

North Los Angeles County Regional Center

DIRECTORY OF RESOURCES FOR HOME MODIFICATION

This directory is designed as a resource for families, service providers, and vendors who want to make homes and buildings more accessible and welcoming for DeafPlus individuals. It includes contact information for programs and services across California and the United States that support accessibility and modifications. Inside, you will find details and website links to public and private organizations that can assist with improving safety, communication, and independence in living and community spaces. If you have suggestions or would like to recommend additional resources, please let us know.

If you have any comments, additions, omissions, changes or corrections, please notify our office immediately so that we may keep our website updated and current. Any questions or comments should be directed to:

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Service Providers: Vendor resources are the services that are vendored with North Los Angeles County Regional Center (NLACRC) or

Pay Resources (\$): Pay resources are the services that are provided by schools, organizations, or companies, will charge you for certain services, for example American Sign Language classes.

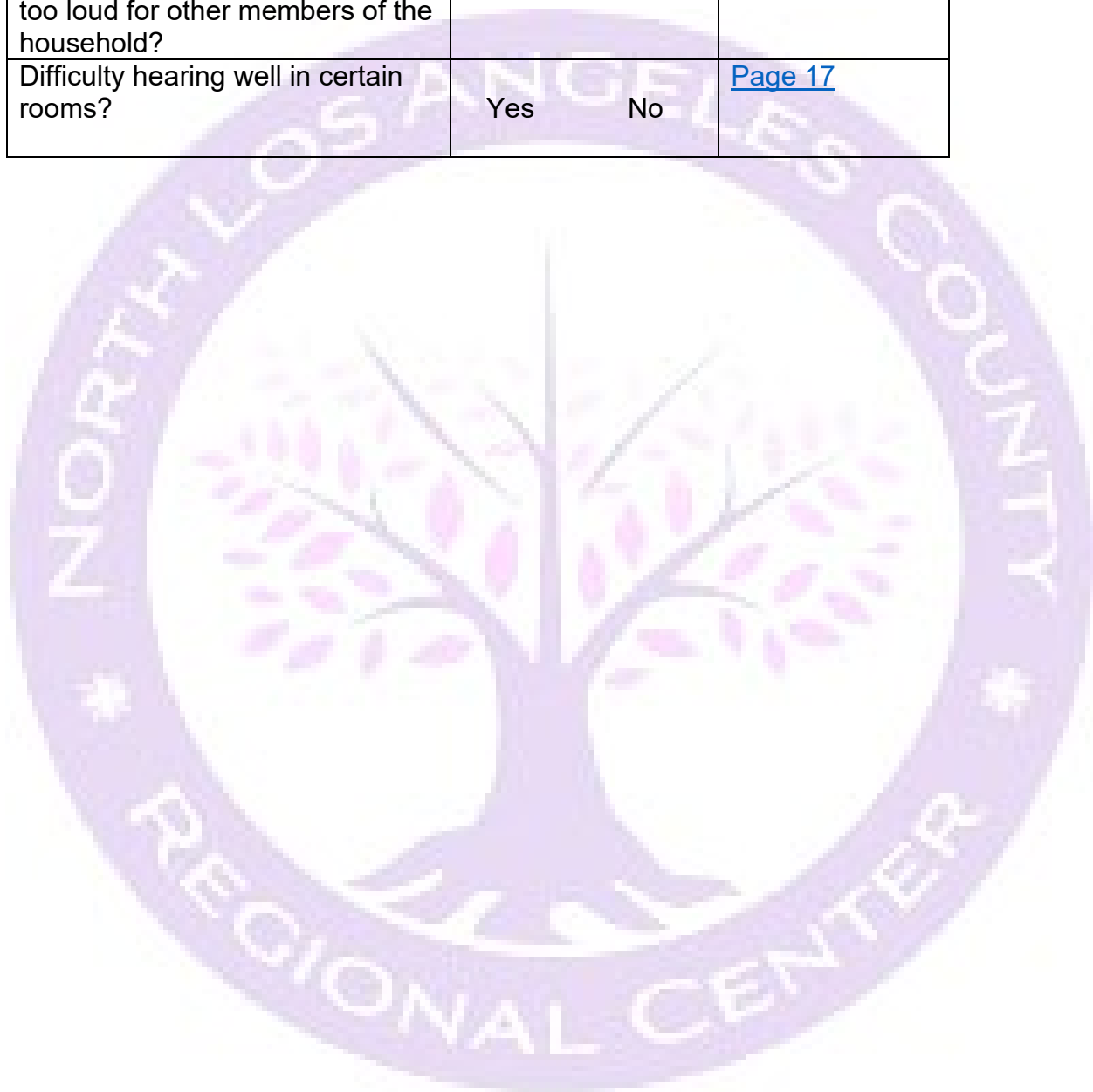
HOME MODIFICATION CHECKLIST FOR DEAFPLUS

The Home Modification Checklist is designed to help people with hearing loss, along with their caregivers, family, or others, easily identify safety or accessibility concerns in the home. Once concerns are noted, the checklist offers practical solutions to support greater safety and independence. Alerting devices play an important role in this process. They use loud sounds, flashing lights, or vibrations to signal important events. Some devices focus on a single function, such as a doorbell, while others are integrated systems that connect to multiple signals like phones, smoke alarms, weather alerts, or security alarms. Receivers can be placed in different rooms to ensure no alerts are missed.

