

DSDHH Classes and Presentations for Hearing Loss

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For the Hard of Hearing, Late-Deafened, their Families and Friends

All of our classes, presentations, and socials are online via Google Meet or in person. You can register for our events by clicking here: jobs.utah.gov/usor/dhh/events/northern.html

Classes

Beginning Speechreading/Lipreading – Part 1: once a week for 9 weeks. Part 2: once a week for 9 weeks. Each class is 90 minutes, new people can join in part 2. Purpose: Develop communication skills to supplement those with hearing loss.

- The shape of sounds on the lips
- Lipreading techniques
- Non-vocal drills

Introduction to Sign Language in English Word Order – Once a week for 6 weeks lasting 90 minutes long. This is an introduction to basic signs to aid communication for those with hearing loss. A slow-paced class in a supportive atmosphere.

- Lessons include Greetings, time & days, food, colors, clothes and more.

Beginning Sign Language in English Word Order – Once a week for 14 weeks. Each class is 90 minutes. Purpose: Increase communication skills learning Basic Sign Language in English word order.

- Lessons include Time & days, family, clothes, food, emotions, health, money and more.
- Learning sign language includes gestures, facial expressions, directionality and classifiers.
- Build a working vocabulary: new signs, review signs learned and practice with conversation.

Conversation Sign Class using English Word Order – Once a week for 8 weeks. Each class is 90 minutes. Purpose: Use skills learned in Beginning Sign Language in English Word Order class in a conversational setting.

Pre-requisite : Beginning Sign Language in English Word Order class or already has a basic sign vocabulary.

- · Weekly assigned topics, prepare a conversation to sign in class.
- · Improve receptive skills by watching other people sign.
- · New signs may be taught during class to promote conversation.

Conversation Speechreading – Once a week for 6 weeks. Each class is 90 minutes. Purpose: Use skills learned in Beginning Speechreading class in a conversational setting.

- · Weekly assigned topics, prepare a conversation for class.
- · Improve receptive skills by speechreading others in the class.
- · Additional tips may be taught during class to promote conversation.

How to Thrive with Hearing Loss – Once a week for 6 weeks. Each class is 90 minutes, Purpose: Adjust communication habits to improve conversation between those with hearing loss and their hearing partners.

- · Symptoms and myths associated with hearing loss.
- · Causes behind communication breakdowns & how to effectively respond to them.
- · Becoming your own advocate.

Presentations

(Can be modified to fit your needs)

§ **Let's Talk about Hearing Loss:** Stats on hearing loss, basic information, and an introduction to our services, 45 to 60 minutes.

§ Watch for *new presentations* with various topics related to hearing loss offered by Division of Services of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Sanderson Community Center.

Workshops & Guest Speakers

We offer presentations on other topics with guest speakers throughout the year at the Division of Services of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Sanderson Community Center in Salt Lake City and at the South Community Center in St George. Watch for website and Facebook pages for announcements. Contact Kelly Boehmer for more information at kboehmer@utah.gov or 801-657-5220. You can also contact the Hard of Hearing team at DSDHH.hoh@utah.gov

Coffee Chat Support Group

Join us on Fridays (except holidays) for our informal support group from 10:00 – 11:30 A.M. We meet online via Google Meet so anyone can join regardless of where you are located. No agenda, just people sharing frustrations and success with hearing loss.

Stay up to date! To find out about upcoming classes, presentations and workshops follow us on Facebook at:

<https://www.facebook.com/UtahDeafHHServices>

Explore the Division of Services of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing's website at jobs.utah.gov/usor/dhh

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