



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF
National Association of the Deaf



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

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National Association of the Deaf

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, self-confidence

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





Law and Advocacy Center

Federal policy

Protection of individuals' rights through litigation

Technical assistance and information to the public

Information on web





Access to Health Care

ADA Title III Public Accommodation

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





What you can do

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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