

## Resource List

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## **The Comprehensive Service Center (CSC)**

The Comprehensive Service Center (CSC) is a one-stop support and referral service funded by the Hawai'i State Legislature and the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation through a contract with the University of Hawai'i at Manoa Center on Disability Studies (CDS). We are staffed by a diverse group of people representative of the groups they serve. We provide academic classes, workshops, accessibility support, summer youth programs, and fun events that encourage the inclusion of all consumers.

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## Community & News

### **Aloha State Association of the Deaf (ASAD)**

Ka Po'e Kuli o Hawai'i: Aloha State Association of the Deaf, known as ASAD Hawai'i, is a nonprofit organization that aims to strive and meet its objectives in serving the deaf/hard of hearing people in the State of Hawai'i.

**<https://www.facebook.com/ASAD.Hawaii>**

### **Deaf News Hawaii**

Deaf News-Hawaii is a mailing list that was established in 1999 to provide the Deaf community with news and information. For the latest community information and events, subscribe to the Deaf News Hawaii Facebook or email blast. **<https://www.facebook.com/groups/110173375666034/>**

### **Special Olympics**

Special Olympics is founded on the belief that people with disabilities, who are at least eight years old, with proper instruction and encouragement, can learn, enjoy and benefit from training, participating and competing in individual and team sports, adapted as necessary to meet the needs of those with special mental and physical limitations. Special Olympics also permits individual programs to accept children from age six to seven for training, but these children may not compete. **[www.specialolympicshawaii.org](http://www.specialolympicshawaii.org)**

## Deaf-Blind Resources

### **Center on Disability Studies – Hawai'i & Pacific Deaf-Blind Project (HPDBP)**

The Hawai'i & Pacific Deaf-Blind Project provides technical assistance to children and youth who are deaf-blind, birth through 21 years of age, and to their families and service providers here in Hawai'i and outlying Pacific Island nations/ jurisdictions of American Samoa, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Federated States of Micronesia (Kosrae, Pohnpei, Chuuk, and Yap), Guam, Republic of Palau and Republic of the Marshall Islands.

**[www.pdb.hawaii.edu/](http://www.pdb.hawaii.edu/)**

### **Guide Dogs of Hawaii**

Guide Dogs of Hawai'i, a 501(C) (3) non-profit statewide organization has been conquering barriers in Hawai'i for those without sight since 1955. We have transformed the lives of the blind and visually impaired by giving them hope and a chance to live a meaningful life. We have given the blind a guide dog and with that, mobility, and an opportunity to conquer barriers and live independently. **[www.guidedogsofhawaii.org](http://www.guidedogsofhawaii.org)**

### **Hawai'i Association of the Blind (HAB)**

The Hawai'i Association of the Blind (HAB) is an affiliate of the American Council of the Blind. They strive to advocate independence, equality and opportunities for the blind in Hawai'i. **[www.acb.org/hawaii](http://www.acb.org/hawaii)**

### **Hawai'i State Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (LBPH)**

The Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (LBPH) provides services to U.S. citizens statewide and is part of two library systems: the Hawai'i State Public Library System and the National Library Service for the Blind & Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress. LBPH serves as the regional library and machine lending agency for the blind and physically disabled throughout the state and the outlying Pacific Islands.

**[hawaii.sdp.sirsi.net/custom/web/](http://hawaii.sdp.sirsi.net/custom/web/)**

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

The Helen Keller National Center serves adults who are deaf-blind and provides support services for youth and adults who are deaf-blind, their families and the professionals who serve them across the country. Their mission is to enable each person who is deaf-blind to live and work in their community of choice.

[leah.neumann@hknc.org](mailto:leah.neumann@hknc.org)      [www.hknc.org](http://www.hknc.org)

### **Ho'opono Services for the Blind**

Ho'opono Services for the Blind is a branch of the Department of Human Services (DHS) Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) that provides comprehensive and specialized services that meet the varied needs of consumers across the State who are blind, both deaf and blind, or visually impaired. Services are provided free of charge regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion or disability.

