

What Does IDHHC Do?

DECREASE BARRIERS!!!

For the Deaf, Hard of Hearing & DeafBlind

PROMOTE INDEPENDENCE FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH A HEARING LOSS

Community Benefits: DIRECT ACCESS TO INFORMATION

HOW?

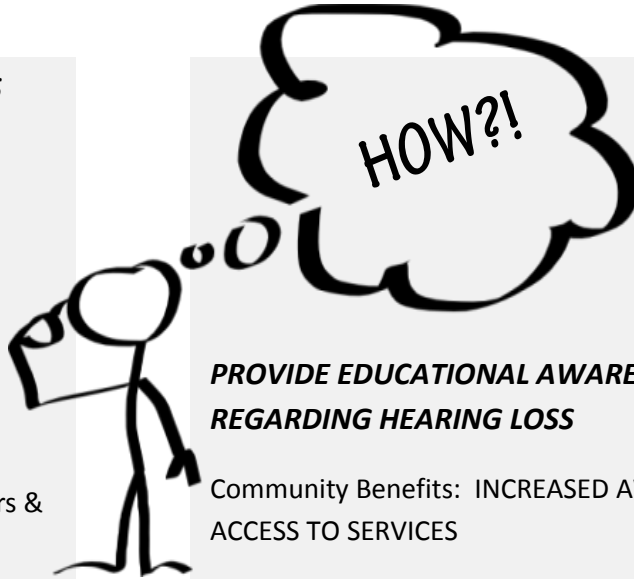
- 1) Informational ASL Videos
- 2) Quarterly Commission Meetings
 - a. Open to the public
 - b. View LIVE via website with interpreters & captioning
 - c. Special presentations on hearing loss issues
- 3) Hosts taskforces related to education, interpreters, CART & deaf blind service providers
 - a. Individuals with hearing loss are appointed
 - b. Individuals with hearing loss contribute to final recommendations

INCREASE QUALITY AND NUMBER OF SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS & CART PROVIDERS

Community Benefits: COMMUNICATION ACCESS

HOW?

- 1) Interpreter licensure
- 2) Certification testing
- 3) Structured interpreter mentorship program
- 4) Annual statewide interpreter conference
- 5) CART Directory



PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL AWARENESS REGARDING HEARING LOSS

Community Benefits: INCREASED AWARENESS & ACCESS TO SERVICES

HOW?

- 1) Partnership with entities/service providers
- 2) Statewide meetings participation
- 3) Legislative assistance
 - a. Formal positions
 - b. Communicate and answer questions with legislative staff
- 4) Trainings
- 5) Involvement with committees, advisory boards and various events

PROVIDE STATEWIDE RESOURCES

Community Benefits: EASY TO FIND INFORMATION

HOW?

- 1) IDHHC Website
 - a. Licensed Interpreter & CART directories
 - b. Inquiries to DhhWebmaster@illinois.gov
 - c. Statewide services listings
 - d. Demographics
- 2) IDHHC lending library
- 3) Information & Referral