

## Why are alcohol and drug treatment services different for deaf and hard-of-hearing people?

One of the most important parts of treatment is communication. Deaf Off Drugs and Alcohol will help treatment providers and deaf and hard-of-hearing consumers to develop effective communication strategies so communication barriers are removed and treatment can begin.

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## What is Deaf Off Drugs and Alcohol (DODA)?

DODA is a grant-funded project to improve alcohol and drug treatment services for people who are deaf or hard of hearing. DODA counselors, case managers, and coordinators are all fluent in American Sign Language and knowledgeable about deaf culture.

## Who is eligible?

Any deaf or hard-of-hearing person living in Ohio needing alcohol or drug treatment services, or recovery support services is able to participate.

## How much does it cost?

There is no charge to participate in DODA.

Local treatment providers may charge for direct treatment services based on their policies.

## We can help.

DODA will help deaf/hard of hearing people successfully participate in their local treatment program, while receiving additional educational and support services. DODA can:

- Assist with finding and providing local treatment.
- Develop a communication plan based on consumers' needs and preferences.
- Assist individuals in developing a plan to live alcohol and drug free.
- Provide additional counseling and case management services through videophone appointments.
- Consult with treatment providers about interpreting needs.
- Assist in finding interpreters for Alcohol Anonymous (AA), and Narcotics Anonymous (NA).
- Advocate for additional services or accommodations when necessary.

## Is DODA a credentialed treatment program?

DODA is a program based in the Consumer Advocacy Model (CAM), which is located in Montgomery County (Dayton). CAM has dual ODADAS and ODMH accreditation.

DODA counselors and staff members have over 20 years of experience with deaf and hard-of-hearing people.



## For more information

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