Honolulu: (808) 586-4824      Kapolei: (808) 692-8604      VP: (808) 447-1454  
[gabe@dhs.hawaii.gov](mailto:gabe@dhs.hawaii.gov)      [www.humanservices.hawaii.gov/vr/hoopono](http://www.humanservices.hawaii.gov/vr/hoopono)

### **National Family Associations for Deaf-Blind (NFADB)**

This national organization provides support to families through advocacy, information, resources, referral, supports, national policies, encourages founding and strengthening state family organizations, assists professionals in development of materials and training seminars and publishes "News from Advocates for Deaf-Blind."

Phone: (601) 388-7578      [www.nfadb.org/](http://www.nfadb.org/)

## Education Resources

### **Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB)**

A state agency that serves as a central clearinghouse of information on resources and services to people with disabilities and makes policy recommendations on their behalf. Publishes Ha'ilonu Kina quarterly newsletter. Establish guidelines and recommended fee schedules for sign language interpreters and other

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communication assistants utilizing state services. Coordinates the Hawaii Quality Assurance Screening and credentials sign language interpreters who do not possess national certification. Neighbor island offices in Lihue and Kahului.  
808-586-8121 (TTY/Voice) Fax: 808-586-8129      <http://health.hawaii.gov/dcab/>

### **Comprehensive Student Support Services Section (CSSS)**

The Comprehensive Student Support System (CSSS) provides overarching support to the standards-based curriculum and programs. CSSS is based on the belief that given the appropriate support and interventions, every student will learn and succeed. It links students and families to the resources of the Department of Education, as well as those of their neighborhood, their community and other governmental and private agencies, emphasizing proactive, timely prevention and intervention services.

[doe.k12.hi.us/programs/csss/index.htm](http://doe.k12.hi.us/programs/csss/index.htm)

### **Hawai'i School for the Deaf and the Blind (HSDB)**

The Hawai'i School for the Deaf and Blind (HSDB) is a public education facility that provides statewide services to students that are deaf, blind, and deaf-blind. The HSDB's array of services are designed to assist each student in the target populations to maximize his or her potential with high expectations of success including support services by uniquely qualified personnel, support for families, post-secondary transition services and adapted educational materials.

Phone: 808-733-4999 (TTY/Voice) Fax: 808-733-4824      [www.hsdb.k12.hi.us/](http://www.hsdb.k12.hi.us/)

### **Learning Disabilities Association of Hawaii (LDAH)**

Learning Disabilities Association of Hawaii (LDAH) is a non-profit organization founded in 1968 by parents of children with disabilities. The mission of the Parent Training & Information Center (PTI) for Hawaii is to enhance education, work, and life opportunities for children and youth with disabilities by empowering them and their families through information, training and mentoring, and by public outreach and advocacy. LDAH supports parents of children with any disability and the professionals who serve them in the following ways: information/referral, education and training, mentoring and

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advocacy, small grant awards to benefit children with disabilities, School Readiness Project, and Sharing the Commitment (STC)-- Po`okela Project.  
Phone: 808-536-9684 Outer Islands toll-free 1-800-533-9684 Fax: 808-537-6780  
**[www.LDAHawaii.org](http://www.LDAHawaii.org)**

### **Special Education Section (SES)**

The Special Education Section (SES) of the Department of Education focuses on the need of students with disabilities. Special education is specially designed instruction to meet the unique learning needs of students who require individualized education programs. Special education services (e.g. speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, etc.) may be delivered in a variety of settings based on the student's needs.