For more information or further assistance, contact Deaf Services Specialist at phone number and email

Does the person with hearing level have	Circle one		If yes,
Difficulty hearing the doorbell or knocking at the door?	Yes	No	Page 4
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The Door

Door alert devices help people who are deaf or hard of hearing know when someone is at the door. Options include flashing lights, loud tones, vibrating pagers, or devices that work with your existing doorbell. Some systems play longer sounds or use extenders so you can notice them from different rooms. If there is no doorbell, special devices can flash a light when someone knocks. For added safety, some devices also let you see who is outside before opening the door.

Where to find:

Diglo (\$)

Email: hello@diglo.com

Phone Number: (800) 825-6758

SMS Text: (952) 300-9248

Video Phone: (952) 388-2152

Website: <https://www.diglo.com/shop-by-alert-trigger/doorbell-and-door-knock;d=3;c=32;s=323>

ADCO Hearing Products (\$)

Phone Number: 800-726-0851

Website: <https://adcohearing.com/collections/signaling-notification-doorbell-notification>

HearMore (\$)

Email: sales@hearmore.com

Phone Number: 1-800-881-4327

Video Phone: 1-631-752-1145

Website: https://www.hearmore.com/store/ProdList.asp?idCategory=15&idstore=1&category=Door_Sensors

Hear World Communication (\$)

Email: info@hearworldusa.com

Phone Number: (866) 889-4872

SMS Text: 240-308-9614

Video Phone: (240) 449-3407

Website: <https://www.hearworldusa.com/alerting-notification-systems/doorbell-door-knock-signalers/>

2N

Email: sales@2n.com

Website: <https://www.2n.com/en-GB/products/intercoms/2n-ip-style>

Video Demonstration: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OzCi1OGVRiE>

Smoke Detector

Smoke detectors for people with hearing loss use flashing lights, loud alarms, or pillow shakers to alert them. If you already have smoke detectors, you can connect them to an all-in-one system with transmitters. There are also stand-alone devices that “listen” for the alarm and respond with lights, vibration, voice, low tones or text messages to wake a sleeping person.

