

“Hello!

Our fifth goal at RI CDHH is to create more employment opportunities for deaf and hard of hearing people. We will work with state agencies, non-profits, private companies, job search networks and other entities that assist with employment.

Postings will be sent through the RI CDHH so that deaf and hard of hearing people will have access to job openings.

We also want to make sure that the interview process is fair and accessible. We will work with employers to educate them about deaf and hard of hearing people so that they can be sensitive to their needs.

At the RI CDHH we have seen a recurring problem with employment centers in RI. They are often unaware of communication devices and special equipment for deaf and hard of hearing people such as FM systems, VCO devices and the Video Relay Service. We are committed to train these centers in the use of this kind of equipment.

With appropriate training and awareness, employment centers can better assist deaf and hard of hearing people obtain jobs. With the right equipment deaf and hard of hearing people can function just as well as hearing people in the workforce.”

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



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