



Summer 2022

Deaf Seniors of Georgia



Jimmy standing next to a projector screen. The screen says "Deaf Seniors of Georgia, Jimmy Peterson, GCDHH Executive Director, May 17, 2022."

This month, our Executive Director - Jimmy Peterson gave a presentation titled "How to Prevent Identity Theft" during Deaf Seniors of Georgia's (DSG) two-day conference in Columbus, Georgia to an audience of 40 attendees. The presentation included tips on how to identify and prevent identity theft or scams online in order to protect the information of Deaf seniors.

GCDHH wants to thank DSG for inviting Jimmy to present at the conference and extends our congratulations to the new president of Deaf Seniors of Georgia: Joy Spurlin, who will serve a 2-year term.

To learn more about Deaf Seniors of Georgia, visit their website: <https://www.deafseniorsgeorgia.org/>



Deaf seniors sitting at multiple round tables in the conference space.



GCDHH Board President Cheryl Shaver, GCDHH Executive Director Jimmy Peterson, and former

Deaf Awareness Day at the Atlanta Braves

Our event in collaboration with the Atlanta Braves was a huge success! We sold over 800 tickets and had an amazing turnout. To start the game, Makayla Smith and Rusia Saidi, two recent 2022 graduates (and valedictorians) from Atlanta Area School for the Deaf and Georgia School for the Deaf signed the national anthem for the thousands of people in the stands. Then, the game was then kicked off by our very own Executive Director, Jimmy Peterson. Thank you all for joining us for this special day and sharing the love of ASL and Deaf culture with the Atlanta Braves. We had an amazing turn out and hope that all who attended enjoy their ASL shirts and are excited to attend this event again in the future.



GCDHH staff: Jimmy, Andrea, Jennifer, and Lara smile in a selfie.



Jimmy Peterson with Board Secretary Jonathon DiMarco



Makayla Smith and Rusia Saidi sign the national anthem on the field.



ITP students Cora Harris, Selene Gutierrez, and Holli Manders smile in the stands wearing their ASL T-shirts.



Matt Maxey and another attendee smile at the camera while sitting in the stands with their T-shirts.



Lara Whitfield-Garfinkel, Rusia Saidi, Makayla Smith, Jimmy Peterson, and Chip Penland stand in front of the '2021 World Champions' sign at Truist Park.

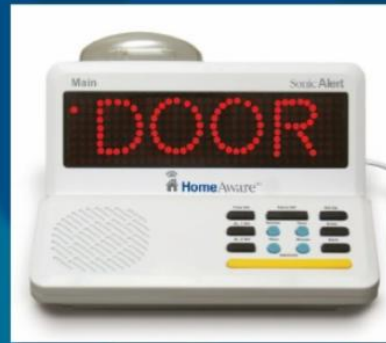
No-Cost Visual Alerts from GCDHH



DB200



AL10



HA360

GCDHH supplies no-cost visual alerts to qualified applicants through the Georgia Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (GATEDP). Whether you need an accessible alarm clock, doorbell, or a way to see when you get a call/text we've got you covered!

Sonic Alert DB200

The DB200 is an easy-to-use doorbell that can be installed in seconds. It triggers the built-in outlet to flash whatever lamp you choose when someone pushes the button. The DB200 also connects to your landline with an included cord so that you can be visually alerted of phone calls too. This product is perfect for people who want a simple solution to knowing when people are calling you or at your door.

Clarity AlertMaster AL10

The AL10 is a multi-function alert system that can alert you various things throughout your home such as phone calls, alarm clocks, doorbells, and unusual sounds. Various accessories allow you to customize the system to your specific needs including: a bed shaker, baby monitor, motion sensor, and doorbell. Whatever alerts you choose to attach to the AL10 will be shown with the flash of a lightbulb and/or a bed shaker.

Sonic Alert HA360

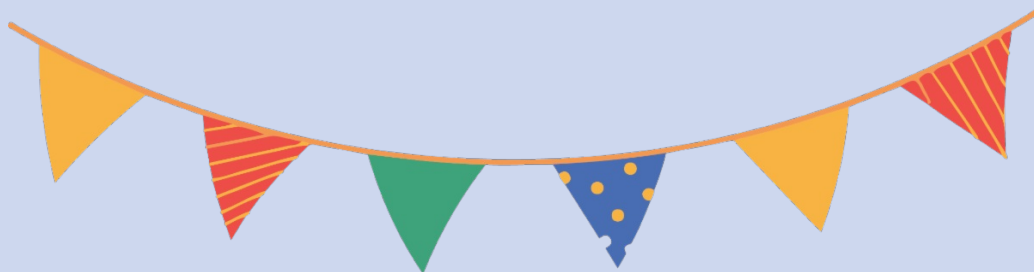
The Sonic Alert Home Aware 360 is a signaling system that shows you when you have someone at the door, smoke or carbon monoxide detectors go off, get a phone call or text. The HA360 connects to your smartphone using an app so that you can easily get alerts on the system and your phone about everything going on in your home. This model is best for those who are more tech savvy and want to seamlessly connect their smart phone with their home signaler.