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Website: <https://www.diglo.com/shop-by-alert-trigger/smoke-and-fire;d=3;c=32;s=328>

First Alert (\$)

Phone Number: (800) 323-9005

Website: https://www.firstalert.com/pages/find-sc5-replacement?utm_source=Google&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=SC5_replacement&utm_content=gstore

Bellman

Email: support.bsn@bellman.com

Phone number: 1 (833) 235 5626

Website: <https://us.bellman.com/products/bluetooth-bridge-transceiver-and-watch-receiver>

ADCO Hearing Products (\$)

Phone Number: 800-726-0851

Website: <https://adcohearing.com/collections/signaling-notification-smoke-carbon-monoxide>

HearMore (\$)

Email: sales@hearmore.com

Phone Number: 1-800-881-4327

Video Phone: 1-631-752-1145

Website: <https://www.hearmore.com/category/smoke-detectors>

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Video Phone: (240) 449-3407

Website: <https://www.hearworldusa.com/alerting-notification-systems/fire-alarm-systems/>



Carbon Monoxide Detector

There are specially modified carbon monoxide detectors that activate a strobe light or bed shaker when carbon monoxide is detected in your home.

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Video Phone: (952) 388-2152

Website: <https://www.diglo.com/shop-by-alert-trigger/carbon-monoxide;d=3;c=32;s=322>

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Website: <https://adcohearing.com/collections/signaling-notification-smoke-carbon-monoxide>

HearMore (\$)

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Phone Number: 1-800-881-4327

Video Phone: 1-631-752-1145

Website:

<https://www.hearmore.com/store/ProdList.asp?idCategory=17&idstore=1&category=Carbon Monoxide and Smoke Detectors>

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Video Phone: (240) 449-3407

Website: <https://www.hearworldusa.com/alerting-notification-systems/carbon-monoxide-systems/>

Google

Website: https://store.google.com/product/first_alert_smart_smoke_alarm?hl=en-US&selections=eyJwcm9kdWN0RmFtaWx5IjojWkdWMmFXTmxYMIpoYldsc2VWOWZaZWx5YzNSZlIXeGxibJmYzIxaGNuUmZjMjF2YTJWZlkyOWZZV3hoY20xZlptRnQifQ%3D%3D

Weather Warnings

Some weather radios can connect to devices like strobe lights or bed shakers for alerts. Look for a radio with an “EXT alert” jack on the back, which lets you plug in these devices. They are sold online, in electronics stores, or from vendors that specialize in products for people with hearing loss.

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Website: <https://www.diglo.com/shop-by-alert-trigger/severe-weather;d=3;c=32;s=330>

HearMore (\$)

Email: sales@hearmore.com

Phone Number: 1-800-881-4327

Video Phone: 1-631-752-1145

Website:

<https://www.hearmore.com/store/ProdList.asp?idCategory=22&idstore=1&category=Emergency>

Hear World Communication (\$)

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Video Phone: (240) 449-3407

Website: <https://www.hearworldusa.com/alerting-notification-systems/weather-alert-systems/>

Security System Alarm

Start by asking your security company if strobe lights can be added to your system. Some vendors also sell transmitters that connect to existing alarms. Another option is using door and window contacts with an all-in-one notification system, but keep in mind these systems only alert inside the home and do not contact police or fire.

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Video Phone: (240) 449-3407

Website: <https://www.hearworldusa.com/alerting-notification-systems/motion-security-signalers/>

Appliance Buzzer/Timer

Vibrating timers are available from vendors that specialize in products for people with hearing loss. Many cell phones already have timer features, or you can download a timer/stopwatch app.

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SMS Text: (952) 300-9248

Video Phone: (952) 388-2152

Website: <https://www.diglo.com/vibrating-clocks-and-watches/watches-and-timers;d=3;c=31;s=312>

iGuardStove

Email: customerservice@iguardfire.com

Phone Number: 1-844-859-3838

Website: <https://iguardfire.com/>

Information: iGuardStove Automatic Stove Shut-Off Device: A motion-sensor system that turns off the stove after approximately 5 minutes of inactivity, with visual and audio alerts to remind users to return. Features like manual timer override, caregiver lock, nighttime lock, activity logs, and remote alerts make it particularly suited for individuals with Alzheimer's or dementia.

The Alzheimer's Store

Email: contact@alzstore.com

Phone Number: 1-800-752-3238

Website: <https://www.alzstore.com/default.asp>

Information: CTS Smart Kitchen Safety Sensor: Uses thermal imaging and AI to detect unsafe cooking behavior and can automatically shut off the stove. Includes alert notifications and optional remote shutdown through a dashboard app—designed for people with dementia and their caregivers.

