

## DEAFAWARENESS MONTH!

September is Deaf Awareness Month, a time to recognize the language, culture, and identity of the community. Too often, the needs of DeafPlus individuals are overlooked, and their experiences misunderstood. DeafPlus is not only about hearing loss but also about cultural identity, communication access, and the added challenges of living with developmental disabilities. At NLACRC, we are especially focused on supporting our DeafPlus community and making sure their voices are heard. We want to thank the DeafPlus community for their amazing work and contributions, and we also want to thank ASL interpreters for being the bridge that connects us. In October, we will be offering trainings to build understanding, improve services, and create stronger access for our DeafPlus consumers. We will continue to spread awareness and share our gratitude for all who make this work possible.

## **Events:**

- https://gladinc.org/events/
- https://deafcal.org/event\_listing\_type/awarenessmonth/
- https://deaf.la/calendar/
- <a href="https://deafcommunityofriverside.org/introduction">https://deafcommunityofriverside.org/introduction</a>
- https://rceb.org/event/deafplus-conference-2025/

## **History & Information:**

• <a href="https://www.disabilityrightsca.org/latest-news/september-is-d-deaf-awareness-month">https://www.disabilityrightsca.org/latest-news/september-is-d-deaf-awareness-month</a>

## **Resources:**

• <a href="https://ad.lacounty.gov/services/disabilities/deaf-awareness-month/">https://ad.lacounty.gov/services/disabilities/deaf-awareness-month/</a>

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