**[www.doe.k12.hi.us/specialeducation/index.htm](http://www.doe.k12.hi.us/specialeducation/index.htm)**

### **University Health Partners of Hawaii – Speech and Hearing Clinic (UHSHC)**

The UHSHC serves as a teaching facility for speech pathology graduate students enrolled in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders. Graduate students work directly with patients under the close supervision of an instructor. The UHSHC provides speech, language, and hearing services to the Hawaii community. The clinic provides multi-disciplinary diagnostic evaluations and therapeutic services to children and adults on an outpatient basis.

Phone: 808-692-1580 **<https://uhphawaii.org/index.php/csd/>**

## Financial, Food, and Medical Assistance

### **Deaf Mental Health Services Inc.**

Licensed Clinical Social Worker: Roxanne Mie Tomita, LSW, DCSW

Phone: 808-372-3984 Email: **[DMHSI@hotmail.com](mailto:DMHSI@hotmail.com)**

Offers Deaf and hard of Hearing individuals comprehensive mental health treatment, sensitive to the culture and communication needs of the Deaf community. Staff includes professionals who are fluent in American Sign Language.

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### **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)**

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is a federal program funded through the U.S. Department of Agriculture. As of October 1, 2008, SNAP is the new name for the federal Food Stamp Program. Each state administers a SNAP.

**[humanservices.hawaii.gov/bessd/snap/](http://humanservices.hawaii.gov/bessd/snap/)**

### **Social Security Administration – Supplemental Security Income**

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is a Federal assistance program designed to provide income to aged, blind, or disabled people who have limited assets with which to support themselves. The SSI program is managed by the Social Security Administration (SSA), but financed by the general tax fund. Because the program is not financed by Social Security taxes, there are no work requirements necessary to qualify for SSI.

**[www.socialsecurity.gov/pgm/ssi.htm](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pgm/ssi.htm)**

## Independent Living

### **Aloha Independent Living Hawaii**

Aloha Independent Living Hawaii (AILH) is an established grass roots 501 (c)(3) non profit organization whose mission is to provide independent living programs and services for persons with disabilities in Hawaii.

Voice: 808-339-7297      **[www.alohailhawaii.org](http://www.alohailhawaii.org)**

### **Access to Independence**

is to promote full participation of people with disabilities; to help maintain, sustain, and maximize independence.

Voice: (808) 369-9521      **[www.accesstoindependence.org/hawaii](http://www.accesstoindependence.org/hawaii)**

## Interpreting Agencies and Organizations

### **Hawaii Interpreting Services (HIS)**

Hawaii Interpreting Services connects you to quality sign language interpreters and real-time captioners providing communication access for Deaf, hard of hearing, and Deaf-blind people statewide.

Phone: 808-394-7706      Email: [info@interpretinghawaii.com](mailto:info@interpretinghawaii.com)

<https://www.interpretinghawaii.com/>

### **Isle Interpret**

Isle Interpret promotes successful communication with deaf and hard of hearing persons throughout the state of Hawaii by offering affordable, convenient, and secure onsite American Sign Language (ASL) interpreting services, video remote interpreting services in ASL, real time captioning (RTC or CART) services, and computer assisted note taking (CAN) services.

Voice/Fax: 808-445-9125      Video Phone: 808-791-0505

Email: [info@isleinterpret.com](mailto:info@isleinterpret.com)      <https://www.isleinterpret.com/>

### **Hawai'i Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (HRID)**

Hawai'i RID, Inc. is an affiliate chapter of the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, a non-profit professional organization dedicated to the advancement of the field of professional interpreting. This group is a place where interpreters can learn and share more about the profession and our community.