BurnerAlert

Email: balert@burneralert.com

Phone Number: 908-326-6410

Website: <https://burneralert.com/>

Information: A small disk that attaches to the stove knob and emits soft beeps and blinking lights at specific intervals (e.g., at 3, 9, 15 minutes, then every 15 minutes) if the

burner remains on. Works on both gas and electric stoves and helps remind users to turn off the stove.



Alarm Clock

Alarm clocks designed for people with a hearing level come in a wide variety of styles, sizes, and various features. These clocks are available only through vendors who specialize in devices for people who have a hearing loss or online.

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Website: <https://www.diglo.com/vibrating-clocks-and-watches/alarm-clocks;d=3;c=31;s=311>

ADCO Hearing Products (\$)

Phone Number: 800-726-0851

Website: <https://adcohearing.com/collections/assistive-devices-alarm-clocks-travel-alarm-clocks>

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Website: <https://www.hearworldusa.com/alarm-clocks-bed-vibrators/>

LS&S

Phone Number: 800-468-4789

Website: <https://lssproducts.com/clocks-watches/vibrating-clocks-watches/>

RISE (\$)

Website: <https://risebands.com/>

Getting Attention

There are personal or private pagers available from vendors who specialize in products for people who have a hearing level. These pagers are not activated through a paging service or company; there are no monthly fees associated with these pagers.

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HearMore (\$)

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Phone Number: 1-800-881-4327

Video Phone: 1-631-752-1145

Website:

<https://www.hearmore.com/store/ProdList.asp?idCategory=24&idstore=1&category=Paging Devices>

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Website: <https://www.hearworldusa.com/alerting-notification-systems/paging-systems/>



Running Water

To avoid leaving water running, visually check faucets before leaving. You can also make small reminder signs. Another option is to explore spring-loaded, motion-activated, or foot/knee-controlled faucets, which are available from plumbing supply companies.

Example of motion-activated faucets:

https://www.fergusonhome.com/product/summary/2057461?uid=4951756&jmtest=gg-gbav2_4951756&inv2=1&qclsrc=aw.ds&&source=gg-gba-pla_4951756!c6955735403!a75133053010!dc!ng&qad_source=1&qad_campaignid=6955735403&qclid=EAlaIqobChMI8MyAm4TAjwMVkypECB3WZRVFEAQYAiABEgl8dvD_BwE

Sound recognition:

iPhone: To use sound recognition on an iPhone, go to Settings > Accessibility > Sound Recognition and turn the feature on. You can then select specific sounds, such as a water running or a fire alarm, that your iPhone will listen for. When a selected sound is detected, your iPhone will send you a notification and can also vibrate or play a sound. You can also add a shortcut to Sound Recognition in your Control Center for quick access.

Android: To use sound recognition on Android, you can enable the built-in Sound Notifications feature by going to Settings > Accessibility, then opening Sound Notifications and granting microphone permissions. This feature notifies you of important sounds like sirens, baby crying, or a running water. Alternatively, you can download the [Live Transcribe and Sound Notifications](#) app from the [Google Play Store](#) for the same functionality

Telephones

Landline

The Telephone Equipment Distribution Program (TEDP) provides free adaptive phone equipment for people who are deaf, hard of hearing, deafblind, speech-impaired, or have a physical disability. You can use the equipment for as long as you need.

To qualify, you must live in California and have a hearing, speech, or physical disability that makes a standard phone difficult to use, and have a phone or have applied for phone service.

