

Support Groups for Hearing Loss



www.hearingloss.org

The Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) is the nation's leading organization representing people with hearing loss. According to the National Center for Health Statistics 48 million (20 percent) Americans have some degree of hearing loss. It is the third most prevalent chronic health condition in older adults, after arthritis and heart disease, making it an issue of national concern.



www.hearinglossutah.com

The Hearing Loss Association of Salt Lake City (HLAA-SLC) is a non-profit geographic chapter of the Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) that is devoted to the welfare and interest of those who cannot hear well, but are committed to participating in the hearing world. As such, we are a hearing loss self-help group committed to the enjoyment of and improvement of sound through technology, medical advancements, education, and peer support.



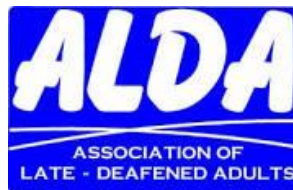
www.looputah.org

Loop Utah is dedicated to bringing awareness to hearing loss by educating our community about the value of Hearing Loops. Hearing Loops provide an excellent way for those with hearing loss to have a more complete experience when visiting public venues. Many of these people no longer enjoy being in public settings because of their inability to understand what is being said. When they stop going out, we lose their participation in our communities; Loop Utah wants to change that. At some point, all of us are going to be touched by hearing loss, whether it is that of a loved one or our own. It is important to be aware that it doesn't have to change who we are or what we love doing.



www.saywhatclub.com

SayWhatClub is an on-line group of circa 400 late-deafened, hard of hearing and Deaf adults and other interested people who provide support and encouragement to each other through e-mail. Our goal is to provide a friendly, good-humored place to exchange conversation, information, advice, deep thoughts, humor, tall tales, and chit-chat. Participants get to know each other and develop an on-line “community feeling.”



www.alda.org

The mission of the Association of Late-Deafened Adults (ALDA) is to support the empowerment of deafened people. Late-Deafened Adults are people who have lost the ability to understand speech with or without hearing aids after acquiring spoken language. ALDA is committed to providing a support network and a sense of belonging by sharing our unique experiences, challenges and coping strategies, helping one another find practical solutions and emotional support, and working together with other organizations and service providers for our common good. (There isn't a local chapter in Utah.)