

“#2, the RI CDHH is responsible to promote and raise awareness about deafness. Many people have misconceptions that deaf and hard of hearing people do not work, drive, or communicate. The civil rights of a deaf individual are very important and needs to be made aware to the public. Part of our job responsibilities are to educate people, the community, service providers, hospitals, police, etc. in order to make them realize that deaf and hard of hearing people can do anything and can communicate effectively with the right accommodations and have the same rights of hearing people.

RI CDHH is also responsible to provide an information and referral service. If someone needs information on hearing loss, you may call our office to make that request. We will provide the information you are looking for. If we do not have right information, we would refer you to the appropriate places. The mandate requires us to assist people until they are satisfied with various information related to hearing loss, parenting, children, and more”

(Translated in American Sign Language by Steven A. Florio)



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