If you are interested in these or any of our other equipment available to you at no cost through our TEDP program, please do not hesitate to visit our [website](#) or contact us Monday – Friday, 8am – 4pm. Email: akemp@gcdhh.org Phone: 404-292-5512

If you think you might qualify for our equipment program and are interested in these visual alerts or another type of assistive equipment, email akemp@gcdhh.org or visit our [website](#).

Note: Some products may be backordered due to manufacturer supply shortage. Contact us for more information

It's Our Birthday!



It has been 33 years since the Georgia Center of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing was established by Marcia Gitter in 1989. We will be having a birthday celebration on July 7th from 3pm – 7pm. It will be an open house at our office.

Come join us to celebrate next month!

Lara Visits Local Elementary School

This May, Lara Whitfield-Garfinkel visited students at L.E Suder Elementary School to chat about Camp Julienna, GATEDP, and Deaf pride. She showed them a "We Succeed Because We Can" poster that displayed different Deaf professionals and the wide range of success that Deaf people can achieve. Lara even took a nap with the students to show how an accessible visual alarm clock like the HomeAware works. One teacher from the school commented:

"Ms. Lara was a joy to have in our classroom. She burst into our room full of energy and quickly connected with our 10 scholars. Lara took the time to get to know the names of each and every one of our students. She was patient with the questions of students and adults alike. So much new information and resources were shared with our staff and students.

The poster of Deaf adults and their career choices was a true inspiration to our students. Understanding the diversity and ability of their culture is a key aspect that we as educators keep striving to expose to our scholars. The vibrating alarm clock was a joy for our students to experience, and I have no doubt this will become a tool many of our parents will provide for our students.

Again, I would like to extend my gratitude to GCDHH and the fountain of resources they provided for us. I hope that we can continue to work with GCDHH and expose more students to the good that the organization does for the community. Thank you again Ms. Lara!"

GCDHH wants to thank L.E Suder Elementary for allowing Lara to come in and share her positivity and resources with the students. If you are interested in something like this for your school or community, please reach out to us!



Lara is standing in the front of a classroom and signs to a group of students sitting on the floor.



Lara sits on the floor in a circle with 8 students. They are looking at and signing about a poster on the floor labeled " We Succeeded Because We Can."



Lara and students are all laying on the floor for a nap, waiting to see a demonstration of how the Home Aware alarm clock works.

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VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

Did you know that GCDHH partners with Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency (GVRA) to provide Drivers Education test prep sessions?

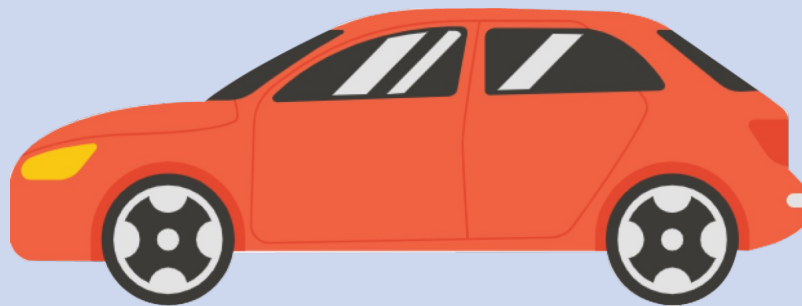
During sessions, students can focus on learning:

- Road Rules
- Road Signs
- English Translation of test materials

With these sessions, students will be set up for success. We have a high percentage rate of students that pass the test post-class.

If you are interested in acquiring these services, please contact:

Ericka Lipscomb-Capel: elipscomb@gcdhh.org

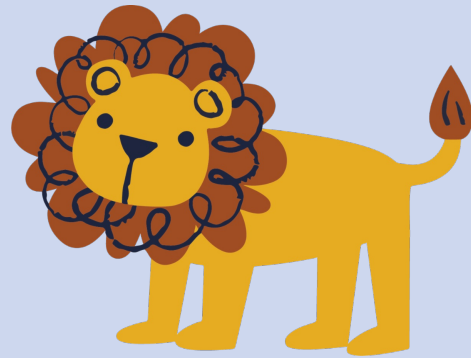


Interested in employment? GCDHH and GVRA has got you covered. The phases in the employment process include Intake, job development and placement, workplace readiness, and self-advocacy. Additionally, a job coach is provided for comprehension and communication access. If you are looking for employment support – reach out to us!

