

Agency 082 - COMM FOR DEAF & HARD OF HEARING

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

The Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing was created by LB101 in 1979 by the Nebraska Unicameral. The duties and responsibilities of the Commission can be found in the N.R.S §71.4728-71.4728.05 and sections 20.150, and 20-154.

VISION:

As a proactive and reactive state agency, the Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing strives to enhance collaboration by creating support, cooperation, and understanding to achieve fairness and equality in all aspects of the lives for the Deaf, Deaf-Blind, and Hard of Hearing Nebraskan residents. The Commission was created to improve the quality and coordination of existing services for deaf and hard of hearing people and development of new services when necessary.

MISSION AND PRINCIPLES:

The mission of the Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing is to promote and advocate for Nebraskans who are Deaf, Deaf-Blind or Hard of Hearing; to achieve equality and opportunity in social, educational, vocational, and legal aspects impacting their daily lives; and to enhance and monitor access to effective communication and telecommunication technology.

NCDHH's responsibilities include the following:

- Conduct and collect data and provide information on Nebraskans who have a hearing loss;
- Develop communication processes involving the training and licensing of sign language interpreters statewide;
- Promote awareness of hearing loss and assess services and monitor services available to residents who are deaf or hard of hearing.

GOALS:

The goals of the Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing are:

- Provide and promote services and training to create awareness to empower Deaf, Deaf-Blind and Hard of Hearing Nebraskans.
- Implement and maintain programs through collaboration with consumer groups, the Governor, Legislature, community organizations, service providers, and other governmental agencies at the state, federal and local levels.
- Initiate, broaden, and maintain the collection and dissemination of information regarding the strategies for living with, the prevention of, and the impact of deafness and hearing loss.

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Financial Data

	FY16 Actual	FY17 Approp	FY18 Request	FY18 Recomm	FY19 Request	FY19 Recomm
Operations Funding						
General Fund	1,012,101	1,016,914	1,181,495	998,241	1,203,316	1,010,338
Cash Fund	16,658	16,600	16,600	16,659	16,600	16,659
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Operations	1,028,759	1,033,514	1,198,095	1,014,900	1,219,916	1,026,997
Aid Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Program 578 - HEARING IMPAIRED

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (NCDHH) has adopted its goals and objectives in December 2012 which reflects the program description. The primary goals and activities include the following:

1. Provide and promote services and training to create awareness through the programs.
2. Implement and maintain programs through collaboration.
3. Initiate, broaden and maintain collection and dissemination of information regarding strategies for living with, the prevent of, and the impact of deafness and hearing loss.
4. Ensure and monitor full access to comprehensive and appropriate mental health services for Deaf, Deaf-Blind, and Hard of Hearing persons.
5. Ensure and implement access to effective and quality interpreting services.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

State statute 71-4728 states that the Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing services as the principal state agency responsible for monitoring public policies and implementing programs which improve the quality and coordination of existing services for persons who are deaf, deaf-blind, or hard of hearing. The Commission's primary objective is to develop new services when necessary and recommend modifications to existing services.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

Performance measures are determined through measurements of inputs and outputs and the cost of each primary activity. Inputs are based on the percent of staff time spent providing services and the cost per activity is calculated based on personnel and operating costs; outputs are based on the number of requests for services or individuals serviced through each primary activity as listed. Outcomes are measured based on the demand for services accomplishments of the objectives and the percent of time spent in providing the outlined activities. Each Advocacy Specialist completes, on average, four presentations per week, one booth per month, and meets with five clients per week.

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