

## Housing for Deaf Older Adults Who Sign

There are three classifications of housing as described by Ronald Hirano who compiled *Retirement Homes for the Deaf*. Ronald is the president of Bay Area Coalition of Deaf Senior Citizens in Fremont, California

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### I. Three Classifications

- a. Independent Living
- b. Assisted Living
- c. Nursing

### II. Physical and Mental Abilities of Deaf Retirees:

- a. Independent Living
  1. Active living
  2. Self-supported
  3. Shopping, preparing and cooking meals
- b. Assisted Living
  1. Partly disabled living (walk with cane/walker or riding on wheelchairs)
  2. Need occasional assistance of personal care, bathing and medication
  3. Cannot prepare and cook meals
- c. Nursing
  1. Completely disabled and bedridden living (poor mobility)
  2. Need 24-hour assistance of personal care, bathing and medication
  3. Need to be fed

### III. Home Amenities

- a. Independent Living
  1. Studio, one and two-bedroom apartments
  2. Kitchen including stove, microwave oven, refrigerator and sink
  3. Bathroom including tub/shower stall
  4. Visual signal, video and emergency telecommunication system
  5. Laundry room
  6. Community and recreation rooms
  7. Full-time manager fluent in ASL
  8. Part-time housekeeping
  9. Social, recreational and shopping outings and activities
  10. Shuffle van service
- b. Assisted Living
  1. Studio and one-bedroom apartments
  2. Kitchenette including microwave oven, hot-plate, small refrigerator and sink

3. Bathroom including special microwave oven, hot-plate, small refrigerator and sink
4. Occasional supervised care, bathing and medication
5. Visual signal, video and emergency telecommunication system
6. Personal laundry service
7. Beauty and barber shop
8. Community recreation and therapy rooms
9. Restaurant-type dining room serving three meals daily
10. 24-hour supervision by staff and nurse fluent in ASL
11. Full-time housekeeping
12. Social, recreational and shopping outings and activities
13. Shuffle van service

c. Nursing

1. Semi-private and private bedded rooms with bathrooms
2. 24-hour supervised care, bathing and medication
3. Visual signal, video and emergency telecommunication system
4. Personal laundry service
5. Community, recreation and therapy rooms
6. Restaurant-type dining room serving three meals daily
7. 24-hour supervision by staff and nurse fluent in ASL
8. Full-time housekeeping
9. Social and recreational activities
10. Shuttle van service

IV. Basic Rates

- a. Independent Living  
\$500 per month and over
- b. Assisted Living  
\$2,000 per month and over
- c. Nursing  
\$3,000 per month and over

Below is a list of eight service organizations in the United States that have been checked by Ronald Hirano. The Senior Citizens Section of the National Association of the Deaf and Deaf Seniors of America plan to work on a directory.

01923-3794 Danver, MA  
New England Homes for the Deaf  
*Independent Living, Assisted Living and Nursing*

19063-4622 Elwyn, PA  
Valley View Assisted Living Home for Deaf Seniors  
*Assisted Living*

43081-3624 Westerville, OH  
Columbus Colony

*Independent Living, Assisted Living and Nursing*

53228-2367 Greenfield, WI

Water Tower View

*Independent Living*

78666-1410 San Marcos, TX

LaVista Retirement Community

*Independent Living*

91007-8426 Acradia, CA

California Home for the Adult Deaf

*Assisted Living and Nursing*

945539-4448 Fremont

Fremont Oak Gardens

*Independent Living*

97030-7348 Gresham, OR

Chestnut Lane Assisted Living Community

*Independent Living and Assisted Living*

**Other useful sources**

"Housing for Deaf Seniors: An Acute Issue," an article by David Rosenbaum, staff writer, *SIGNews* February 2007. [www.signews.org](http://www.signews.org)

FOLDA Directory: Deaf Community Contacts @ your library

<http://www.folda.net/contacts/DCCservices.html>