

Aging & Disability Resource  
Center

Technical Assistance Exchange

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## Key Sensory Impairment Population Estimates by Region, Age 55 and Over (NHIS-D; Weighted Data in Millions)

- **Northeast:** 14.3% of population report some degree of sensory loss; 1.4% report both a hearing and vision loss. Among people age 71 and above 21% report some type of sensory loss and over 125,000 report both a hearing and vision loss.
- **Mid-West:** 15.0% of population report some degree of sensory loss; 2.0% report both a hearing and vision loss. Among people age 71 and above 26% report some type of sensory loss and over 225,000 report both a hearing and vision loss.
- **West:** 17.3% of population report some degree of sensory loss; 2.2% report both a hearing and vision loss. Among people age 71 and above 25% report some type of sensory loss and over 210,000 report both a hearing and vision loss.
- **South:** 17.4% of population report some degree of sensory loss; 2.0% report both a hearing and vision loss. Among people age 71 and above 27% report some type of sensory loss and over 383,000 (almost 5%) report both a hearing and vision loss.

## National Total and Dual Sensory Loss: 2005/2010 and Beyond

- Total Sensory Loss 2005: 9.79 Million
- Total Sensory Loss 2010: 10.63 Million
- Dual Sensory Loss 2005: 1.134 Million
- Dual Sensory Loss 2010: 1.214 Million
- Beyond 2010 the largest single age group will be people age 44-55, with an additional 26.4 million people “moving” into the 55 and above category. Assuming constant mortality and incidence rates this will result in approximately 1.7 million people with hearing loss, 1.01 million vision loss, and 290,000 with dual sensory loss.
- Will availability of services keep up?



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**HKNC's mission... is to  
enable each deafblind  
person to live and work in  
the community of his or her  
choice**



# OLDER ADULT PROGRAM

- Technical Assistance
- Training
- Consultation



- Available to families, consumers, and professionals to better understand the abilities and needs of older adults who are deaf-blind or have age-related vision and hearing loss
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## Low Vision

Daily Support Group

Community Integration **Technology**

**Medical** Independent Living

Orientation and Mobility

**Audiology** Leisure/Recreation

**Communication Learning Center**



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## Senior Adult Program I

September 10 – 22, 2006

- Age 55 or better
- Hard of hearing and
- Blind or Visually Impaired



Come join an interactive group of Seniors experiencing vision and hearing loss. Learn new skills, make new friends, have fun.



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## Senior Adult Program II

October 2nd – October 13th, 2006

- Age 55 and better
- Deaf and Blind or Visually Impaired
- Fluent in sign language



Come join an interactive group of Seniors experiencing deafness and blindness or severe vision loss. Learn new skills, make new friends, have fun.

**Can't come to HKNC!**

**Let's bring the CLP to your neighborhood!**



- Maximum of 10 participants
- Residential accessible facility (camp; rehab center)
- RT or other staff participate
- \$\$ Travel and lodging for HKNC staff

## **VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM**

**Headquartered in Sands Point, NY,  
the HKNC training program  
provides:**

- **Evaluation**
- **Short-term comprehensive vocational rehabilitation training**
- **Assistance to consumers in obtaining employment, housing and community supports**



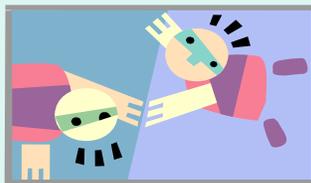
## ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS offered at HKNC

- Two-week summer seminar
- Eight-week summer evaluation and training for high school students
- Professional internships
- Professional Training program



## REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

- Consumer advocacy
- Consultation and technical assistance to schools and agencies
- Assistance in developing local services
- Consumer follow-along support



## Ten Regional Offices

- New England Region (I)  
CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, VT  
Mary Ellen Barbiaz



- Mid-Atlantic Region (II)  
NJ, NY, PR, VI  
Nancy Godfrey



- East Central Region (III)  
DE, DC, MD, PA, VA, WV  
Cynthia Ingraham

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Dorothy Walt



- Information and referral
- Professional development and in-service training
- Public education and awareness
- Maintenance of information for National Registry



## NATIONAL TRAINING TEAM (NTT)

- Training seminars conducted at HKNC or on-site for agencies/organizations nationwide on topics related to deaf-blindness.
- Programs tailored to specific needs
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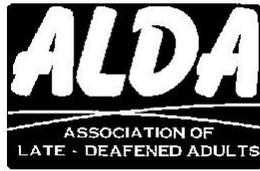
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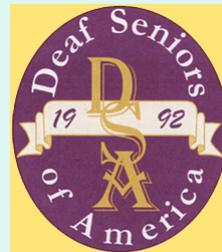
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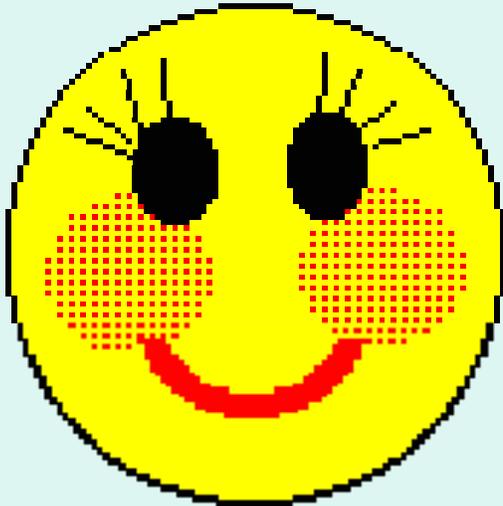
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