

## CCDHH Mission

To promote the interests of our constituents and to work to ensure the quality of communication access for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing living in the State of Colorado.

The United States Department of Health and Human Services estimates that 8.6% of people in the United States are deaf or hard of hearing. The Commission estimates that, as of July 2009, there are 45,223 deaf and 386,905 hard of hearing people in Colorado. CCDHH exists to promote effective communication access for all Coloradans.



### VISION

CCDHH, in concurrence with the Colorado Department of Human Services vision, seeks to become the nation's leader in empowering Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals, families, and communities to become safe and independent.



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COMMUNICATE IS  
A FUNDAMENTAL  
HUMAN RIGHT

## Auxiliary Services For Courts & Other Legal Settings



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## Legislative Declaration C.R.S 13-90-201

The General Assembly hereby finds and declares that it is the policy of this state to secure the rights of persons who are deaf or hard of hearing and cannot readily hear or understand or communicate in spoken language and who consequently cannot equally participate in or benefit from the proceedings of the courts or any board, commission, agency, or licensing or law enforcement authority of the state unless qualified interpreters or auxiliary services are available to assist them.



## Legal Auxiliary Services

Legal Auxiliary Services, under the Colorado Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, was created by the Colorado General Assembly in 2006. It provides funding for the provision of auxiliary services for the Colorado State Courts, probation and court ordered treatment and therapy.

### Examples of Legal Settings

- Civil or criminal proceedings in the state courts (does not include municipal courts).
- Court provided alternative dispute resolution, mediation, arbitration or other court provided treatment and services.
- Juvenile whose parent(s) or legal guardian(s) are deaf or hard of hearing is brought before the court.
- Deaf or hard of hearing person arrested and taken into custody.
- Probation, pre-sentence interviews and supervision.

## Auxiliary Services

### Sign Language Interpreter

A professional who provides effective communication between all parties by interpreting the meaning of spoken/written communication into sign language and/or other visual modes of communication and vice versa.



### CART Provider

Communication Access Real-time Translation Provider. A professional who uses specialized equipment to provide effective communication via a word-for word translation from spoken English to written English.

## Auxiliary Aids

### ALD



Assistive Listening Device. A form of auxiliary aid working either with a hearing aid, cochlear implant or alone to improve the ability to hear all interactions.

### ALS

Assistive Listening System. An electronic system that boosts the decibel transmission of the spoken word and works in conjunction with a hearing aid or cochlear implant.