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. 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. 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 or visit their website www.hlaabq.com, or their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/groups/621358944603163.
For the Santa Fe chapter, contact johnhooper.ref@gmail.com. For Las Cruces, email 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.

**New Mexico Deaf Camp & Outdoors**
New Mexico Deaf Camp & Outdoors organizes camping trips throughout the year. Their Facebook page is www.facebook.com/NMDeafCampers.
Raíces del Rio Grande
Raíces del Rio Grande addresses issues of Deaf New Mexicans of Hispanic heritage. Their Facebook page is www.facebook.com/raicesdelriogrande.

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@hvnm.org or visit their website at www.hvnm.org and their Facebook page at 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. Their website is http://dccnm.org/ and they also are on Facebook: 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 McLaren at 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 or 505.259.3672.