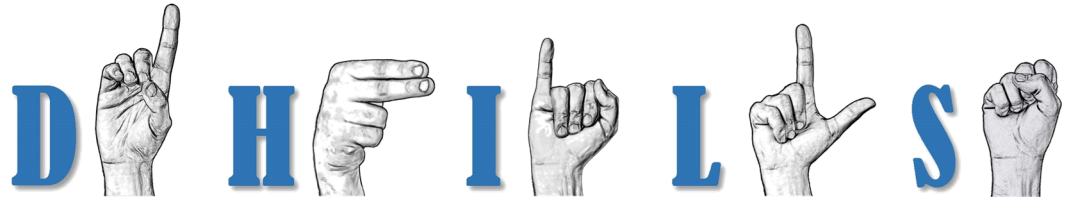


August 2025



*Empowering  
Independence*

CENTER FOR LIVING & WORKING, INC.  
**WHAT'S UP?**



*Deaf and Hard of Hearing Independent Living Services*

## ADA Day at Dunn State Park

August 1st, 2025, DHILS staff, Joan Philip, Kim White and Ellen Perkins and other CLW staff attended “ADA Day” at Dunn State Park in Gardner. This celebration of the ***Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)*** included accessible water sports (swimming and kayaking) and hiking. The weather was perfect for activities and a delicious lunch.

This is a free annual event! We hope to see you there next year!



Left to Right: Interpreter Erin McCarthy, Kim White, Joan Philip, Ellen Perkins, Catherine Brown and Interpreter Mackenzie Lloyd







Deaf and Hard of Hearing Independent Living Services

## Join our team as a: *Deaf Skills Trainer*

**Part-time 28 hours/week or Full-time 40 hours/week**

**\$18.35/hour | Monday-Friday | Hybrid/2-3 office days**

### **Apply now if you love to:**

- ✓ Work with d/Deaf consumers.
- ✓ Provide: skills training; peer counseling; information & referral; emergency intervention.
- ✓ Advocate for consumers & DHILS.
- ✓ Plan/review independent living goals with consumers.
- ✓ Attend trainings/conferences.
- ✓ Lead workshops/presentations.
- ✓ Do consumer and service reports.
- ✓ Work with individuals with diverse disabilities & cultures.
- ✓ Work independently & as a team.

### **Qualifications:**

- ✓ High School/equivalent (GED)
- ✓ Bachelor Degree in health/human services, preferred; years of relevant experience may substitute.
- ✓ Able to drive within our service area.

### **Experience Required:**

- ✓ ASL Fluency
- ✓ Minimum 2 years Deaf/Hard of Hearing services relevant work experience, OR Deaf/Hard of Hearing community involvement.
- ✓ Computer skills: Microsoft Office & database reporting.

### **BENEFITS**

#### **PART-TIME**

**Sign-on Bonus: \*\$250**

(\*after 90-day probationary period)

**403(b) Retirement**

**PAID**

- Sick Time
- Parking & Mileage Reimbursement

#### **FULL-TIME**

**Sign-on Bonus: \*\$250**

(\*after 90-day probationary period)

**403(b) Retirement**

**PAID**

- Health & Dental Insurance
- Vacation & Sick Time; & 13 Holidays
- Parking & Mileage Reimbursement
- Life Insurance
- Long Term Disability

**APPLY NOW**



**Apply and See More Info Here:**  
**DHILS Deaf Skills Trainer Positions**



**Interested or Have Questions?**  
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## Working to Grow NTID

Dr. Gerard (Gerry) Buckley is retiring after 35 years at NTID. He shares highlights from a career of growth at NTID and why having a technical college for the deaf teaching Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) is more important than ever.

Watch VLOG here: <https://sorenson.com/my-news/sorenson-community-spotlight-ntid-president-dr-gerard-buckley/>



## Deaf Alcoholics Anonymous

Find tools for recovery from alcoholism

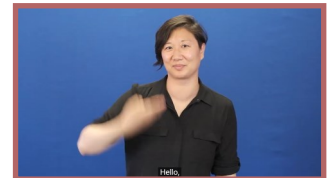
- Accessible **Deaf A.A. & ASL** interpreted meetings **everyday** of the week. Find fellowship, a sponsor and service opportunities. <https://sites.google.com/view/deafaa/home>
- **Grapevine stories** by Deaf alcoholics in ASL: <https://sites.google.com/view/deafaa/grapevine-asl-playlist>
- A.A. literature in **American Sign Language**: <https://sites.google.com/view/deafaa/aa-asl-cc-videos>
- **Plain language Big Book TOOL** (English): <https://onlineliterature.aa.org/Plain-Language-Big-Book>
- A.A. literature in **French**: <https://www.aa.org/fr/resources/literature>
- Grapevine stories in Spanish **La Vina Magazine** [[www.aalavina.org](http://www.aalavina.org)] & **YouTube** [[www.youtube.com/@AAGrapevine/playlists](https://www.youtube.com/@AAGrapevine/playlists)]
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## MCDHH's Sign Language Interpreter Mentorship Pilot Program



Now **accepting applications** for Spring 2026.

