
QUARTERLY REPORT

APRIL 1 - JUNE 30





Agency Report



Access Center



**REQUEST FOR
INTERPRETER**

166

**REQUEST FOR
CAPTIONER**

4

CONTACTS

1753



The Executive Staff Interpreter and Interpreter Referral Specialist attended the Kentucky Registry of Interpreters (KyRID) Conference on April 12-13.

Telecommunications Access Program

| NATURE | REQUESTS | CONTACTS |
|-------------------------|----------|----------|
| Request for Application | 122 | 386 |
| Application Received | 243 | 951 |
| Status Check | 37 | 126 |
| Equipment Received | 55 | 157 |
| General TAP Inquiry | 79 | 334 |



TAP staff moved the TAP Cabinet from the Hazard location to Bluegrass Hearing Clinic in Somerset on April 4.



The TAP Advisory Board met on April 18.



On May 10th the Program Coordinator had a site visit at the Galt House with the TEDPA Board and others to work through logistics for their Fall conference.



On May 22, the Program Coordinator traveled to Danville to assist a deaf consumer with her equipment.



The Program Coordinator attended the Kentucky Assistive Technology Services (KATS) Network Advisory Council on June 12.



The Program Coordinator and Document Processing Specialist hosted an outreach booth at the 2024 Summer Assistive Technology Workshop, June 12th-14th. She was also able to provide a short presentation to the audience related to KCDHH and the TAP program.

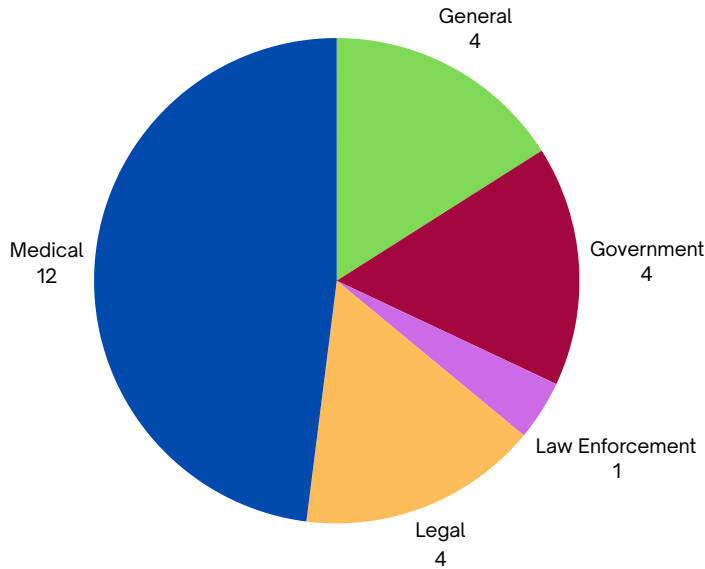


The Program Coordinator attended multiple virtual meetings this quarter with the Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program Association (TEDPA) and National Association for State Relay Administration (NASRA) to discuss logistics for their national conference to be held in Louisville, September 4-11 of this year.

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| NATURE | REQUESTS | CONTACTS |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| DeaFestival | 17 | 44 |
| ASL & Linguistics | 2 | 5 |
| Deafness & Hearing Loss | 6 | 13 |
| Education | 2 | 12 |
| Employment | 12 | 26 |
| Families & Children | 21 | 64 |
| Hearing Aid Banks | 33 | 46 |
| Human Services | 42 | 173 |
| Mental Health Services | 3 | 15 |
| Outreach | 2 | 5 |
| Senior Citizens | 3 | 6 |
| Technology | 11 | 24 |
| Mailing List | 14 | 28 |
| Visor Card | 4 | 10 |

ADVOCACY REQUESTS

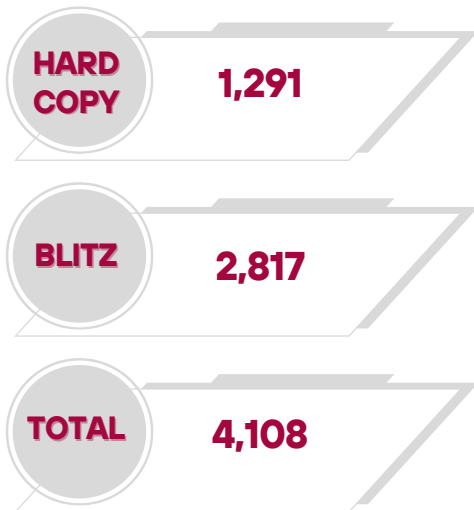


WEB HITS

www://
10,353 visitors
Top 3 pages viewed:

- 1 KCDHH Home
- 2 Hearing Aids
- 3 TAP Eligibility

PR DISSEMINATION



SOCIAL MEDIA



9,101 Followers
40.4K Reach



273 Followers
153 Reach



On April 1, several KCDHH staff met with four deaf/hard of hearing professionals from France who were visiting Kentucky for a project titled, titled, "Promoting Education and Empowerment of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing." This exchange program and project was sponsored by the World Affairs Council of Kentucky & So. Indiana. Discussion focused on deaf education and similarities/differences between the United States and France.



