

Multi-State Survey of Support Service Provider (“SSP”) Services*

State	Yearly Budget	Funding Source(s)	Consumers served /yr.	Info. Source / Contact Info.	Comments
AL	Info. pending	General Revenue	Info. pending	Frederick Miller, Case Mgr. for the Deaf; miller.fred@aidb.org	Established 2018. Email sent 4/25.
ARK	\$35,000	General Revenue	10-12	Cheryl Seymore, Rehab. Area Mgr. for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing; Ark. Rehab. Services; Cheryl.Sugg@arkansas.gov 501.6869683	Established 1997. NOTE: SSPs are currently paid interpreter rates, because no pay rate has been established.
AZ	\$192,000	Legislative Appropriation	27	Julie Stylinski, DeafBlind Specialist, Az. Comm’n for Deaf & Hard of Hearing; j.stylinski@acdhh.az.gov VP: 602.726.4109 Text: 480.296.9228	Established 2000.
COLO	\$112,142	Telecommunications Tax (Sec. 40-17-(101-104), C.R.S.)	51	Cliff Moers, Dir., Colo. Comm’n for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing; cliff.moers@state.co.us , ryanhawkis@state.co.us	Established 2017. Each consumer may use up to 24 hours per/mo. Funding not tied to SSP program only: it is for “Deafblind Servs.,” which includes O&M. -
CONN	\$262,643	State Appropriation	41	Kathleen Sullivan, Dir. of Planning, Communications & Operational Readiness, Dep’t of Rehab. Servs., kathleen.sullivan@ct.gov ; V: 860.424.5055 TTY: 860.247.0775	Established 2009.

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FLA	Info. pending	Info. pending	Info. pending	davylr7@yahoo.com	Email sent 4/25.
HI	Info. pending	State (exact source info. pending)	8	Pankaj Bhanot, Dir., Dep't of Human Servs., dhs@dhs.hawaii.gov , 808.586.4993	Established 2017. Email sent 4/25. SSPs are paid \$25-30/hr.
LA	\$675,000	Telecommunications Tax (RS 46:2351-56)	77	Nathan Vitale, La. Comm'n for the Deaf; ariel.bumbala@la.gov 225.776.6909	Established 2008. La. pays SSPs \$15-25/hr.
MD	Info. pending	City, County and State	5-15	Nah Damato, Asst Dr., Deaf-Blind & Tech. Servs., Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind; ndamato@clb.org	Established 2010. Md. provides 15-20 hours of SSP services per month.
ME	< \$5,000	None currently	5	Judy Shepard-Kegl; kegl@maine.edu	Established 2010.
MASS	\$534,475	General Revenue	50-70	Elaine Ducharme, Dir., Deaf-blind Cmty. Access Network, educharme@deafinonlin.org	Established 2001. Massachusetts provides 12-15 hrs/mo of SSP services per person.
ME	< \$5,000	None currently	5	Judy Shepard-Kegl; kegl@maine.edu	Established 2010.

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MINN	\$230,000	General Revenue; Medicaid	35	Paul Deeming, DeafBlind Svcs.; pauld@dbsm.org ; V: 612.843.3442 VP: 612.440.4566	Established 1986. Minnesota pays SSPs \$16/hr.
MO	\$300,000 (See comments.)	State appropriations. (See comments.)	30	Emily Fry Morrison, Mo. Comm'n for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Bus. Operations Mgr.; (573) 526-0232, Emily.morrison@mcdhh.mo.gov	Established 2017. The \$300,000 covers all Deaf-Blind programs in MO. State appropriation goes to a specific SSP fund, which operates similarly to a general revenue fund, in that it cannot roll over at the end of each fiscal year)
NH	Info. pending	Info. pending	7	Northeast Deaf & Hard of Hearing Svcs., Inc., Susan Wolf-Downes, Ex. Dir, info@ndhhs.org	Established 2008.
NM	\$300,000	General Revenue	40	Nathan Gomme, ED, NM Comm'n for Deaf & Hard of Hearing; V: 505.383.6530 F: 505.383.6533 VP: 505.796.5441	Established 2009.
NJ	Info. pending	State (exact source info. pending)	60	SSPs of New Jersey ssp.nj.tenj@gmail.com www.ssp-nj.org	Email sent 4/25.
NY	Info. pending	Info. pending	18-28	Center for Disability Rights, Inc., Catherine Stutzman, Mgr. of Deaf Svcs., cstutzman@cdrnys.org	Established 2001. Serves Rochester, NY only.

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PA	Info. pending	State (exact source info. pending)	75	Marsha Drenth, DeafBlind Living Well Servs., Ctr. for Indep. Living of Central Pa., dblws@cilcp.org	Established 2014.
UTAH	\$238,000	State (exact source info. pending)	45-55	Danielle Nay, Div. of Servs. For the Blind & Visually Impaired, DeafBlind Specialist, dnay@utah.gov	Established 2001.
WA	\$200,000	General Revenue; Other sources	63	Angela Theriault, Dir., DBSC of Seattle; Jessica Phillips, SSP Coord.; 206.257.2754	Established 1985. State provides 5-12 hours/mo. of SSP services, and pay SSPs \$16/hr. DBSC of Seattle serves the whole state of Washington.
WI	Info. pending	Info. pending	Info. pending	WI Dep't of Health Servs., Office for Deaf & Hard of Hearing; dhsodhh@dhs.wisconsin.gov	Established 1997. Email sent 5/4. Wis. Stat. secs. 20.435 (6)(a), (hs)

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