The mentorship program is **free of charge** and will be offered to novice interpreters - Deaf, CODA, Spoken English/ASL interpreters from diverse backgrounds. This program will allow participants the opportunity to work with experienced mentors and gain a deeper understanding of interpreting.



View our announcement vlog below here to learn more: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kfO5CRRZUsw>

Announcement Vlog Transcript: <https://bit.ly/4lNwD1i>

View our application vlog below here to learn more: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=chvNz6qLHsS&feature=youtu.be>

Application Vlog Transcript: <https://bit.ly/44rbxjt>

INTERESTED! PLEASE APPLY HERE: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/mcdhhmentorship>

**Deadline: August 31, 2025**

Questions? Contact **Holly Pearson**, Workforce Development Coordinator, at: [MCDHHMentorship@mass.gov](mailto:MCDHHMentorship@mass.gov).



# Beach Day & Hearing Aids/ Cochlear Implants



## THE WORST THINGS FOR HEARING AIDS *OR* CI PROCESSORS AT THE BEACH:



**Moisture:** Hearing aids have electronic components that can be damaged by a lot of moisture - from a lake or ocean *and* from your own sweat.



**Sand:** sand gets everywhere no matter how hard you try to keep it out. If too much gets into sensitive parts of your hearing aids, it could cause a clog.



**Heat:** makes people sweat and can also damage hearing aids by overheating electronic components.

## PROTECT YOUR HEARING AIDS *OR* CI PROCESSORS AT THE BEACH!

### Before you go:

1. Use a dehumidifier on them the night before to remove any moisture in the tubes.
2. Bring a protective storage case and some simple cleaning supplies in your beach bag - microfiber towel and brush

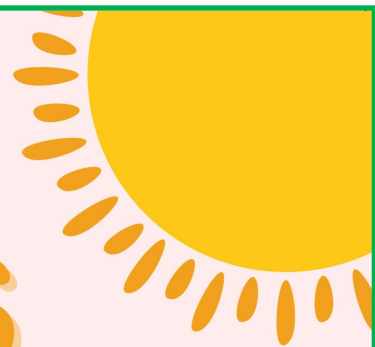
### At the Beach:

1. A wide-brimmed hat can protect your hearing aids from wind-blown sand and heat from direct sunlight.
2. A sweatband will keep sweat from getting into your hearing aids.
3. If you take your hearing aids out, be sure to put them in the protective case *or* a sealed container.

### After the Beach:

1. Clean your hearing aids after any trip to the beach.
  - a. Wipe the surfaces with a soft cloth or brush
  - b. Clear out the tubes, and use an overnight dehumidifier to remove built-up moisture.
2. Notice any serious blockages or any other issues? Contact your audiologist!

# AUGUST AWARENESS

**03**

## FRIENDSHIP DAY

This holiday is for celebrating and connecting with friends!

**09**

## WORLD INDIGENOUS PEOPLE DAY

This day honors the need to protect Indigenous groups (the original people of an area) around the world.

**09**

## BOOK LOVERS DAY

Book Lovers Day is celebrated to encourage reading. What is your favorite book?

**17**

## MASSACHUSETTS DAY

August 17th is Massachusetts Day! Massachusetts was the 6th state to join the Union.

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## WOMENS' EQUALITY DAY

This is the day the 19th Amendment was passed, giving women the right to vote.





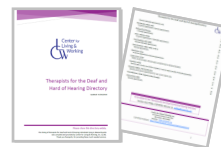
## Worcester Parent Guide to Community Resources

[CLICK HERE FOR ENGLISH GUIDE](#)



## **UPDATED: Therapists for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Directory**

Click here: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mRNQIKYYNjM4vYpRX7OECQkiW-PQlu62/view?usp=sharing>



## **MISSED A *WHAT'S UP* NEWSLETTER?**

**Past issues of newsletters are on our website!**

VISIT: [HTTPS://WWW.CENTERLW.ORG/2022/07/WHATS-UP-NEWSLETTER/](https://www.CenterLW.org/2022/07/whats-up-newsletter/)

## **Questions? Contact your Skills Trainer**

|                   |  |  |
|-------------------|--|--|
| Joan Philip       | DHILS Director                                     | 508-762-1165 (VP)                          |
| Priscilla Langone | DHILS Administrative Assistant                     | 508-556-1600 (VP)                          |
| Ellen Perkins     | DHILS Asst. Manager/Hard of Hearing Skills Trainer | 508-502-7576 (Voice);<br>508-762-1354 (VP) |
| Rosemary Moreira  | Deaf Skills Trainer (Full-time)                    | 508-762-1166 (VP)                          |
| Vacant            | Deaf Skills Trainer (Full-time)                    | 508-762-1021 (VP)                          |
| Vacant            | Deaf Skills Trainer (Part-time)                    | 508-762-1350 (VP)                          |
| Kim White         | Staff Interpreter                                  | 508-755-1042 (Voice);<br>508-283-1036 (VP) |

## **Contact Us!**



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