

Vision

An energetic and innovative team, the Arizona Commission for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing aspires to be a national leader in the provision of communication access, support services, and community empowerment throughout the Grand Canyon State.

Why is there an ACDHH?

- Three out of 250 newborns are diagnosed with hearing loss
- One out of 10 people experience hearing loss in life
- One out of three senior citizens have hearing loss
- There are 450,000 Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals throughout the state
- ACDHH serves these individuals as well as their family members, businesses, and educational and medical professionals

ACDHH (www.acdhh.org)

*Performs Information and Referral

- Receives over 10,000 phone, walk-in, fax, and email requests a year for information
- Produces a 30-minute weekly television show shown on public service channels
- Houses the ACDHH Deaf Culture and Hearing Loss Resource Library
- Maintains three websites, an email distribution list, and a mailing list

*Administers the Arizona Relay Service (www.azrelay.org)

- Implemented in 1985 to provide accessibility to the telephone
- Handles on average 1.1 million calls a year
- Free to all AZRS users
- Spanish translation is available



*Oversees the Arizona Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (www.aztedp.org)

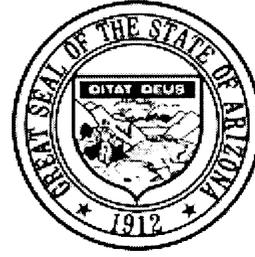
- Established in 1986 to give telephone users access to a wide variety of no-cost adaptive equipment
- Serves also the Speech Impaired
- Recipients to date have totaled more than 10,000
- Has demonstration sites throughout the state, including rural areas
- Training on equipment use is free and unlimited

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ACDHH's other important functions

- Interpreter certification and licensing
- Year-round outreach through presentations and booths
- Numerous publications
- Task forces and advisory boards
- Awareness trainings and community empowerment
- Consults the Legislature on hearing loss issues

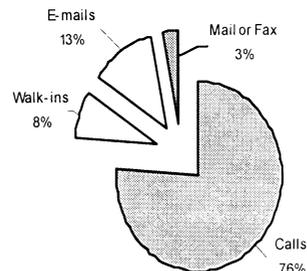


Who represents ACDHH?

The ACDHH Board consists of 14 members appointed by the Governor to serve three-year terms:

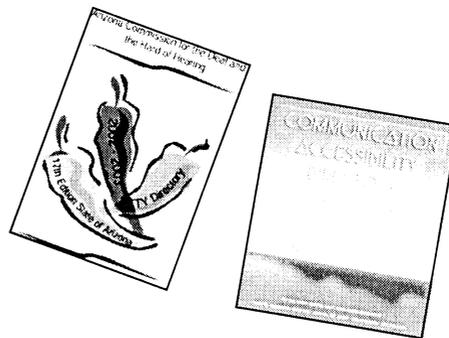
- Four (4) Deaf Representatives
- Four (4) Hard of Hearing Representatives
- One (1) Department of Economic Security Representative
- One (1) Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and the Blind Representative
- One (1) Clinical Audiologist Representative
- One (1) Licensed Hearing Aid Dispenser Representative
- One (1) Arizona Registry of Interpreters of the Deaf Representative
- One (1) Parent of a Deaf or Hard of Hearing Child Representative

Breakdown of information requests



What does ACDHH publish?

- State of Arizona TTY Directory
- Communication Accessibility Directory
- Annual Report
- *Clear Channels* (quarterly)
- *ACDHH Monthly Scoop*
- Brochures
- Fact Sheets



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