

## Helpful Links

The Internet has been life-altering for deaf and hard of hearing people, and the number of online resources to improve their quality of life has proliferated. Here is a list of some of our favorite sites.

### The American Association of People with Disabilities

An organization that organizes the disability community to be a powerful force for change – politically, socially, and economically.

### Alexander Graham Bell Association

A life-long resource and support network whose mission is advocating independence through listening and talking.

### Americans with Disabilities Act

This Act requires that any television public service announcement that is produced or funded in whole or in part by any agency or instrumentality of Federal Government shall include closed captioning.

### Complaints for Failure to Provide Closed Captioning

If you have a complaint for failure to provide closed captioning during non-emergency/emergency broadcasting, please fill out the form located at this site.

### Federal Communications Commission

This site contains information pertaining to captioning rules governing cable and satellite distribution.

### Hearing Loss Association of America

The Nation's largest organization for people with a hearing loss.

### National Association of the Deaf

For more than 100 years, this organization supports and amplifies the voices of the deaf and hard of hearing community.

#### National Court Reporters Association

Since 1935, this organization has been responsible for setting the standards for excellence regarding the competence of court reporters and captioners.

#### Rehabilitation Act of 1998, Section 508

This Act requires that government agencies provide accessible information to the deaf and hard of hearing community.

#### Self Help for Hard of Hearing People, Inc.

An organization founded and incorporated as a non-profit educational membership organization.

#### Telecommunications Act of 1996

This Act required the FCC to implement a broad mandate for closed captioning on American television.

#### Telecommunications for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Inc.

A national advocacy organization addressing equal access issues in telecommunications and media for four constituencies in deafness and hearing loss, specifically people who are deaf, hard of hearing, late-deafened, or deaf-blind.

#### Yahoo Broadcast Captioners Forum

A message board for broadcast captioners and other professionals in similar fields to share information.