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## Maryland Relay Hires Asia Johnson as Outreach Coordinator

**Baltimore (9/23/14)** – Maryland Relay announced today that Asia Johnson has been hired as Maryland TRS outreach coordinator. In this role, Asia will travel throughout the state to educate people within residential, commercial, instructional and public sectors about Maryland Relay's Traditional Relay Services (TRS) that enable people who are Deaf, hard of hearing, latedeafened, Deaf-Blind or have difficulty speaking to stay connected by phone.

"My goal is to raise awareness for Maryland Relay and increase the number of citizens we serve," said Asia. "I'm looking forward to getting out into our communities, meeting new people, and offering education about how Relay makes the telephone accessible to everyone."

Prior to joining Maryland Relay, Asia worked with students who have Autism and hearing loss as an Early Intervention Specialist at Trellis Services, Inc. in Hunt Valley, Md. She is a graduate from Towson University with a bachelor's degree in Deaf Studies.

Asia resides in Owings Mills, Md. with her husband and daughter. In her spare time, she enjoys cooking and entertaining family and friends. She can be reached at 800-552-7724 (Voice/TTY), 443-453-5970 (VP) or <a href="mailto:asia@mdrelay.org">asia@mdrelay.org</a>.

## **About Maryland Relay**

Maryland Relay is a free public service that allows people, unable to use a standard telephone, to both make and receive calls. The Maryland Accessible Telecommunications (MAT) program provides assistive devices at no cost to those who qualify medically and financially. Free training may be available upon request. Maryland Relay is easily accessed by dialing 7-1-1 and is overseen by Telecommunications Access of Maryland and the Maryland Department of Information Technology. For more information about Maryland Relay and its services, please visit www.mdrelay.org or call 800-552-7724 V/TTY or 443-453-5970 VP.



