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HAPPY NEW YEAR



A KY HEARS Recap

Since its original inception as the Louisville Deaf Oral School in 1948, Heuser Hearing Institute (HHI) has been tireless in serving the hearing needs of Kentuckians. During the recent COVID-19 pandemic, we became aware of how dramatically underserved many rural Kentuckians are when it comes to hearing healthcare. As a result, HHI identified service level gaps in education and employment for the deaf and hard of hearing in the state of Kentucky. Determined to improve those outcomes, we began a dialogue with the governor and state legislature about expanding HHI's services and developing a program to address the hearing healthcare gap apparent throughout the state.

Out of that discussion, the KY HEARS program was born, and state funds were allocated to enable HHI to develop a program designed to address the need for improved and expanded hearing healthcare services across Kentucky. The KY HEARS project was granted initial funding for the span of two years. During that time we have held mobile clinics in over 18 counties and provided hearing healthcare clinics, participated in health fairs, distributed resources and educational materials, and conducted outreach to over 10,000 Kentuckians. We continue to work with amazing partners that include the Kentucky Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Circuit Courts of Kentucky, and several local Health Departments.

AVAILABLE SERVICES: Hearing Screenings, Connections with Vocational Rehab, Diagnostic Hearing Tests, Connections with KCDHH, Vestibular Treatment, Balance Treatment, Community Technician Training, Cochlear Implants Information/Resources, Patient Continuity of Care, Pediatric Hearing Tests, Community Resource Referrals, Hearing Aid Diagnostics

The goal of the KY HEARS is to remove barriers to care, helping Kentuckians gain equal access to hearing healthcare that can improve student education and reduce employment gaps for those with hearing issues.

Looking Forward to Great Things in 2024

Last year, we were able to bring hearing healthcare to communities throughout the state and now the KY HEARS team is excited about the year ahead of us. 2024 is shaping up to be a very busy year as we schedule hearing clinics and health fairs in all regions of the state. We would not be able to do this without the support of the



communities that we visit and the partnerships we have formed. If you would like to schedule a hearing clinic in your community, please reach out to us via our email or phone.

KY HEARS Contact Information

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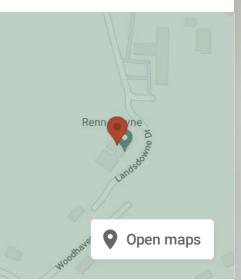
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Upcoming Clinics

Event Information Hearing Clinic Ashland Kentucky

Hearing tests and screenings will be offered. Please call 800-958-9610 if you wish to have a full hearing test. Screenings will be available to walk-ins. When? Thursday, Jan 25, 2024, 09:00 AM

Where? 3701 Landsdowne Drive, Ashland, KY, USA

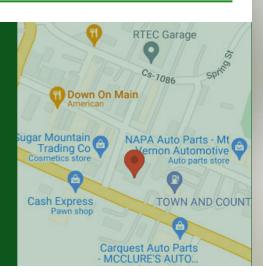


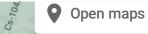
Event Information

Hearing Clinic Mt. Vernon Kentucky

Hearing tests and screenings will be offered. Please call 800-958-9610 if you wish to have a full hearing test. Screenings will be available to walk-ins. When? **Tuesday, Feb 6, 2024, 09:00 AM**

Where?





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