To be the community leader in providing Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals equal opportunities to flourish in society.

A Tradition of Excellence

Deaf Community Advocacy Network – DEAF C.A.N.! is a non-profit Organization established in 1981 to provide services to the thousands of Deaf and Hard of Hearing people living in our area. DEAF C.A.N.! offers direct client services to individuals and families, as well as community education and information for professional groups. DEAF C.A.N.! provides a full array of services to the Deaf & Hard of Hearing communities in southeastern Michigan. DEAF C.A.N.! is partially supported by generous donations from individuals, community organizations, corporations and foundations.

Programs and Services

Facebook
DEAF C.A.N.! is now on Facebook! We will post information about upcoming events and workshops in the community. If you are interested, please go to your Facebook page and look for us!

Interpreter Referral
Translation services from American Sign Language to English and English to American Sign Language. To Request an Interpreter please call (248) 332-3331

Casework/Advocacy
For Deaf and Hard of Hearing people the sign “advocacy” gives the connotation of something strong and powerful. We strive to teach clients problem solving techniques and how to advocate for themselves.

Hard of Hearing Support Services
Working closely with the Hearing Loss Association of Michigan, we provide resource information on hearing loss issues, perform residential and workplace assessments for individuals with hearing loss and provide hearing assistance technology demonstrations (HAT).

Behavioral Health
We offer outpatient services for Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard of Hearing children, adolescents, and adults in Southeastern Michigan and for persons that are primary caretakers of someone in their household that is Deaf, Deaf-Blind, or Hard of Hearing. Clients will receive services from therapists fluent in American Sign Language (ASL).

Breaking Down the Communication Barriers
DEAF C.A.N.! Strives to “bridge the gaps” between Deaf and Hearing people, to fight for the rights of our linguistic minority and to empower Deaf people to take control of their lives. Encouraging the community to take a stand, to use their hands as well as their voices to make decisions for themselves.

The Deaf AIDS Program
Casework/Case management services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing people infected or affected with HIV.

Deaf HEAL & Shield
Our programs provide support to individuals in need of information so they don’t have to navigate these systems alone.

Information and Referral
Resource information for the Community.

Direct Service
Casework/Case management for Deaf and Hard of Hearing communities through the removal of barriers to service.

Linking Deaf and Hard of Hearing people with the community through communication, advocacy, leadership and socialization