What are considered public entities?
Public entities are defined as businesses that own, lease, lease to, or operate facilities such as, but not limited to:
- Places of Lodging (motel, hotel, inn)
- Place of exhibition or entertainment (theater, stadium, concert hall)
- Place of public gathering (auditorium, convention center, lecture hall)
- Education (nursery, K-12, colleges/universities, private school)
- Public display or collection (museum, library, gallery)
- Service Establishment (bank, travel agency, accountant, doctor office, law office, funeral home, nursing home, beauty shop, pharmacy, or other service establishment)

This also applies to State and Local Government Public Entities regardless of public entity’s size. They include, but are not limited to:
- State legislatures, city halls, and city councils
- State and local agencies, parks and recreation programs
- State and local courts, jails, police and prisons
- Public medical or health care facilities and clinic
- Public mental health facilities and clinics

What are auxillary aids or services?
In order to communicate effectively with and to ensure communication accessibility for individuals with hearing, vision or speech disabilities, auxillary aids and services must be provided at the expense of the public entity. This includes, but is not limited to:
- Qualified sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, open and closed captioning, TTY, Communication Access Realtime Translation (CART)
- Braille materials, large print materials, materials on computer disk, qualified readers, audio recordings
- Acquisition or modification of equipment or devices

Important Contact Information:

Sign Language Interpreters
Visit, http://www.idhhc.state.il.us/interpreter/referral.htm to find other interpreter referral agencies in Illinois.

Communication Access Realtime Translation (CART)
Caption First, Inc. - 815-825-5234

Braille
Horizons for the Blind - 815-444-8800

Business Services
Accessibility Assessments, ADA Education, TTY Training & Education, Presentations, and more!