



Western Institute for

THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING

ANNOUNCEMENT

The EAD-GAP Program

An equipment and assistive devices program, for British Columbians', who are Deaf, Deafened, Deaf-Blind and Hard of Hearing.

In 2008, The Western Institute for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, with a one-time grant from the Ministry of Employment and Income Assistance (MEIA), is piloting an assistive devices program for residents of British Columbia. We have successfully completed the application process for those who have applied in 2008, we still have funds left but it is now very limited.

We are now re-opening and now accepting applications for the following BC Residents who are:

- Citizens who are Deaf/Blind
- Citizens who are Deaf, Deafened, and Hard of Hearing and are living outside of the Lower Mainland such as Vancouver Island, Sunshine Coast, Cariboo, Okanagan, Kootenays, Stikine, Skeena-Queen Charlotte, Peace River and other Eastern, Central, Northern BC regions.
- Require the use of an assistive device to meet a functional goal, and;
- Be able to identify a functional goal you would like to achieve.

Start Date

WIDHH will accept applications on April 1st, 2010. The EAD-GAP program application process and equipment distribution starts on May 1st.

Please submit your application to WIDHH as quickly as possible, as the **funding is limited**. When we receive your application, the Communication Aids Department Staff will process your application and contact you to make arrangements for the equipment you need.

For those of you who did receive equipment in 2008/2009, please spread the word to those who would qualify for this program.

WIDHH is committed to provide as many people with equipment or devices. As there is limited funding people will be limited to receive equipment to meet one goal only.

If you are interested in participating in the program, please fill out and send the application form to the Western Institute for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

For application details or questions, please contact Ken Loehr or Sharon Miller (after May 1st, 2010):

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