

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations Department of Human Services Office of Rehabilitation Services

Adaptive Telephone Equipment Loan (ATEL) Program

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<u>Technology and Communication Strategies</u> <u>for Persons with Hearing Loss</u> Next Meeting – February 8, 2012

(And continued on the 2nd Wednesday of each month)



This demonstration is presented at TechACCESS of RI by Denise Corson, ATEL Program Coordinator, and James Litvack, PARI Independent Living Center Representative

GUEST SPEAKER FOR FEBRUARY DEMONSTRATION

Robert Dunn, outreach specialist with Project Endeavor,

Will discuss Project Endeavor, which is a federally funded program under Communication Service for the Deaf (CSD). The program focuses on empowering deaf and hard of hearing individuals by providing up to 50% discounted mobile devices (such as iPad2, computer net books, mobile phones and tablets) as well as financial assistance for those who do not have internet services at home.

We want to help HOH individuals move from isolation to independence, by:

- Learning about supportive organizations where people with all degrees of hearing loss come together to share and learn and where it's okay not to hear well.
- Talk with others who have hearing loss.
- Learn about advocacy and the laws that protect you, and find out about local resources.
- Learn about the latest technology hearing aids, amplified phones, CapTel phones, cochlear implants, captioning, hearing assistive technology, and more all to help you live well with hearing loss.
- See how a hearing-friendly environment works to help you with your hearing loss.

All attendees can loan out equipment, on a first come first service basis, to see if the equipment is appropriate for their needs. Also, qualified attendees can apply for a **FREE** telephone thru the ATEL Program.

Location: TechACCESS

110 Jefferson Boulevard, Suite I, Warwick, Rhode Island

Time: 5:00 to 6:00 PM - view and demonstrate ATEL telephone equipment only.

6:00 to 8:00 PM- Technology and Coping Skills for Persons with Hearing Loss

These workshops are free, no registration is required. Cart Services will be provided; however, if you need any other special accommodations, please call 3 weeks in advance.

Inclement Weather Policy

Please note that if the local news reports that there is either business or school closing in Warwick due to weather, then the demonstration is cancelled and will reconvene the following month.

For more information, call 401-463-0202 (V/TDD), in state 800-916-8324