

## Access Resources in Austin and Central Texas



### ASL Interpreting Services

Deaf conference attendees may require American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters to translate spoken information during keynote presentations, breakout sessions, and social mixers. Some deaf people also enjoy musical performances, ranging from big music festivals to musical theater, and may request ASL interpreting to translate the lyrics, express the singers' emotional qualities, and articulate musical qualities, like the beat and rhythm. Here is a list of ASL providers in Austin and beyond.

#### **3 Bridges Sign Language Services, LLC**

P.O. Box 40778, Austin, TX 78704

Phone: 512-401-3957

Email: [3bridges@austin.com](mailto:3bridges@austin.com)

#### **Communication by Hand**

1802 West Koenig Lane, Austin, TX 78756

Phone: 512-467-1917

Email: [terp@cbhand.com](mailto:terp@cbhand.com)

#### **Sign Language Interpreting Services, LLC (SLIS)**

1501 Glade Street, College Station, TX 77841

Phone: 979-314-3507

Website: <http://signlanguageinterpretingservices.com/>

#### **Texas Language Connection, LLC**

Axtell, TX 76624-1536

Phone: 888-818-9462

Email: [info@texaslanguageconnection.com](mailto:info@texaslanguageconnection.com)

Website: [www.texaslanguageconnection.com](http://www.texaslanguageconnection.com)

#### **Communication Access Ability Group**

1445 North Loop West, Suite 910, Houston, TX 77008

Phone: 512-222-4033

Email: [austin.scheduling@caag4.com](mailto:austin.scheduling@caag4.com)

Website: <http://caag4.com/>

#### **2 Hands 4 U, LLC**

1401 Pine Knoll Drive, Austin, TX 78758

Phone: 512-994-8470

Website: <http://www.twohandsforyou.com/>

**San Marcos Interpreting**

2706 Leslie Lane, San Marcos, Texas 78666

Phone: 512-754-8047

Email: [sanmarcosinterp@yahoo.com](mailto:sanmarcosinterp@yahoo.com)

Website: <http://www.sanmarcosinterpreting.com/>

**Austin Community College Interpreter Services**

Phone: 512-223-6176

Email: [virginia.bennett@austincc.edu](mailto:virginia.bennett@austincc.edu)

Website: <http://www.austincc.edu/students/student-accessibility-services-and-assistive-technology/interpreter-services>

**Communication Service for the Deaf, Inc. (CSD)**

2028 E Ben White Blvd, #240-5250, Austin, TX 78741

Phone: 512-837-8030

Email: [csd@csd.org](mailto:csd@csd.org)

Website: <https://www.csd.org/>

**Western Interpreting Network**

4301 West William Cannon Drive, Suite B150 #206, Austin, TX 78749

Phone: 512-692-9285

Email: [work@westerninterpreting.net](mailto:work@westerninterpreting.net)

Website: [www.westerninterpreting.net](http://www.westerninterpreting.net)

**Travis County Services for the Deaf**

2201 Post Road, #100, Austin, TX 78704

Phone: 512-410-1598

Website: <https://www.traviscountytexas.gov/health-human-services/deaf-services>

**Veritas Interpreting Service, LLC**

700 Lavaca Street, Suite 1400, Austin, TX 78701

Phone: 512-900-5320

**Sharon Ploeger Interpreting**

5806 Pecanwood Lane, Austin, TX 78749

Phone: 512-773-9018

Email: [sbploeger@gmail.com](mailto:sbploeger@gmail.com)

## Captioning

While ASL Interpreting may accommodate *some* deaf people who attend your conference or other event, there are many deaf and hard-of-hearing people, especially those who lose their hearing later in life, who do not understand sign language. For these patrons, captioning may be an effective alternative. Closed captions, such as those used on television, computers, and other devices, can be turned on and off by the viewer while open captions are always in view. Communication Access Real-Time Translation (CART) is live open captioning and typically provided at conferences and other events when captioning is requested.

### **Texas Closed Captioning, LLC**

310 East 34th Street, Austin, TX 78705

Phone: 512-953-3227

Email: [rep@texascaption.com](mailto:rep@texascaption.com)

Website: <http://www.texascaption.com>

## Scooters

Some people with mobility limitations do not travel with mobility devices, or they may only need mobility devices in settings that call for more walking than usual, like a conference or festival. In these cases, a patron may consider renting a mobility device, such as a scooter. These local vendors provide mobility rental options.

### **Kerring Group Home Medical Equipment**

4000 Medical Parkway, Austin, TX 78756

Phone: 512-451-8853

Website: <http://www.kgaustin.com/rentals/>

### **Scootaround Personal Transportation Solutions**

2701 New Strand Street, Galveston, TX 77550

Phone: 1-888-441-7575

Email: [info@scootaround.com](mailto:info@scootaround.com)

Website: [www.scootaround.com](http://www.scootaround.com)

### **Martin Mobility Rentals**

7801 North Lamar Blvd., Suite C65, Austin, TX 78752

Phone: 512-476-0500

Email: [info@martinmobility.com](mailto:info@martinmobility.com)

Website: <https://martinmobility.com>

**Austin Convention Center**

500 East Cesar Chavez Street, Austin, TX 78701

Phone: 512-404-4259

Email: [rocio.earls@austintexas.gov](mailto:rocio.earls@austintexas.gov)

## Audio Description

People who are blind or have low vision may need a sighted guide to help them navigate a venue, or an audio describer to communicate the visual information and emotional cues contained in a conference presentation, film, or performance. You can contact these local resources to inquire about these services.

**VSA Texas**

3710 Cedar Street #7, Austin, TX 78705

Phone: 512-454-9912

Email: [info@vsatx.org](mailto:info@vsatx.org)

Website: [www.vsatx.org](http://www.vsatx.org)

**The Georgetown Palace Theater**

810 South Austin Avenue, Georgetown, TX 78626

Phone: 512-869-7469

Website: <https://www.georgetownpalace.com/>

## Assistive Listening Services

Assistive listening devices (ALD's) may help people who are hard-of-hearing distinguish a presenter or performer from background noise or increase a presentation's volume to a comfortable level without impacting the entire audience's experience. These resources can help you provide this accommodation.

**VSA Texas**

3710 Cedar Street #7, Austin, TX 78705

Phone: 512-454-9912

Email: [info@vsatx.org](mailto:info@vsatx.org)

Website: [www.vsatx.org](http://www.vsatx.org)

**iProbe Multilingual Solutions, Inc.**

20 Jay Street, Suite 638, New York, NY, 11201

Phone: 1-212-489-6035

Email: [info@iprobolutions.com](mailto:info@iprobolutions.com)

Website: <http://iprobolutions.com/rentals/assistive-listening>

**Deaf and Hard of Hearing | Texas Health and Human Services**

4900 North Lamar, Austin, TX 78751

Phone: 512-407-3250

Email: [dhhs.mailbox@hpsc.state.tx.us](mailto:dhhs.mailbox@hpsc.state.tx.us)

Website: <https://hhs.texas.gov/services/disability/deaf-hard-hearing>