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The 4th Annual Hearing Loss Awareness EXPO Will Be Held in Providence, RI.

(Providence, R.I.) – The Rhode Island Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (RICDHH) has proclaimed that it will observe the Hearing Loss Awareness and Better Hearing and Speech Month in May 2012. The Hearing Loss Awareness Month is to promote the health of hearing loss and to recognize the resources that support people with hearing loss to enhance their high quality of life through education, technology, and advocacy. Over 90,000 people living in Rhode Island have various levels of hearing status and the majority is made up of hard of hearing people.

Hearing Loss Awareness EXPO, which is part of the Hearing Loss Awareness Month, is collaboratively hosted by the RICDHH, RI Hamilton Relay, and Hearing Loss Association of Rhode Island (HLA-RI). The EXPO is offering most latest, educational and informative materials that benefit hard of hearing population.

The Hearing Loss Awareness EXPO will be held on May 7, 2012 at the Atrium at the Department of Administration building in Providence, RI from 11:00am to 3:30pm. The Expo will have exhibitors to share information with the public that benefit hard of hearing people. The exhibitors have confirmed to participate are as follows:

Rhode Island Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Rhode Island Hamilton Relay

Hearing Loss Association of Rhode Island.

Adaptive Telephone Equipment Loan

COX Communications

Goodwill Industries of Rhode Island

Office of Rehabilitation Services

Ocean State Center for Independent Living

PARI, Inc.

Purple Communications,

Rhode Island Disability Law Center

Rhode Island School for the Deaf

Rhode Island Speech-Language-Hearing Association
Sorenson Communications' CaptionCall
Special Needs Emergency Registry under RI Department of Health
Sprint Relay Service
The Cochlear Implant Group
The Gift of Hearing Foundation
Twin Rivers Hearing Health
ZVRS
and a few more.

Free admission to the Hearing Loss Awareness Expo for all ages. Please feel free to stop by and get information about hearing loss and please do remember that this event is not just for you but also, you may want to help your relative members or neighbors or co-workers who might benefit from this information. Please do come!

About:

The Rhode Island Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (RI CDHH) is an advocating, coordinating, and service providing entity committed to promoting an environment in which the deaf and hard of hearing in Rhode Island are afforded equal opportunity in all aspects of their lives. The RI CDHH develops policy; initiates and lobbies for favorable legislation; fosters cooperation and awareness among state agencies and community organizations; and educates and advises consumers, state agencies, and employers about Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) rights to equal access. The RI CDHH also provides direct services in its operation of a Sign Language Interpreter Referral Service, a lending library of books and videotapes, and as a clearinghouse of information and referral on all topics related to hearing loss.

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