

ORGANIZATIONS PROVIDING SERVICES FOR DEAF OR HEARING-IMPAIRED PERSONS

The following table provides information regarding major programs in the state that provide services to deaf or hearing-impaired persons:

Organization	Services Provided
Department of Human Services - Vocational rehabilitation program	Assistance in obtaining and continuing employment. Services include interview preparation, resume design assistance, job-shadowing opportunities, and assistance with providing necessary resources to continue employment
Department of Human Services - Medicaid	Financial assistance for medical services and for the purchase of hearing aids
State Department of Health - Children's special health services	Financial assistance to qualifying children under age 21 for medical services, therapy services, and adaptive technologies
Department of Public Instruction	Assistance to schools and parents with the administration and development of programs for students with disabilities
School for the Deaf	Educational resources, parent services, public information, summer camps, sign language/interpreting, consultations and assessments, alerting and communication device demonstrations, and adult education programs
Protection and Advocacy Project	Referral information, assistance with self-advocacy, protective services, advocacy services, and legal representation
Information Technology Department - Relay North Dakota	Telephone accessibility for persons who are deaf, hearing-impaired, and speech-disabled
North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities - Hear Now program and the Early Hearing, Detection and Intervention Initiative	Initial diagnostic testing of newborn children and ensuring appropriate followup services are obtained for children with a potential hearing impairment
North Dakota Association for the Disabled, Inc., and Interagency Program for Assistive Technology	Information and assistance, adaptive resource training, equipment demonstration, and financial assistance for the purchase of adaptive resources
Local school districts	Services vary by school district from minimal services provided to specialized programs for hearing-impaired students
Private health care providers	Diagnostic and treatment services