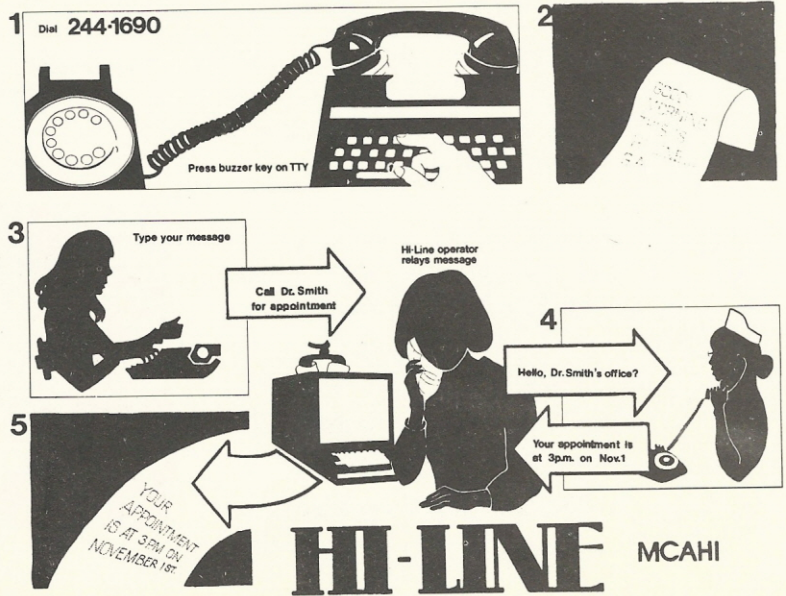


To place a call:



HISTORY OF MCAHI

Monroe County has the highest percentage of individuals with a hearing impairment per capita of any area of the country, so in 1975 MCAHI was established to determine the unmet needs of these individuals.

The program was privately funded for its first two years of operation and today in 1983 the program receives monies from the United Way, OVR, businesses, and support from both consumers and concerned individuals.

Membership is vital to our success. Join today!

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The Monroe County Association of the Hearing-Impaired, through their services, strives to break down the communication barrier confronting the hearing-impaired, to eliminate their isolation, and to alert the hearing community to their special needs.

MONROE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF THE HEARING-IMPAIRED (MCAHI)



MCAHI's program and services are planned to assist the person with a hearing impairment and to alert the community to his/her special needs.

- Advocating:** Working with community agencies to insure equal access for the hearing-impaired
- Informing:** Sensitizing the majority of the population to the communication problems resulting from hearing loss
- Membership:** Recruiting concerned individuals
- Relaying:** Providing independent telephone communication for the TTY/TTD user through the Hi-Line relay service (This service relays over 90,000 calls per year)
- Reporting:** Publishing a newsletter and working with the Rochester Tel-Com Association of the Deaf to provide a weekly news bulletin (Available 24 hours a day — call 473-4440 TTY only)
Publishing a resource directory of services available to the hearing-impaired called SOAR-HI (Services and Organizations Around Rochester for the Hearing-Impaired)
- Screening:** Detecting hearing problems in pre-school children by providing a community outreach program in June and by coordinating a Pre-School Health Fair in August (A service provided in cooperation with the Monroe County Health Department and the Eye Conservation Committee)
- Signing:** Providing sign language classes for the community at large in beginner, advanced beginner and conversation levels
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HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday-Friday: 7 am-9 pm
Saturday: 9 am-5 pm
Sunday: 10 am-2 pm

Hi-Line is a joint program of MCAHI and the Rochester Center for Independent Living funded by OVR and the United Way.

This program was originally started by the Rochester Tel-Com Association of the Deaf. The group was forced to find a new home for the answering service and MCAHI was asked for assistance. By working together Hi-Line continues to be an important link in the communication system.