[hrid.president@gmail.com](mailto:hrid.president@gmail.com)      [www.hawaiirid.wildapricot.org](http://www.hawaiirid.wildapricot.org)

## Keiki & Ohana Resources

### **Children with Special Health Needs Branch (CSHNB)**

Children with Special Health Needs Branch (CSHNB) works to ensure that all children and youth with special health care needs will reach optimal health, growth, and development, by improving access to a coordinated system of family-centered health care services and improving outcomes, through systems development, assessment, assurance, education, collaborative partnerships, and family support.      Phone: 808-733-9055 (TTY/Voice) Fax: 808-733-9068

[hawaii.gov/health/family-child-health/cshcn/index.html](http://hawaii.gov/health/family-child-health/cshcn/index.html)



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### **Early Intervention Section (0-3)**

The Early Intervention Section (EIS), otherwise known as the 0-3 Program, of the State Department of Health is a program that provides developmental services for any eligible child from birth to three years of age in five areas: physical, cognitive, communication, social or emotional and adaptive. Services are available on all islands and there is no cost to families.

Phone: 808-594-0000 (Voice) Fax: 808-594-0015 [health.hawaii.gov/eis/](http://health.hawaii.gov/eis/)

### **Hawaii Community Genetics**

Hawaii Community Genetics provides genetics services for children with developmental and/or medical issues, including hearing loss. A visit will include an evaluation by a geneticist (genetics doctor) and genetic counselor and may include genetic testing. Your child's pediatrician can make a referral for you to see the specialists at Hawaii Community Genetics. Phone: 808-973-3403

<https://www.hawaiipacifichealth.org/kapiolani/services/genetics/>

### **Hawai'i Keiki Information Services System (H-KISS)**

The Hawai'i Keiki Information Services System (H-KISS) is a free information and referral service of the Early Intervention Section. A care coordinator can help answer questions and get your child evaluated for developmental delays or other special needs, get needed services (like speech therapy and physical therapy), and link to other parents and services (such as child care, family support, respite, and community services). [health.hawaii.gov/eis/home/eiservices/](http://health.hawaii.gov/eis/home/eiservices/)

### **Hawai'i and Pacific Deaf Blind Project (HPDBP)**

Pacific Outreach Initiative, University of Hawai'i at Manoa Phone: 808-956-5861  
The Hawaii Deaf-Blind Project provides technical assistance to children and youth who are deaf-blind, birth through 21 years of age, and to their families and service providers. This may include in-home consultation, school consultation, family support, networking, in-service, biannual statewide trainings, referrals to other agencies, and resources. <http://www.pdb.hawaii.edu/>

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### **Public Health Nursing Branch (PHNB)**

Public Health Nursing Branch (PHNB) administers the public health nursing services statewide. The staff of PHNB is made up of Public Health Nurses, who are Registered Nurses, Licensed Practical Nurses, Para-medical Assistants, and Health Aids in the public schools. Public Health Nursing services are focused on public health issues which include care coordination services for infants and toddlers for EIS and facilitate access to services for special needs populations with medical/health and their caregivers. [health.hawaii.gov/phnb/](http://health.hawaii.gov/phnb/)

### **Special Parent Information Network (SPIN)**

The Special Parent Information Network (SPIN) is a parent to parent organization in Hawai'i that provides information, support and referral to parents of children and young adults with disabilities and the professionals who serve them. SPIN tries to keep families of a child with a disability linked to important information through its annual conference, quarterly newsletter, legislative updates, Special Education Advisory Council, fact sheets and parent guidebook. Email: [spin@doh.hawaii.gov](mailto:spin@doh.hawaii.gov) [www.spinhawaii.org/](http://www.spinhawaii.org/)  
Oahu: 808-586-8126 VoiceTTY Kauai: 808-274-3141, ext. 6-8126  
Maui – 808-984-2400, ext. 6-8126 Hawai'i – 808-974-4000, ext. 6-8126  
Molokai & Lanai – 1-800-468-4644, ext. 6-8126

### **The Sibling Support Project**

The Sibling Support Project is a national effort dedicated to the life-long concerns of brothers and sisters of people who have special health, developmental, or mental health concerns. [www.siblingsupport.org/](http://www.siblingsupport.org/)

### **Women, Infants and Children (WIC)**

The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC), is a federally funded program which provides Hawai'i residents with nourishing supplemental foods, nutrition education, breastfeeding promotion and health and social service referrals. The participants of WIC are either pregnant, breastfeeding, or postpartum women, and infants and children under age five who meet income guidelines and have a medical or nutritional risk.

