

We provide you with the knowledge, experience and encouragement to be assertive when faced with obstacles to your independent living goals.

All people should be able to make decisions affecting their own lives.

Disabilities Network of Eastern Connecticut, Inc

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The Disabilities Network of Eastern Connecticut is a consumer- controlled 501 (c)(3) non-profit agency.



Hearing Loss Assistive Technology

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Dedicated to supporting YOUR rights.

Working to empower YOU to make choices.

Advocating for change that helps YOU become included in your community.

What is DNEC?

DNEC is a nonprofit agency serving persons of all ages and all disability types who reside in eastern Connecticut. DNEC utilizes peer mentoring, self-advocacy and independent living skills training to assist individuals with disabilities to reenter or remain in the community and to make meaningful life choices.

People who are Hard of Hearing

Prefer not to be lumped with Deaf people

Usually do not know Sign Language

Have individual communication needs and styles

Many times people will not admit they are hard of hearing

Hearing aids do not restore perfect hearing like glasses would

Communication Myths

A nod does not mean the person understands. Lip reading is 33% effective. Yelling does not

help. Use a regular tone, natural gestures and communication will work. If all else fails write it down or text one another.

Did you know 30 million Americans have a hearing loss?

More than 30 million Americans have hearing loss, 1/3 of US population will have a hearing loss by age 65, Approx 2 million people are profoundly deaf, Each individual with hearing loss has unique communication needs and styles.

Assistive Technology to Assist with Hearing Loss

Captioned Telephones

Webcapitel

Hearing Aids

Vibrating Alarm Clocks

Smoke Detectors with Flashing Lights

Carbon Monoxide Detectors with Flashing Lights

Communication Tips

Get the person's attention and look them in the eye while speaking clearly. Make sure to rephrase and not repeat as it can be frustrating for both parties. Writing messages or texting messages can help.

The important thing is to be patient and understanding.

Resource Websites

www.CaptionCall.com

www.ConverseCommunications.com

www.DNEC.org

www.HarrisComm.com

www.SprintCapTel.com

DNEC Advocates for You

DNEC is a non-profit agency providing services to people with disabilities that reside in eastern CT. We believe change starts with the individual, but the support of the community is what makes inclusion possible. We are guided by the principle that our consumers should be able to integrate into the community of their choice to the fullest degree possible.

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