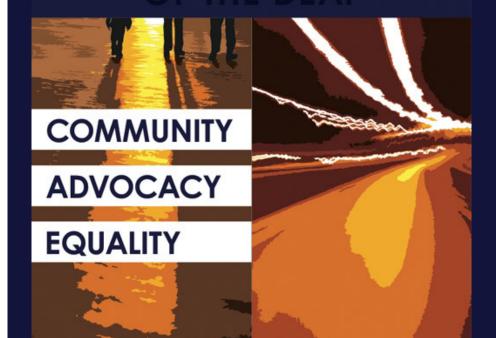


National Association of the Deaf



Today's Advocacy Issues in the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community

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Founded in 1880 by deaf leaders The mission of the National Association of the Deaf is to preserve, protect and promote the civil, human and linguistic rights of deaf and hard of hearing individuals in the United States of America. 51 State Associations





NAD

Biennial Conferences 2008 in New Orleans 49th biennial conference Over 1500 attendees 2010 in Philadelphia_____





NAD Youth Programs

Junior National Association of the Deaf Junior high and high schools nationwide Leadership, teamwork, responsibility, selfconfidence



Opportunities to meet other deaf youth from around the country

Youth Leadership Camp (NAD YLC) Annual four-week summer program for high school students Teamwork, knowledge, social interaction, leadership





NAD Youth Programs

Miss Deaf America (MDA) Biennial pageant for women 18 to 28 Takes place during the NAD conference Guest presentations and appearances



College Bowl Competition (CoBo) Held during the biennial NAD Conference California State University – Northridge Gallaudet University National Technical Institute for the Deaf at Rochester Institute of Technology



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Law and Advocacy Center

Federal policy

Protection of individuals' rights through litigation

Technical assistance and information to the public

Information on web



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Access to Health Care

ADA Tiitle III Public Accomodation Requirement for "effective communication" Qualified interpreters/other effective methods Acquisition, modification of equipment or devices/other similar services and actions "Primary consideration" given to consumer Undue burden Fundamental alteration Complaints/law suits



Access to Health Care (con't)

Position or Advocacy Statements:

- Culturally Affirmative and Linguistically Accessible Mental Health Services
- Mental Health Services for Deaf Children
- Video Remote Interpreting Services in Hospitals
- Use of Video Remote Interpreting in the Medical Setting





Public Accommodation Access

Feldman, Kelly, and Singleton v. Washington Redskins – Captioning in stadium to make audio information accessible to deaf and hard of hearing people





Transportation

Air Carrier Access Act Comments Forum Meetings with U.S. DoT Passenger Vessel Emergency Alarm Advisory Group Recommendations to Access Board DoT Passenger Vessel NPRM





Telecommunications

21st Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act (www.coataccess.org) Access to new technologies Captioned programming on television - Internet Caption decoding and display requirements applied to mobile devices Conspicuous means for accessing captioning Hearing aid compatibility – IP enabled services Enforcement provisions



Captioning

Opposition comments with the FCC on numerous captioning exemption requests Advocate for FCC to issue rules to improve quality Advocate to ensure digital television carries captioning Captioned radio Outreach to community on digital television





Telecommunication Relay Service

Move from TTY to video services 10 digit numbering/interoperability E-911 services NG911 Complaints against businesses that refuse to accept relay calls





Captioned Movies

Title III of the ADA applies to movie theaters Open captioning Caption display technology to show captions on the screen or at seat Movie studios are captioning movies Movie theaters must display captions if it is not too difficult and not too expensive Lawsuits Working with industry





Emergency Preparedness

Emergency systems need to be made more accessible to deaf and hard of hearing individuals Work with FEMA, Red Cross, other agencies to educate how to better serve deaf and hard of hearing community





Education

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act: Free Appropriate Public Education in Least Restrictive Environment based on child's Individualized Education Program Reauthorized in 2004 Regulations issued in 2006 IDEA aligned with No Child Left Behind





Education

Advise families about IDEA rights and consult on individual cases

Comment to U.S. Department of Education on proposed rules

Participate in reauthorizations





Education

No Child Left Behind States, districts, schools - "Adequate Yearly Progress" based on annual assessments Subgroups – minority, poverty, disabilities, English language learners All must make AYP Alternate assessments available "Highly qualified" teachers Reauthorization?



Economy

Budget cuts, deaf schools, services



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Join and support the NAD and other advocacy groups Know your rights Protect your rights - file complaints Contact the NAD Law and Advocacy Center if you believe your rights have been violated





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