

HEARING LOSS SERVICES

SIGNS OF HEARING LOSS MAY INCLUDE:

- Trouble hearing over the phone or on video calls
- Difficulty understanding others when 2 or more people are talking at the same time
- Need to turn up TV so loud that others complain
- Having a problem hearing because of background noise
- Sensing that others seem to mumble
- Constantly asking for others to repeat themselves
- Straining to understand conversation
- Missing essential sounds like doorbells, alarm clocks or smoke alarms

HEARING SCREENINGS

The Tallahassee Senior Center offers hearing screenings at no charge. Call **850-891-4045** for dates and times.

INFORMATION		
FLORIDA COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING		850-245-4913 866-602-3275
Serves as an advisory and coordinating body recommending policies to improve services among public and private entities. Also provides technical assistance, advocacy and education for the estimated 3 million residents of Florida who are deaf, hard of hearing, late-deafened or deaf/blind.		
floridahealth.gov/provider-and-partner-resources/fccdhh		
BETTER HEARING INSTITUTE	betterhearing.org	202-975-0905
Educates the public about hearing loss and what can be done about it. Operates a call center to answer questions about hearing loss and an online screening instrument to assess hearing loss.		
AARP HEARING GUIDE	aarp.org	850-577-5160
Contains important information about hearing, hearing loss and what to do about it. It also contains information about the various screening techniques, medical professionals and hearing devices available		
aarp.org/health/conditions-treatments/hearing-resource-center/?intcmp=GLBNAV-SL-HEA-CND-HRC		
HEARING DIAGNOSIS AND AID RESOURCES		
ABILITY 1ST	ability1st.info	850-575-9621
Provides access to deaf and hard of hearing services, including hearing loss counseling and a current list of local deaf interpreters. Eleven-week sign language classes are available at a cost of \$80. Call the number above or email tinaferfort@ability1st.info for more information.		
AUDIOLOGY ASSOCIATES OF N. FL.	tallahasseehearinghelp.com	850-518-7319
Audiology Associates, a division of Tallahassee Ear, Nose & Throat (tallyent.com), offers complete hearing evaluation and hearing aid supplies and services.		
AUDIBEL U.S. HEARING SOLUTIONS	audibel.com	850-558-6272 888-771-8606
Audibel distributors are located around the globe to serve the growing need for hearing healthcare. Audibel provides information on hearing loss, where to find hearing aids and offers free hearing tests.		

FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF	fadcentral.org	
Promotes communication among deaf, hard of hearing and late-deafened individuals with the hearing community, legislature and agencies/organizations. Partners with the telecommunications provider ZVRS to provide video relay services to the deaf and hard of hearing. Contact info@fadcentral.org .		
FLORIDA TELECOMMUNICATIONS RELAY, INC	ftri.org	711 or 888-554-1151
Provides a communications link between people who use specialized telephones such as a TTY (text telephone) and people who use standard telephones. There is no cost to use the service and it is available 24/7. FTRI also provides free amplified phones to qualified individuals, call 800-222-3448 to apply. For more information call the number above or email customercare@ftri.org .		
FLORIDA ALLIANCE FOR ASSISTIVE SERVICES AND TECHNOLOGY	faast.org	850-487-3278 (TTY) 877-506-2723
Provides loans for the purchase of hearing aids and loans out specialized devices to individuals to help them decide which equipment is best for their situation. Call or email info@faastinc.org for more information.		
CAPTEL CAPTIONED TELEPHONE	captel.com	800-233-9130
CapTel phones connect with a free Captioning Service to provide the captions. You can Amplify the sound so you may hear the other party better, plus read what they say for added clarity. Call the number above or email CapTel@CapTel.com for more information.		
AUDIENT ALLIANCE FOR ACCESSIBLE HEARING CARE		866-956-5400
Provides access to discounted, quality hearing aids and related care to persons without adequate financial resources. Applications can be found at 67.199.66.225/downloads/patients/AUDIENT_application.pdf .		
VETERAN'S ADMINISTRATION	prosthetics.va.gov/audiology/	878-0191 ex 5137576
Provides Audiology services, hearing aids, repairs and batteries for veterans registered with their VA medical center.		
LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL	lionsclubs.org	850-997-1754
Provides refurbished hearing aids or assists with purchasing new aids, as appropriate and as funds are available, based on approval of application. Contact the number above if you wish to donate hearing aids or contact Elder Care Services at 850-921-5554 or info@ecsbigbend.org to obtain an application for services.		
THE TRAVELERS PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA	tpahq.org	877-872-2638
Provides annual scholarships for hearing devices and specialized treatment/education, speech classes, note takers, interpreters and other tools directly related to hearing impairment. Call or email support@tpahq.org .		
HELP AMERICA HEAR	helpamericahear.org	888-580-8886
Provides hearing aids for adults with limited financial resources. Call or email info@helpamericahear.org .		
HEARING AID PROJECT	hearingaid donations.org	816-895-2410
Offers hearing aids for individuals with limited financial resources. Call the number above or email info@hearingcharities.org for more information.		