

1990s

A New Place of Our Own

1990: A New Building

During the legislative session, Governor Norman H. Bangerter recommended to support funds for a new building for the Utah Community Center for the Deaf. The legislature approved the budget for the Utah State Office of Rehabilitation and the Division of Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.



1991: Groundbreaking Ceremony

A crowd of approximately 200 people was present at the groundbreaking ceremony of the new facility for the Utah Community Center for the Deaf in Taylorsville on June 10, 1991.

1992: Officially Opened

Those who are deaf and hard of hearing had a place of their own that was safe and accessible. During the first years of operation in the new facility, the center saw an increase of visitors and a high demand of its services and activities.



TTY:

The TeleTYewriter (TTY) is a telecommunication device for the deaf.

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 mandated a nationwide system of telecommunications relay services to make the telephone network accessible to people who are deaf or hard of hearing or who have speech impairments.



Gene Stewart

First Director of DSDHH

Stewart led the Division of Services to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing from 1989–1996 and also led efforts to create a new building.



Rusty Wales

Second Director of DSDHH

Wales led the Division of Services to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing from 1996–2001 and also led efforts to build a new wing on the center.

Additional Milestones:

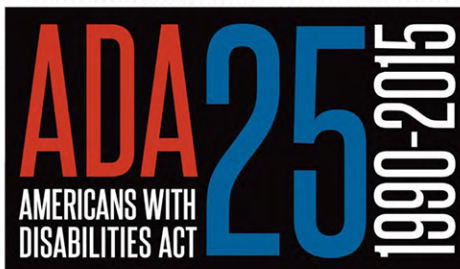


1990: American with Disabilities Act (ADA) was signed into law to prohibit discrimination of people with disabilities



1994: The Utah interpreter certification law passed setting the standard for high quality interpreters

1994: American Sign Language recognized as a foreign language and the Interpreter Training Program at Salt Lake Community College was established



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In 1990, the Television Decoder Circuitry Act of 1990 was passed. This law mandated that all televisions 13 inches or larger manufactured for sale in the United States contain caption decoders. Sixteen years later, the Federal Communications Commission ruled that all broadcast and cable television programs must include captioning with some exceptions.

HARD OF HEARING



1995: Marilyn Call attended a training at Gallaudet University about developing Hard of Hearing programs.

1996: Programs provided for Hard of Hearing individuals following Sam Trychin's "Living with Hearing Loss" model.