For more information, call 1-800-806-1191 or visit <https://caconnect.org/>

Cell

People with hearing aids should choose cell phones with an M3 or M4 rating (for using the hearing aid microphone) or a T3 or T4 rating (for using the telecoil). Smartphones also offer apps that alert you to sounds, transcribe speech to text, caption calls, and more. Check online for apps designed for people who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Where to find:

- <https://ddtp.cpuc.ca.gov/> (Generic - Non-ASL)
- <https://caconnect.org/> (Generic - Non-ASL)
- <https://clearcaptions.com/> (Generic - Non-ASL)
- <https://www.captel.com/> (Generic - Non-ASL)
- <https://www.diglo.com/> (Pay - Non-ASL)
- <https://www.weitbrecht.com/> (Pay – Non-ASL)
- <https://sorenson.com/> (Generic - ASL)
- <https://purplevrs.com/> (Generic - ASL)
- <https://convorelay.com/> (Generic - ASL)
- <https://www.diglo.com/mobile-and-smartphone/alerts-and-notifications;d=2;c=21;s=212> (\$)
- <https://adcohearing.com/collections/amplified-phones-ringers-flashers> (\$)
- <https://www.hearmore.com/store/ProdList.asp?idCategory=95&idstore=1&category=Telephones> (\$)
- <https://www.hearworldusa.com/alerting-notification-systems/telephone-signalers/> (\$)

Assistive Listening Devices

Think of assistive listening devices as “binoculars for your ears.” They can be used with or without hearing aids. For more information on using them with hearing aids or cochlear implants, contact your local DHHS office.

An **audio Induction loop** consists of a microphone, an amplifier, and a length of properly sized wire or cable which encircles the seating area. To pick up the signals, listeners who are deaf and/or hard of hearing must have their hearing aids and or cochlear implant turned to the “T” (telecoil) position and sit within or near the loop or encircled seating area. Audio induction loops are very popular in Europe and Canada – they are gaining popularity in the United States.

An **FM system** is a wireless system that transmits sound via radio waves. The speaker wears a compact transmitter and microphone while the listener wears a portable receiver. This receiver may have a headphone, neckloop or other accessories attached to it. This system is commonly used indoors or outdoors for group meetings, church settings and classes.

An **infrared system** is a wireless system that transmits sound via invisible light beams. The receiver must be in direct line of sight of the light beam from the transmitter. These systems are generally located in courtrooms, places of worship, theaters and auditoriums. There are infrared devices made for home television listening. The transmitter is placed on the TV and plugs into an electrical outlet. The user wears a headset (receiver) operated by batteries. The volume is controlled from the headset rather than from the TV; the volume of the TV can then be set at a comfortable volume for other listeners.

A **personal amplifier** is portable and can be used indoors or outdoors. It is used for small group settings, one-on-one conversations, and TV listening.

Personal sound amplification products (PSAPs) are discreet listening devices worn in or on the ear. Even though they may look like hearing aids, it is important to note that they are not FDA approved medical devices. The user of a PSAP has the ability to adjust the volume and tone to hear better in different environments.

And finally, there are **products developed specifically by hearing aid manufacturers** so hearing aid users have a “seamless” way to hear better when watching television, talking on their cell phone or listening to someone talking. Contact your audiologist or hearing instrument dispenser for more information about these products.