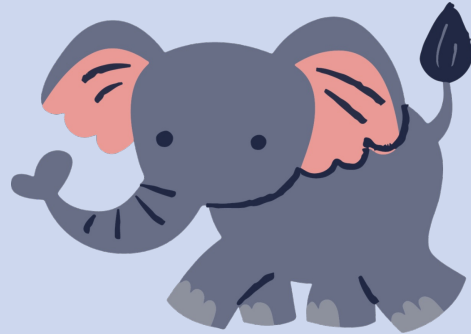
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Zoo Atlanta's ASL Accessibility

Did you know that you can access signed videos about different habitats at Zoo Atlanta? Through our partnership with Zoo Atlanta, we have collaborated to include an ASL interpreter with every educational video in the African Savanna section of the zoo.



These videos can be accessed at the zoo by scanning the QR code found on signs throughout the African Savanna. You can also watch the videos on Zoo Atlanta's website here:
<https://zooatlanta.org/visit/accessibility/#video>



Do You Have Hearing Loss?



You may qualify for no-cost equipment from the [Georgia Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program \(GATEDP\)](#).

Take a look at our new video to see some of the equipment we offer through GATEDP.



Save the Dates!

Follow the Sign Virtual 5K Fundraiser - September 18th-24th, 2022

- Follow the Sign is a virtual race where you can choose to run, hike, or walk at

your own pace from any corner of the country! The overall goal of the race is to raise funds that will go to help GCDHH's programs including Camp Julienna, funding for equipment, and its service to consumers. Stay tuned for more information soon!

AASD Fall Festival - November 5, 2022

- On November 5, 2022 the Atlanta Area School for the Deaf will be hosting their annual Fall Festival. We have moved our previously scheduled ASL Family Day at the Georgia Aquarium to November 12th in order to ensure everyone can go to both the Fall Festival and the Aquarium!

National Deaf History Month Celebration - April 1, 2023

- April is National Deaf history Month! to kick it off, GCDHH will be hosting an event on April 1st to celebrate. Details will be released as it gets closer to April.

ASL Day with Atlanta United



Get ready for another sporting event with GCDHH! On Saturday, August 6 at 3pm Atlanta United will be hosting an ASL Day in collaboration with the Georgia Center of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. This event will include a limited edition T-shirt that comes with the ticket and a \$5 donation to GCDHH.

To get your tickets early - follow the link: <https://fevo.me/asldayunited> and put 'ASL22' as the promo code. More information will be posted soon on our social media and website. Hurry up and grab your tickets before they sell out!

UPCOMING EVENTS | 2022

For an updated list of our upcoming events, please visit our 'Events' page on our website: <https://www.gcdhh.org/events>

More events will be announced as time goes on. To stay updated on our events, you can also follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#).

ASL CLASS



Registration Now Available!

Virtual ASL classes this summer are now available for registration! The deadline to register is July 2, 2022. Below is the schedule for upcoming classes:

Tuesdays (July 12 - August 30)

ASL I: 6pm - 8pm EST

ASL II: 6pm - 8pm EST

ASL III: 6pm - 8pm EST

Saturdays (July 9 - August 27)

ASL I: 10am - 12pm EST

ASL II: 10am - 12pm EST

ASL III: 10am - 12pm EST

For more information or to register for one of the classes, visit our Eventbrite page by clicking the buttons below.

[Register for Tuesdays
Here](#)

[Register for Saturdays
Here](#)

The textbook is highly recommended for all ASL units- **A Basic Course in American Sign Language (Second Edition)**. This can be ordered via Amazon.

GCDHH offers online ASL classes for children younger than 14 years old with 8 - one hour sessions. We also offer private ASL classes one-on-one for a separate fee.

At the end of the semester, a Certificate of Attendance will be given to those who participated. This is only for the proof of participation in ASL course and does not count as certification to be a Sign Language Interpreter. If you want to become a certified interpreter, you would need to take Interpreting courses at a college/university that offers them.

If you have questions, please email Lara Whitfield at: Lwhitfield@gcdhh.org

[Visit our website](#)

Did you know you can sign up your workplace for virtual American Sign Language Classes?

GCDHH offers customized ASL classes for businesses and workplaces. With a flat rate (prices are negotiable), your company can pick the hours and multiple dates for virtual ASL classes. You and your co-workers will take sessions and practice together on learning a new language. If interested, you can bring this available course to the attention of your management and contact us at Lwhitfield@gcdhh.org.

Your company can make a difference in language accessibility for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community!

[Fill out Questionnaire](#)

GCDHH has its own interpreting service!

Whether it's in-person or virtual interpreting, we will make the process easy for you. Contact us for more questions or to book an interpreter:

Phone: 404-207-9362

Email: requests@gcdhh.org

UPDATE: Our newsletter is now quarterly. Our next issue will be Fall 2022.

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