.

<http://www.kcdhh.ky.gov/>

**Kentucky Earthquake Program** - The Kentucky Division of Emergency Management has a detailed Earthquake Program on its web site, explaining preparedness as well as the history of earthquakes in Kentucky, including up-to-date seismic information.

<http://kyem.ky.gov/programs/Pages/Earthquake.aspx>

**Federal Disability Website** - A web site connecting the disability community to information & opportunities.

<https://www.disability.gov/>

**Audient** - Audient is an alliance for accessible hearing care and is designed to assist income qualified hard of hearing people nationwide to access quality hearing aids and related care at significantly reduced costs.

<http://www.audientalliance.org/>

**Center for Hearing Loss Help** - A center to help the hearing loss & deafness individuals successfully cope with hearing loss! Information & help for hearing loss, tinnitus and other ear problems.

<http://www.hearinglosshelp.com/>

**Beyond Hearing** - Beyond Hearing is an online list of 300+ people across the country and around the world who share their thoughts and concerns on a daily basis. Many of them enjoy meeting once a year at the HLAA convention!

<http://www.Yahogroups.com/>

**BhNEWS – a spin-off from Beyond Hearing** - Bob MacPherson's popular daily news service of interesting and useful info from all over the world is now posted at its own web site. You can either read it there or sign up for the service to have it delivered to your email box.

<https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/bhNEWS/info>

**DEAFWEEKLY** - A new service called DEAFWEEKLY, a free e-mail newsletter designed to help people keep up with news in the deaf and hard-of-hearing community.

<http://www.deafweekly.com/>

**Medical Info About Hearing Loss and Causes.** - This site is at Aetna IntelliHealth.

<https://www.intelihealth.com/home>

## Technology

**Kentucky Assistive Technology Loan Corporation.** - The Kentucky Assistive Technology Loan Corporation (KATLC) offers low interest loans through its lending partners (Fifth Third Bank and Kentucky Housing Corporation) for qualified applicants who need any type of equipment or home modification that will increase a person's mobility or enable them to become more independent.

<http://www.katlc.ky.gov/contactus.htm>

**Krown Manufacturing.** - Krown Manufacturing has just recently put out the new Speak and Read VCO that is so popular with our people! It is small – about the size of a pack of cigarettes – and straps onto the earpiece of any phone (landline or cell). This enables a VCO user to use any phone in the world and dial up relay. Check out the site and enjoy!

<http://krownmfg.com/>

**Pure Direct Sound** - This website has a different type of loop system, that doesn't really use a loop as such, for listening to TV, stereo, etc. .It sounds really promising. Have a look!

<http://puredirectsound.com/>

**LOOP New Mexico** - This is an initiative of HLA of Albuquerque and is information of looping home/church/business.

<http://www.hlaabq.com/loopnm.html>

**SonoVation Corporation** - SonoVation designs, develops, manufactures and markets innovative products for improving the auditory and verbal communication skills of hearing impaired children and adults.

<http://www.avrsono.com/tech.html>

## Telephone Relays Online

Here are four online relays that allow you to use your computer as a TDD. One added advantage is that long distance calls this way are FREE!

**AT&T Relay Service**

<http://relayservices.att.com/>

**Hamilton Telecommunications**

<http://www.hamiltonrelay.com/index.html>

**Purple Relay Service**

<https://www.purple.us/>

### **Sprint Relay Service**

<http://www.sprintrelay.com/>

**InnoCaption** - This is revolutionizing how those with hearing loss communicate by making it possible to use the smartphone as it was intended – accessible, convenient, and mobile. Through the use of their patented technology in conjunction with live stenographers, InnoCaption provides fast, easy, and accurate captioning for those with hearing loss who may need assistance hearing the other party. **And now, you never have to miss a phone call again with InnoCaption’s Voicemail with captioned messages!**

<http://www.innocaption.com/>

## **Miscellaneous Sites of Interest**

### **NeuroTone Auditory Solutions**

<http://www.neurotone.com/>

**LACE Aural Rehabilitation Training Software** - Just as physical therapy can help rebuild muscles to compensate for physical weakness or injury, LACE® will help develop skills and strategies to deal with situations when hearing is inadequate. Whether you wear hearing aids, are just acquiring aids, or simply wish to improve your listening skills, LACE training will help you get the most out of the sounds of life.

<http://www.neurotone.com/>

### **The Center for Accessible Living**

<http://www.calky.org/>

### **Local Disability Resource Center**

<http://www.uky.edu/StudentAffairs/DisabilityResourceCenter/>

**Parish Without Borders** - The KY Connection at this site is Fr. Charlie Dittmeier, who is a Catholic priest of the Louisville diocese and is now a part of Maryknoll, working in Cambodia. His web site is fascinating and updated daily with news and observations on life in Southeast Asia. Before Charlie went there about 10 years ago, he was the chaplain for the Louisville Catholic Deaf Community and taught “Sign” classes in Louisville.

<http://parish-without-borders.net/cditt/>

### **The FDA provides us with a wealth of information on hearing loss and hearing aids:**

<http://www.fda.gov/medicaldevices/productsandmedicalprocedures/homehealthandconsumer/consumerproducts/hearingaids>

**The National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD)** is an excellent resource for people with hearing loss.

<http://www.nidcd.nih.gov/health/hearing>

**Hearing Health & Technology Matters** is a website that provides timely information and lively insights for audiology professionals and everyone who cares about hearing loss.

<http://hearinghealthmatters.org/>

## **The best 101 Hearing Loss Websites On the Web Today**

<http://onlinespeechpathologyprograms.net/hearing-loss-resources/>

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**Find out why Deafness is NOT a disability!**

<http://www.deafnix.com/>

**A Guide to Closed Captioning Technology**

<http://www.vicaps.com/guide-to-closed-captioning-technology.php>