

## COLLABORATIONS & PARTNERSHIPS

Brentwood Baptist Deaf Church | Bridges  
Metro Nashville Public Schools | Tennessee School for the Deaf



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## SERVICES FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE DEAF

**OR HARD OF HEARING (DHH)** is a program of **STARS** designed to increase literacy skills, improve relationships, increase communication skills as well as to prevent the use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs among deaf or hard-of-hearing individuals through a variety of school, family and transition supports from kindergarten through early adulthood.

## SCHOOL SUPPORT

Weekly classes are offered in Metro Nashville Public Schools, grades K-8. Topics include:

- Alcohol
- Tobacco
- Drugs
- Self-esteem
- Conflict resolution
- Anger management
- Problem-solving
- Decision-making
- Identifying feelings
- Communication skills
- Literacy

## FAMILY SUPPORT

DHH offers one-on-one in-home family services, including:

- Teaching American Sign Language
- Counseling
- Resources
- Educational support

## AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

DHH offers services at after-school programs for deaf or hard-of-hearing students who are in grades K-12:

- Bridges-Mary McKinney Youth Center
- Brentwood Baptist Deaf Church
- Tennessee School for the Deaf

## LITERACY PROGRAM

DHH works individually and in small groups with students who are deaf or hard of hearing to improve their reading comprehension, writing skills and sign language proficiency through Fairview Learning programs.

## TRANSITION SUPPORT

Staff members work one on one with graduating high school seniors to create a transition plan out of high school. Services include:

- Interest Testing
- Researching and Applying to Colleges
- Paying for College
- Understanding Vocational Rehabilitation Services
- Understanding Your Rights
- Interviewing Skills
- Understanding Social Security Insurance
- Understanding the Benefit of Working

## INDIVIDUAL CAREER PLANNING SERVICES

Services include interest testing, researching and applying to colleges, completing the FAFSA, and setting up vocational rehabilitation services.

*There are no fees associated with these services for students and families.*

**80%** of children who are deaf or hard of hearing are born to parents who can hear

**ONLY 23%** of those parents learn to communicate through American Sign Language

## AFTER RECEIVING DHH SERVICES

**57%** of students showed an increase in their social coping skills and in their connectedness to peers or teachers

**100%** learned sign language through the program and showed a direct improvement in school

## AWARDS

- National Council on Alcoholism & Drug Dependence Prevention and Education Meritorious Award
- Health Care Provider Award