

Glossary of Terms

- **ACH** - Arkansas Children's Hospital
- **ADA** - Americans with Disabilities Act
- **ALD** - Assistive Listening Device
- **ARKids** - Arkansas Medicaid Program for Minors
- **ARS** - Arkansas Rehabilitation Services
- **ASL** - American Sign Language
- **AT** - Assistive Technology
- **Bluetooth** - a way that two devices (e.g., phone and streamer) send sound wirelessly
- **Captioning** - words appear on the screen to describe speech and other sounds
- **CART** - Communications Access Real-Time Translation - captioning for meetings
- **Congenital** - present at birth
- **dB** - Decibels - measures how loud a sound is
- **EHDI "eddie"** - early hearing detection and intervention; hearing test for infants
- **EI** - Early Intervention services (can include therapies and medical services)
- **FCC** - Federal Communications Commission - help ensure equal access to sounds
- **FM** - Frequency Modulation - another way to send sound wirelessly
- **HAC** - Hearing Aid Compatible - get phones and headsets that are HAC
- **HAAA** - Hearing Loss Association of America
- **Hz** - Hertz - measures frequency; the higher the Hz, the higher pitch a sound will be
- **ICAN** - Increasing Access Capabilities Network - free lending library of AT
- **IDEA** - Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
- **IEP** - Individualized Education Program
- **Infrared** - light waves send sound wirelessly from point A to point B
- **Loop** - a wire that can be in a seat pad, worn around the neck, or around a room; sends sound wirelessly into the area that the wire surrounds
- **Presbycusis** - age related hearing loss
- **PTA** - Pure Tone Average - the average PTA determines the level of hearing loss
- **Relay Services** - an operator either types captions or signs ASL for phone calls
- **SRT** - Speech Recognition Threshold - another measure to support the PTA
- **TAP** - Telecommunications Access Program
- **TDD** - Telecommunication Device for the Deaf - includes TTY and relay services
- **TEFRA** - Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act - state support for child services
- **Telecoil** - small spool of wire - takes sound and sends it straight to the brain
- **Tinnitus** - ringing in the ears
- **TRS** - Telecommunications Relay Service
- **TTY** - Teletypewriter - used to type messages from one person to another
- **UALR** - University of Arkansas at Little Rock

- **VCO** - Voice Carry Over - for calls, read captions but respond with your voice
- **Videophone** - a phone that ASL users can use to make calls; can use relay
- **VP** - short for videophone
- **VRS** - Video Relay Services - an operator uses ASL to interpret for a phone call