Resources

Working with the Deaf, Hard-of-Hearing and DeafBlind

The following resources are intended as a convenience to support officiants' work with the Deaf, Hard-of-Hearing and DeafBlind. JPus and VAHS do not endorse nor take responsibility for the accuracy, legality or content of the external links or websites provided.

State-run services for Deaf people

Each state has an agency responsible for serving the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing and DeafBlind. Click the state below to be linked to that state's services.

- Connecticut
- Florida
- Maine

- Massachusetts
- New Hampshire
- Vermont

ASL Interpreting Services

Either fee-based services or community fund for non-ADA compliant events. Both onsite and remote interpreting available.

Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf Search Tool rid.org/search-tools/

- Connecticut Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf: <u>connrid.org</u>
 Source Interpreting: <u>Sourceinterpreting.com</u>
- Florida: Bud Schrader Community Fund: <u>truebizasl.com/community-fund/</u>
 Alonzo Sign Language Interpreting, LLC: <u>https://alonzosli.com/</u>
- Maine: Pine Tree Society <u>pinetreesociety.org/children-and-families/sign-language-interpreting-children/</u>
- Massachusetts: MCDHH: <u>mass.gov/how-to/how-to-request-an-asl-interpreter-or-cart-provider</u>
- New Hampshire: Northeast Deaf & Hard of Hearing Services ndhhs.org/community-members/
- Vermont: Vermont Association of the Deaf <u>deafvermont.com</u> or Vancro Integrated Interpreting Services <u>vancroiis.com</u>

Telecommunication Relay Services (TRS)

- Connecticut: Relay Connecticut (relayconnecticut.com)
- Florida: Florida Relay (ftri.org)
- Maine: Maine Relay Services (maine.gov/trs/relay-services)
- Massachusetts: MassRelay | (Mass.gov/massrelay)
- New Hampshire: Relay New Hampshire (relaynewhampshire.com)
- **Vermont**: Vermont Relay (vermontrelay.com)





Video Relay Services (VRS)

VRS are free services available 24/7 to translate when the hearing and Deaf person are in different locations.

- Sorenson sorenson.com/services/relay/
- Purple <u>purplevrs.com/</u>

- ZVRS zvrs.com/
- Convo convorelay.com/

Captioning Services

- Captioning info ncra.org/home/professionals resources/professional-advantage/Captioning
- Professional Captioning Services <u>White Coat Captioning (whitecoatcaptioning.com)</u>
- Vermont Relay: <u>vermontrelay.com/</u> via Relay Conference Captioning (A request must be submitted by Deaf, Hard-of-Hearing or DeafBlind person.)

Clear Masks

- FDA approved purchase at www.theclearmask.com or www.safenclear.com
- Accessible Masks has a selection of masks from different vendors AccessibleMasks.org

Braille Translation

Assistance converting written documents or ceremonies to Braille

- Connecticut Braille Association, (203) 227-5243
- Florida Braille Works, brailleworks.com/braille/
- National Braille Press, based in Boston, Massachusetts nbp.org/ic/nbp/
- New Hampshire Assoc for the Blind, 800-464-3075 or services@futureinsight.org
- Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired VABVI www.vabvi.org

Other Braille transcription services nfb.org/resources/braille-resources/braille-transcription-resources

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