

## **Lise Hamlin**



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Lise Hamlin joined the Hearing Loss Association of America's (HLAA) national staff as director of public policy in 2008. Ms. Hamlin, who has a hearing loss herself, has worked as an advocate for people with hearing loss for 20 years. She currently represents HLAA on U.S. federal advisory committees, industry advisory groups, and consumer coalitions. She has also taken part in developing, maintaining and presenting training programs on hearing assistive technology and on emergency preparedness. Ms. Hamlin fields emails and calls daily from consumers with hearing loss who experience barriers to employment, technology, access to public places and telecommunications access and works directly with them to help overcome those barriers. Loops are one way consumers can overcome those barriers. Ms. Hamlin has been recognized with a national Oticon Focus on People award, a Spirit of SHHH award and the F. Michael Taff award from the Human Rights Commission of Rockville, MD.

### **Hearing Loss Association of America and Looping in America**

Hearing Loss Association of America, our members and our chapters continue to work both locally and nationally to ensure more Americans get the benefits of hearing loop systems. We continue to see requests for information about hearing loops in our national office. We are also seeing activity across the country to introduce legislation that would require the dispensing of hearing aids with telecoils and in support of legislation that would require the use of hearing loop systems in public places. This presentation will cover the latest activity on hearing loops in America.