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This list provides articles and books on multicultural issues related to students who are deaf or hard of hearing. This list is organized into five categories: Multicultural, African American, Hispanic, Native American, and Asian and Pacific Islander. Also provided is a list of national organizations serving or advocating for the needs of people who are deaf in these ethnic origins.

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NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

[American Association Of The Deaf-Blind \(AADB\)](#)

This association promotes better opportunities and services for deaf-blind people. AADB's mission is to ensure that all deaf-blind people can achieve their maximum potential through increased independence, productivity, and integration into the community. Biennial conventions provide a week of workshops, meetings, tours, and recreational activities. Other services include informational materials, information and referral, advocacy, education and outreach, and a membership drive. In addition, they have two special projects: a national task force on deaf-blind interpreting, whose goal is to increase the number of interpreters working with deaf-blind people; and a partnership with the American Red Cross, where people from either organization can participate in the other's programs and services.

[National Alliance Of Black Interpreters, Inc. \(NAOBI\)](#)

The mission of NAOBI is to promote excellence and empowerment of African Americans/Blacks in the profession of sign language interpreting in the context of a multi-cultural, multi-lingual environment. NAOBI is the only national organization that supports sign language interpreters from the African diaspora, and whose goal is to increase the talent pool of skilled African American/ Black Interpreters nationwide.

[National Asian Deaf Congress \(NADC\)](#)

NADC is a non-profit organization whose mission is to define and address the cultural, political and social issues experienced by Asians who are deaf or hard of hearing. NADC is strengthened by the diversity of its members and organizations that represent various geographic regions, languages, religions, cultures, and generations. NADC will also strive to provide education, empowerment, and leadership for its respective members and organizations.

[National Black Deaf Advocates Inc. \(NBDA\)](#)

NBDA promotes leadership, deaf awareness, and active participation in the political, educational, and economic processes that affect the lives of black deaf citizens. Programs include the Youth Employment Summit (YES) for deaf youth. This is a growing organization with more than 30 chapters in the United States and the Virgin Islands.


National Council Of Hispano Deaf And Hard Of Hearing (NCHDHH)

The mission of the National Council of Hispano Deaf and Hard of Hearing is to ensure equal access of the Hispano deaf and hard of hearing community in the areas of social, recreational, cultural, educational, and vocational welfare. To this end, the NCHDHH will maintain a national awareness and advocacy program to educate the deaf and hard of hearing communities as well as social and educational programs and organizations about the needs and issues facing deaf Hispano persons.

Sacred Circle (Formerly Intertribal, Deaf Council, Inc.)

Sacred Circle is a non-profit organization for deaf, deaf-blind, and hard of hearing and late-deafened American Indian, Alaska Native, and First Nations individuals and their families. Non-natives who are hearing or deaf, or hearing Natives are also welcome to participate as associate members.

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