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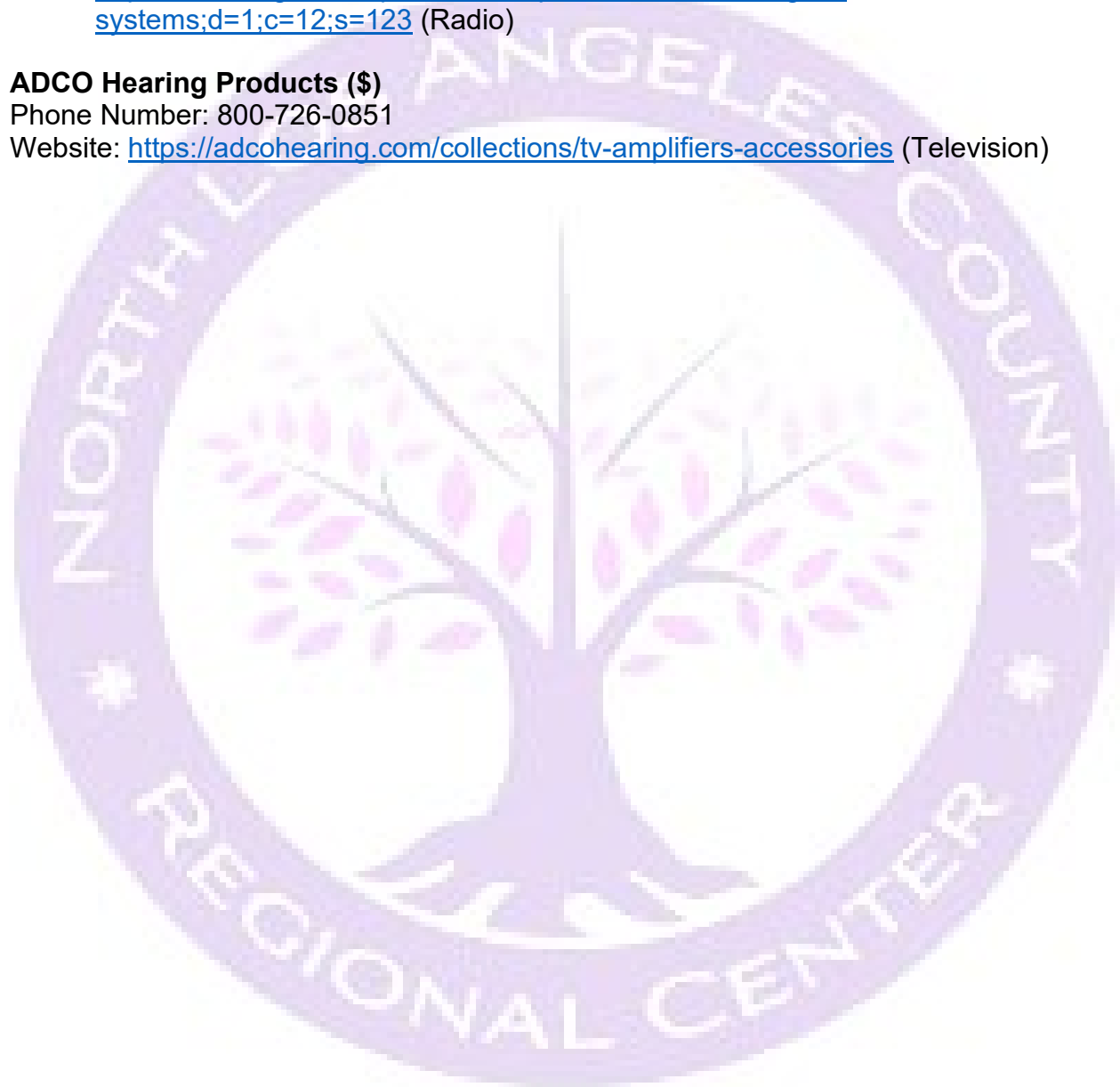
Website:

- <https://www.diglo.com/personal-amplification/tv-listening-systems;d=1;c=12;s=122> (Television)
- <https://www.diglo.com/personal-amplification/fm-and-digital-systems;d=1;c=12;s=123> (Radio)

ADCO Hearing Products (\$)

Phone Number: 800-726-0851

Website: <https://adcohearing.com/collections/tv-amplifiers-accessories> (Television)



Room Acoustics

People with hearing loss often notice they understand speech better in certain rooms because of acoustics. Sound is clearer when it doesn't have far to travel or bounce off hard surfaces.

Ways to improve acoustics include adding wall tiles, tapestries, or other wall hangings, and using large, soft furniture. Check windows and doors for gaps and add weather stripping or seals if needed. Carpeting can help a little, too.

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Website:

- <https://www.diglo.com/personal-amplification/loop-systems;d=1;c=12;s=124>
- <https://www.diglo.com/large-area-and-professional/stationary-systems;d=1;c=13;s=131>

ADCO Hearing Products (\$)

Phone Number: 800-726-0851

Website:

- <https://adcohearing.com/collections/fm-systems>
- <https://adcohearing.com/collections/induction-loops-neckloops>