[health.hawaii.gov/wic/](http://health.hawaii.gov/wic/)

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### **WonderBaby**

Wonderbaby.org, a project funded by Perkins School for the Blind, is dedicated to helping parents of young children with visual impairments as well as children with multiple disabilities. It has a database of articles written by parents who want to share with others what they've learned about playing with and teaching a blind child, as well as links to meaningful resources and ways to connect with other families. Additional resources such as Dots for Tots, Seedlings and NBP for free/cheap Braille books can be found on the Wonderbaby.org website.

**[www.wonderbaby.org/](http://www.wonderbaby.org/)**

## Technology Services

### **Assistive Technology Resource Centers of Hawaii (ATRC)**

A non-profit organization providing information, training, outreach, and policy development on assistive technology for persons with any type of disability. Operates assistive technology equipment loan banks on four islands. Provides low interest financial loans to purchase assistive technology devices and services.

Phone: 808-532-7110      Email: [atrc-info@atrc.org](mailto:atrc-info@atrc.org)      **<http://www.atrc.org/>**

### **Island Skill Gathering (ISG)**

ISG provides support services and product sales for people with disabilities, including individual and group training and counseling of independent living skills; job development /placement/coaching; and assistive technology—assessments, evaluation, product acquisition, computer technology delivery, set up, and demonstration. ISG sells assistive listening & alerting devices, closed circuit televisions, and hand-held magnifiers. Phone: 808-732-4622 (Voice/TTY)

Email:            **[isg@aloha.net](mailto:isg@aloha.net)**            **<http://www.isghawaii.com/>**

### **Purple Communications**

Purple Communications is dedicated to delivering the highest-quality and most innovative communication services to meet the unique needs of each Deaf and hard-of-hearing individual.      877-885-3172            **[www.purplevrs.com](http://www.purplevrs.com)**

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### **Relay Hawaii TRS**

Relay Hawaii is a service overseen by the Hawaii Public Utilities Commission that provides full telephone accessibility to people who are deaf, hard-of-hearing, deaf-blind, or speech-disabled. Relay Hawaii provides the equipment and the service free of charge to all qualified residents of Hawai'i or kama'aina. Relay Hawaii allows the people of Hawai'i or kama'aina to communicate with friends, ohana, and anyone over the phone using text-telephone (TTY), captioned telephone (CapTel), online, and wireless relay services through specially trained relay operator. **Lisa.L.Tom@sprint.com or www.relayhawaii.com**

### **Sorenson Communications**

Sorenson Communications was founded on the premise that access to communication is a fundamental right for all people. Sorenson connects people by delivering the world's most trusted products and services, which include video relay and in-person, on-demand interpreting for people who are Deaf and use American Sign Language. As the leading provider of ASL interpreting services, we are passionate about communication and are committed to quality and innovation. **nholmes@sorenson.com karlm@sorenson.com**

**<https://www.sorenson.com/>**

#### *Communication Access*

*The Comprehensive Service Center is dedicated to providing appropriate communication access to all of our classes, workshops, and events. It is requested that individuals requiring auxiliary aids such as sign language interpreters and alternative format materials notify the event sponsor at least seven business days in advance. Every effort will be made to provide reasonable accommodations in an effective and timely manner. For accommodations requests please contact us at [csc@csc-hawaii.org](mailto:csc@csc-hawaii.org).*

#### *Disability Accommodations*

*The Comprehensive Service Center encourages persons with disabilities to participate in its programs and activities. If you anticipate needing any type of accommodation or have questions about the physical access provided, please contact us at [csc@csc-hawaii.org](mailto:csc@csc-hawaii.org) in advance of your participation or visit.*



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