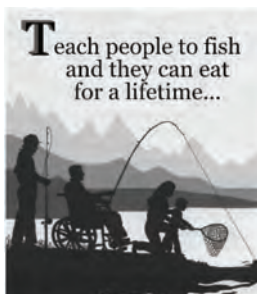


# Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services

- ★ ADA and Deaf Rights Consultation
- ★ American Sign Language Classes
- ★ Cultural Competency Training in Deafness
- ★ Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness Education Presentations
- ★ Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community Outreach
- ★ Deaf/Blind Services
- ★ Education Advocacy
- ★ Employment Assistance
- ★ Independent Living Skills Training
- ★ Information and Training in Deaf Culture
- ★ Securing and Working with Sign Language Interpreters
- ★ Social and Recreational Activities
- ★ Transitional Counseling and Support Services



## Our Mission

Independent Living, Inc. is a consumer-directed, cross-disability advocacy and service organization, dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for individuals

with disabilities. Our Vision is a barrier-free society with opportunities for all people to achieve their maximum potential.



## 3 LOCATIONS

### Newburgh

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### Monticello

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Advocacy, Education, Training, Outreach, Information and Support

**"What matters deafness of the ear, when the mind hears. The one true deafness, the incurable deafness, is that of the mind."**

**— Victor Hugo to Ferdinand Barthier**



Historically, persons who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing have been denied equal access to the mainstream of community life. Our program is designed to:

- ★ Address issues and advocate for the rights of people who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Deaf/Blind.
- ★ Respond to the continuing unmet needs of individuals seeking to overcome long-standing employment and communication barriers.
- ★ Serve as a bridge between the Deaf and Hard of Hearing cultures in Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan and Ulster Counties.
- ★ Provide support in developing independent living skills, receiving interpreter services and obtaining other effective methods to facilitate access to public amenities and additional resources.
- ★ Ensure equal access to the variety of life's choices and opportunities for people who are Deaf, Deaf/Blind and Hard of Hearing

## Our Community Partners include:

- ★ NYS Education Department – Adult Career and Continuing Education Services – Vocational Rehabilitation (ACCES-VR, formerly VESID)
- ★ Taconic Resources for Independence (TRI)
- ★ Resource Center for Accessible Living (RCAL)
- ★ Rockland Independent Living Center (RILC)
- ★ Mid-Hudson Valley Deaf Club
- ★ New York School for the Deaf
- ★ Sign Language Resources, Inc.
- ★ Mid-Hudson Interpreter Services
- ★ Empire State Association of the Deaf
- ★ Mental Health Associations



**Serving ALL of Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan & Ulster Counties**

**Promoting Choice, Self Determination & Total Participation.**

