

**EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

- After school tutoring for deaf students
- Sign language classes
- Advocacy
- Information and assistance
- Health / Medical information and awareness, including Red Cross courses
- Radio and Television Awareness commercials and programs
- Newspaper articles on deaf awareness for the hearing
- American Disabilities Act (ADA) training
- Computer Lab / Training



**PERSONAL SERVICES**

- Interpreting - On Call 24/7
- Emergency services
- Community services identification and assistance
- Job placement assistance
- Message relay via telephone/TTY
- Food Pantry / Disaster Services



**SOCIAL SERVICES**

- Recreational Activities
- Summer Camps
- Craft classes
- Field Trips
- Games
- Movie Night
- Fund raising activities
- Dances and Socials
- Interaction of Deaf and Hearing
- Video Relay courtesy of *Sorenson*

**RELIGIOUS SERVICES**

- de l'Epee serves people of all faiths.*
- Church services in sign language
  - Spiritual counseling
  - Vacation Bible School
  - Religious Instruction (CCD)
  - Weekly Bible Study
  - Funeral Interpreting
  - Retreats

**FUNDING**

de l'Epee is funded by contributions from the Catholic Diocese of Biloxi, and caring individuals and businesses.

To support de l'Epee, complete this form, enclose your check, Visa or Master card number and return it to:

**de l'Epee Deaf Center  
1450 North Street  
Gulfport, MS 39507**

**THE DEAF AND HEARING  
IMPAIRED ARE COUNTING ON  
YOU TO HELP! PLEASE!**

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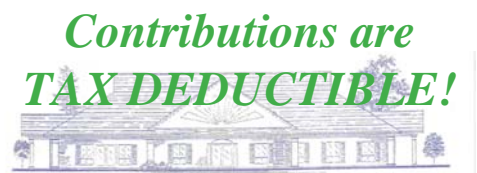
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Abbe Charles Michel de l'Epee

**Inventor:** Sign Language

**Founder:** First Public School for the Deaf

de l' Epee Deaf Center was established in 1978 by the Catholic Diocese of Biloxi. A multi-purpose social service agency serving deaf persons of all ages, their families, and other agencies or businesses who have deaf clients and need assistance in serving them.

The center is named for Abbe Charles Michel de l'Epee, the French priest who started the first school for the deaf in Paris in 1755.

Interpreting services are available to businesses and organizations through the center by appointment and for emergencies.

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“I am just as deaf as I am blind. The problems of deafness are deeper and more complex, if not more important, than those of blindness. Deafness is a worse misfortune. For it means the loss of the most vital stimulus - the sound of the voice that brings language, sets thoughts astir, and keeps us in the intellectual company of man.”

Helen Keller



### MISSION STATEMENT

de l'Epee is a ministry of the Diocese of Biloxi to provide spiritual well-being, promotion of independence and inclusion in the community for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Disabled.

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