



HARD-OF-HEARING PEER SUPPORT GROUP

PREPARE FOR EMERGENCIES USING YOUR SMARTPHONE:

Keep yourself, and others safe

Hosted by the ATEL Program

Join other HOH individuals in a supportive space! This group is designed to encourage connection, shared learning, and mutual support among individuals who are hard of hearing. Each month highlights a different topic designed to provide resources, tools, and encouragement for everyday life. Participants will leave with helpful strategies and a stronger sense of community.

This month, learn how people with hearing loss can prepare for emergencies using your smartphone and smartwatch to keep you safe — from making SOS calls and alerting loved ones to share critical health information and accessing built-in safety features when it matters most. Also, learn about how the Rhode Island Special Needs Emergency Registry (RISNER) may provide extra help during an emergency.

Light refreshments will be served.

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RSVP REQUIRED SPACE IS LIMITED

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🗣 Captions will be provided.

Monday

Apr. 13

🕒 2PM – 3:30PM



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📍 1944 Warwick Ave, Warwick, RI



Why it Matters:

- **Emergencies can happen anywhere at any time to anybody.**
- **Individuals with hearing loss face unique challenges by accessing 911.**
- **Delays and \ or miscommunication can mean the difference between life and death.**
- **Equal access to emergency services and information during an emergency is a civil right.**
- **Improving 911 access saves lives and promotes inclusion.**