

We are

Deaf & Hear Alberta

We envision a society where the hearing population connects with, understands, accepts and embraces the Deaf and hard of hearing.

We want a world free of communication barriers for the Deaf and hard of hearing for we believe that communication equity is a basic human right.

We believe that the Deaf, deafened and hard of hearing have the right to equal access to all aspects of life and they will be able to do this when the hearing world truly understands the Deaf and hard of hearing world.

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Being able to communicate—to hear and understand—has a direct and measurable impact on education, employment, relationships, inclusion, safety and mental health.

Hearing loss can range from mild to profound and can impact an individual at any age. Twenty-three percent of people are hard of hearing, representing over 950,000 Albertans.

Hear Alberta is dedicated to removing communication barriers for those with hearing loss and providing strategies that allow the hard of hearing to fully participate in activities they enjoy. We educate and bring awareness to those with normal hearing about the dangers of noise-induced hearing loss and the negative effects losing your hearing can have on your quality of life.

Hearing loss can be caused by a number of factors, like genetics or medications, but aging and excessive noise are the two most prominent ones. With a growing senior population and everyone “plugged in”, the incidence and risk of damage to hearing has never been greater.



Our Role

Hear Alberta exists to promote hearing health. We do that through education, advocacy and social enterprise. We empower Albertans to manage their hearing loss with education, information and strategies that overcome gaps in spoken communication. We promote hearing protection, create awareness about causes of hearing loss and provide the tools and equipment to prevent hearing loss. We work in partnership with audiologists, the medical community and hearing aid practitioners to provide unbiased, neutral information to help combat the confusion and fear.

Hearing Loss Prevention The World Health Organization reports that 1.1 billion young people could be at risk of hearing loss due to unsafe listening practices. Many teens and their parents are not aware of noise-induced hearing loss, its causes and how to prevent it. Hear Alberta is taking the lead on this important health issue. We are currently developing an innovative mobile application aimed at bringing the hearing loss awareness message to young teens, so that they can learn how to protect themselves.

Sound Advice Series This series of educational courses demystifies hearing loss, offers information about the impact of untreated hearing loss and provides tools, strategies and coping skills so those with a hearing loss are able to engage more fully in life.

Peer-to-Hear Sometimes people need additional support to learn how to manage their hearing loss. This program creates supportive relationships between individuals with hearing loss and volunteer mentors, who are trained to help provide information, practical strategies and encouragement.

Assistive Technology We provide support and education that enhances everyday life. Our accessibility specialists conduct personal, facility or workplace assessments to ensure the right technology matches a client's needs. Whether it's about safety in the home with a visual and tactile smoke alarm, or a simple cell phone notification system, we work directly with clients to find solutions that best suit their circumstances. A full range of products can also be purchased on-line at our e-Store or in person at our fully accessible office.

Hearing loss is the fastest growing, and one of the most prevalent, chronic conditions facing Canadians today. Estimates are that by 2015 three million Canadians will experience hearing problems.

Support Us

At Hear Alberta we make it possible for you to regain hearing freedom, achieved through a careful mix of technology, awareness and education and personal commitment. The first step is to learn what devices and management practices are available to you, then assess what options will work best for your situation.

The rest is up to you.

Donate on-line at www.hearalberta.ca

Affiliated Organizations

Canadian Hard of Hearing Association (CHHA)
CHHA is the national voice for all hard of hearing Canadians. It is a non-profit, self-help, bilingual consumer organization run by and for persons who are hard of hearing. CHHA aims to produce knowledgeable hard of hearing consumers who advocate to have their hearing needs met, by raising public awareness, promoting integration and removing barriers to participation. chha.ca

Canadian Hard of Hearing Association, Calgary (CHHA-C) chha-calgary.ca

Canadian Hard of Hearing Association, Edmonton (CHHA-E) chha-ed.com

Alberta Hands and Voices

This parent-driven non-profit organization provides families with the resources, networks, and information to improve communication access and educational outcomes for their children. albertahandsandvoices.com