

“#7, this mandate is very broad. This gives the RI CDHH plenty of opportunities to prioritize whatever needs shall be pursued. The most important purpose of this mandate is to improve the quality of life. Your life as deaf or hard of hearing person shall be respected as anyone. The RI CDHH wants to make sure that all deaf and hard of hearing citizens of Rhode Island enjoy high quality of life, just like hearing people do. There are many areas to focus on such as:

- I. Parenting – how to raise a deaf or hard of hearing child, build strong PTA on behalf of your child, and more.
- II. Technology.
- III. Health Care services
- IV. Employment
- V. And many more.

The RI CDHH wants to make sure that deaf and hard of hearing people have access in all areas of their lives. The RICDHH wants to ensure that professionals in various fields do not have the wrong perceptions of deaf and hard of hearing. A high quality of life is very important because it means independence for deaf and hard of hearing citizens. Whatever a person who can hear enjoys in the society, deaf and hard of hearing people should have the same access and privileges.”

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



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

RI Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

One Capitol Hill, Ground Level

Providence, RI 02908-5850

(401) 222-1205 (TTY)

(401) 256-5511 (Videophone/Voice)

Email: cdhh@cdhh.ri.gov Website: www.cdhh.ri.gov

