



# New Mexico Commission for Deaf & Hard of Hearing

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## Deaf, Hard of Hearing & Deaf-Blind Organizations in New Mexico

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There are several organizations in New Mexico that meet different needs of Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf-Blind individuals. NMCDHH provides advocacy, equipment distribution, education, and more. Information about our programs and services is available on our website [www.cdhh.state.nm.us](http://www.cdhh.state.nm.us). There are several other organizations in New Mexico who help with job placement, legal matters, housing, community issues, and providing opportunities for social interaction for individuals with hearing loss.

### COPD-NM

Community Outreach Program for the Deaf assists Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf-Blind adults in New Mexico with their Case Management and Interpreting Services. Case Management educates and empowers Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf-Blind clients to live independently by teaching living skills and how to access community services. More information on COPDNM can be found on their website: [www.copdnm.org](http://www.copdnm.org). Their phone number is 505.255.7636 or in-state toll-free at 1.800.229.4262.

### Hearing Loss Association of America

The Hearing Loss Association of America has three New Mexico Chapters: Albuquerque, Santa Fe, and Las Cruces. Their purpose is to provide support and advocacy for the hard of hearing. The meetings usually include guest speakers that can educate the members on topics related to hearing loss, such as assistive listening devices or tinnitus.

For more information the Albuquerque chapter, email [hlaabq@gmail.com](mailto:hlaabq@gmail.com) or visit their website [www.hlaabq.com](http://www.hlaabq.com), or their Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/groups/621358944603163](https://www.facebook.com/groups/621358944603163).

For the Santa Fe chapter, contact [johnhooper.ref@gmail.com](mailto:johnhooper.ref@gmail.com).

For Las Cruces, email [hlaalc@juno.com](mailto:hlaalc@juno.com).

### New Mexico Association for the Deaf

The New Mexico Association for the Deaf (NMAD) is a non-profit state association affiliated with the National Association for the Deaf (NAD). They focus on improving accessibility services, hosting recreational events, and encouraging socialization, and they hold annual conferences. They have chapters operating in Albuquerque, Northern New Mexico, Las Cruces, and Roswell. Their Facebook page is [www.facebook.com/groups/434778170012515](https://www.facebook.com/groups/434778170012515).

### New Mexico Deaf Camp & Outdoors

New Mexico Deaf Camp & Outdoors organizes camping trips throughout the year. Their Facebook page is [www.facebook.com/NMDeafCampers](https://www.facebook.com/NMDeafCampers).

## **New Mexico Hispanic Council of the Deaf & Hard of Hearing**

New Mexico Hispanic Council of the Deaf & Hard of Hearing addresses issues of Deaf New Mexicans of Hispanic heritage. Their Facebook page is [www.facebook.com/NMHCDHH](http://www.facebook.com/NMHCDHH).

## **Hands & Voices**

Hands & Voices is a nationwide non-profit organization which supports families with deaf and hard of hearing children by providing resources and education to improve communication access and educational outcomes. There is no bias towards any mode of communication; their motto is, "What works for your child makes the choice right." Hands & Voices New Mexico chapter also has family oriented activities. Email them at [parentgroup@hvn.org](mailto:parentgroup@hvn.org) or visit their website at [www.hvnm.org](http://www.hvnm.org) and their Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/handsandvoicesnm](http://www.facebook.com/handsandvoicesnm).

## **Deaf Culture Center**

The Deaf Culture Center (DCC) in Albuquerque has meetings, workshops, signed language classes and announces other happenings around the state through their listserv. For more information or to sign up for their listserv, email [dccnm@dccnm.org](mailto:dccnm@dccnm.org). Their website is <http://dccnm.org/> and they also are on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/groups/DCCNM](http://www.facebook.com/groups/DCCNM).

## **Zia Deaf-Blind Club**

Zia Deaf-Blind Club is a non-profit organization that meets monthly, providing social and educational activities for its members. Contact Darren McLauren at [darrenmcl@aol.com](mailto:darrenmcl@aol.com) or 505.792.6682 (video phone.)

## **Trailblazers**

Trailblazers is an Oral Deaf-Blind Club. Contact Coby Livingstone for more information at [coby.livingstone@gmail.com](mailto:coby.livingstone@gmail.com) or 505.259.3672.