On April 4, the Information Coordinators and Executive Director met with the Executive Director of the Kentucky Statewide Independent Living Council to introduce ourselves and explain KCDHH and the services we provide and how we can work with the Independent Living Centers in Kentucky to better serve their deaf and hard of hearing clients.



The Information Coordinator participated in a panel discussion of deaf and hard of hearing professionals for the University of Louisville's Interpreter Training Program's (ITP) students. on April 9th. The purpose of the panel was to give the ITP students an opportunity to hear about the DHH professionals' experiences with interpreters in the public school settings.



The Executive Director and Information Coordinator joined the Hearing Loss Association of America Kentuckiana Chapter to hear a presentation on Artificial Intelligence Within Hearing Technology on May 14.



The Executive Director and Information Coordinator attended an ADA webinar titled "Assistive Listening Systems: Where We Are Today and What's ON the Horizon" on May 16.



The Information Coordinator traveled to Danville to kick off the annual Family Learning Vacation at the Kentucky School for the Deaf on May 31.



The Information Coordinator attended the virtual Kentucky Assistive Technology Loan Corporation board meeting on June 4.



The Executive Director and Information Coordinator attended the Hearing Loss Association of America Kentuckiana Chapter's annual picnic at the E.P. Tom Sawyer State Park on June 11.

GOAL 1: TRANSITION OF AGENCY



Staff have researched and are creating recommendations regarding 'deaf space' in the KCDHH office. Design elements, such as; Acoustics, Space/Proximity, Light/Color and Sensory Reach need to be addressed in order to make the office space as effective as possible for all individuals with hearing loss.



We are working with Human Resources to update the position descriptions for our vacant positions. Our goal is to ensure that the positions will align with the refreshed vision for the agency.

GOAL 2: EQUAL ACCESS TO EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT



On April 2, the Executive Director attended a virtual training webinar related to the National Association of State Directors of Special Education (NASDSE) guidelines.



The Executive Director attended the Advocacy Support & Training (ASTra) workshop that was sponsored by Kentucky Hands & Voices on April 13.



The Executive Director met virtually with individuals representing several organizations to discuss the possibility of deaf and hard of hearing students in Northern Kentucky attending St. Rita's School for the Deaf in Cincinnati.



On May 20, the Executive Director met with representatives of Heuser Hearing Institute, the Hearing & Speech Center, the Kentucky School for the Deaf and Kentucky Hands & Voices to discuss regrouping in order to address education issues for deaf and hard of hearing students here in Kentucky.



The Executive Director joined the Olmstead Education Issue Work Team to identify strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats related to education for Kentuckians with disabilities on May 30 and June 26.



The Executive Director attended the Governor's Early Childhood Advisory Council meeting on June 20. This was the final meeting as the term for that seat expired on June 30, 2024.

GOAL 3: ACCESSIBLE HEALTH CARE



The Information Coordinator hosted a virtual meeting with the Community Impact Council with the Deaf and Hard of Hearing on April 29.



The Executive Director and Information Coordinator attended a virtual webinar “Addressing Perinatal Health Inequities Among Deaf and Hard of Hearing Individuals through Clinical, Research, and Community Insights” on April 30.



The Information Coordinator participated in the Dinner Table Project event on April 30. The Dinner Table Project was in conjunction with the Behavioral Health Department with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services and aimed to encourage families to have conversations at the dinner table in an effort to reduce the rate of individuals experiencing mental health issues.



The Information Coordinator attended the quarterly Advisory Committee on the Needs of Services for Individuals who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing on May 15.



The Information Coordinators hosted a booth at the Kentucky Hospital Association Convention on May 20–22.



The Information Coordinator attended a webinar that focused on Assistive Technology within Health Literacy on May 30.



The Information Coordinators gave a presentation related to serving the deaf and hard of hearing community to the staff of the Franklin County Health Department on June 4.



The Information Coordinator joined the Olmstead Health Issue Work Team to identify strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats related to health for Kentuckians with disabilities on June 24.

GOAL 4: SAFE COMMUNITIES



On April 9th, the Information Coordinator collaborated with National Weather Service (NWS) Louisville to provide ASL version of the NWS introduction and questions from the communication card that is used when NWS visits home to assess storm damage. NWS also will make this ASL video available nationwide.



Several KCDHH staff met with the Kentucky Division of Emergency Management (KyEM), on May 24 at KCDHH office to discuss the logistics and distribution of weather radio with strobe and shaker attachment.



The Executive Director and Information Coordinator gave a presentation on emergencies and the DHH population to the Kentucky Access and Functional Needs Collaborative (KAFNC) on June 11.

GOAL 5: HEARING LOSS AWARENESS



The Information Coordinator set up an exhibit booth at Klondike Elementary School on April 13 to showcase ASL and Deaf Culture as part of their celebration, music, food, dancing, activities and crafts from across the world.



The Information Coordinator attended the meeting of the Education and Labor Cabinet's Diversity and Inclusion Council virtually on June 20.
