

# MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD - DISABILITY NETWORK DIRECTORY

## Deaf-Blind Resources

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### **American Association of the Deaf-Blind (AADB)**

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[www.aadb.org](http://www.aadb.org)

National consumer organization of, by, and for deaf-blind Americans and their supporters. Provide information, referral, advocacy, trainings, workshops, and technical assistance on topics related to deaf-blindness. Publish monthly e-newsletter.

### **Deaf Abused Women's Network (DAWN)**

1140 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, NE, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Washington, DC 20002  
202-559-5366 (V)  
202-945-9266 (DAWN Text)  
1-855-812-1001 (National Deaf Domestic Violence Hotline - Videophone)  
E-mail: [info@deafdawn.org](mailto:info@deafdawn.org)  
Emergency Hotline E-mail: [hotline@deafdawn.org](mailto:hotline@deafdawn.org)  
(E-mail hotline hours: Monday through Friday, 9am to 5pm)  
[www.deafdawn.org](http://www.deafdawn.org)

Non-profit organization that addresses domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking in the deaf, hard of hearing and deaf-blind community. Appointments encouraged before coming to the office. Offer crisis intervention and survivor services including resource referrals (medical and legal); case management; peer advocacy; counseling; and support groups.

### **Hellen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults**

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[www.hknc.org](http://www.hknc.org)

#### **East Central Regional Office**

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Serving MD, DC, VA, DE, PA, WV.

The Center provides services to youth and adults who are deaf-blind according to the definition of deaf-blindness in the Helen Keller Act. Support services for youth and adults who are deaf-blind, their families and the professionals who serve them across the country are provided through our system of field services. Staff

### **Hellen Keller National Center Continued**

provides information, training and support through core services including assistive technology training, communication training, independent living training, orientation and mobility training, and vocational training.

**Regional Representatives** - Provide information, support and advocacy nationwide to individuals with combined vision and hearing loss, their families and the professionals who support them

**Senior Adult Services** - Senior Adult Specialist provides information, support, advocacy and training to seniors, age 55 and better, with combined vision and hearing loss, their families and the professionals who serve them. Through the Confident Living Program, offered at HKNC headquarters, and the Confident Living Program On the Road, seniors learn about: self advocacy; creative solutions to performing daily tasks; low and high tech devices; local resources and more.

**Community Services Program** - A team of rehabilitation professionals provide home- and work-based services to youth and adults who are deaf-blind living in the 5 boroughs of New York City, Westchester and Long Island.

**Residential Program** - Located in Sands Point, NY. Develop invaluable skills and strategies to help you in every area of your daily life - from managing your home and communicating with loved ones to traveling safely and succeeding on the job.

**Youth Programs** - Summer programs for deaf-blind young adults ages 16 to 23. Work one-on-one with experts in assistive technology, vocational training, mobility and more. Share experiences with other deaf-blind students in small peer-group sessions.

### **HumanWare Communicator**

[www.humanware.com/en-usa/home](http://www.humanware.com/en-usa/home)

Assistive technology for people who are blind or have low vision. Innovative products include talking book players, Braille displays, BrailleNote Touch Notetaker, Braille printers and embossers, computer aids, reading aids, digital magnifiers, and digital vision assistants.

### **iCanConnect**

TCSAccess  
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240-221-1227 (VP)  
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[www.iCanConnect.org](http://www.iCanConnect.org)

Provides free access to distance communication technologies, including smartphones, computers, software and Braille readers, as well as training and support, to people with significant combined hearing and vision loss who meet federal income guidelines. TCSAccess is the official distributor for the National DeafBlind Equipment Distribution Program in the state of Maryland.

### **Maryland School for the Blind**

3501 Taylor Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21236  
410-444-5000 (V)  
E-mail: [info@mdschblind.org](mailto:info@mdschblind.org)  
[www.marylandschoolfortheblind.org](http://www.marylandschoolfortheblind.org)

Private, statewide resource center for providing outreach, educational, and residential programs to children from birth to 21 years old who are blind or visually impaired — including those with multiple disabilities. Provide a traditional classroom education in addition to a wide range of services, including Braille and low vision instruction, orientation and mobility, assistive technology, therapeutic recreation, residential services, career education, health services, psychology, social work, speech, physical, and occupational therapy, outreach and transition, and infant/toddler services. Serve students in all 24 Maryland jurisdictions.

### **Metro Washington Association of the DeafBlind**

<https://www.facebook.com/MWADB-Metro-Washington-Association-of-the-DeafBlind-150304195918045>

Social organization where individuals who are Deaf-Blind and their friends meet on a regular basis to share stories and enjoy activities. The Deaf-Blind members are people who have both some hearing and visual loss. A Deaf-Blind Event is held monthly except for June and July. Events consist of socializing, guest lecturers and games. Membership is open to all deaf, hard of hearing deaf-blind and hearing persons 18 years old or older. Membership is free.

### **National Center on Deaf-Blindness**

541-800-0412 (V)  
E-mail: [support@nationaldb.org](mailto:support@nationaldb.org)  
[www.nationaldb.org](http://www.nationaldb.org)

Work with state deaf-blind projects and other partners to increase identification of children and youth who are deaf-blind, promote the adoption of high-quality deaf-blind education practices, increase children's access to communication, education, social relationships, and the environment; increase the number of qualified personnel; increase the quality of support available to families; and improve transition outcomes so that students successfully move from high school to post-secondary education or employment and community life.

### **National Federation of the Blind of Maryland**

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Affiliate of the National Federation of the Blind. Nonprofit made up of blind people of all ages, their families and friends. Protect, promote and advocate for the rights of people who are blind. Educational and training scholarships. Assist individuals who are blind in acquiring the skills of independence. Provide specialized information for diabetics losing their vision. Local chapters help newly blind people adjust to vision loss and promote the full participation and integration of blind people in our communities.

### **National Federation of the Blind Sligo Creek Chapter**

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Monthly meetings the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of every month primarily in Silver Spring, MD.