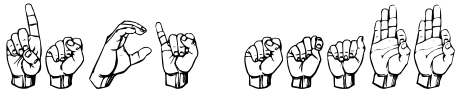


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MISSION

"Our Motivation is to Serve, Represent, and Provide a Greater Understanding of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Individuals at Any Age Across the State"

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"Equal Communication, Education and Access"



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WHAT IS DSCI?



- DSCI is a state agency located in the Iowa Department of Human Rights.
- Established in 1975.
- Reorganized to become a Commission in 1986.
- 7 member Commission is appointed by the Governor to oversee activities of the program and to establish policies.
- Dedicated to planning, coordinating & providing services to its primary customers, Deaf and Hard of Hearing people in Iowa.

LIBRARY



- Maintains resources and information to meet the accessibility needs of Deaf and Hard of Hearing consumers.
- DSCI has a Directory of Resources Available. 

ADVOCACY



- Assists primary customers, professionals and businesses with ADA compliance issues and policy development.
- Develops ways for primary customers to access information in ASL within the community and society.
- Maintains resources and information to meet the accessibility needs of Deaf and Hard of Hearing consumers.
- Provides training and workshops on a wide variety of topics including interpreting, policy development, ADA compliance, senior citizen issues, and issues facing families with Deaf or Hard of Hearing family members.
- Sponsors an annual youth leadership program modeled after its Commission. The Junior Commission Program offers a unique opportunity for leadership development and encourages Iowa's youth to carry on leadership roles.

Community Development



- Develops partnerships with local agencies and businesses to better serve the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.
- Facilitates advisory groups to direct DSCI on how to better meet the needs of the community.
- Works with agencies and individuals to make their programs and businesses accessible to Deaf and Hard of Hearing clients.

