

DEAF & HARD OF HEARING COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Local Resources			
Organization	Mission or Purpose	Summary of Services	More Information
Deaf Spotlight	Highlight and inspire Deaf artists and Sign Language through the arts.	Deaf Spotlight offers a number of opportunities for Deaf artists to showcase their art such as the Short Play Festival, Deaf Film Festival, Youth Drama Workshops, Craft Workshops, Deaf Literature Festivals, Full-Length Play Productions, and more.	deafspotlight.org
Seattle Children’s Deaf & Hard of Hearing Mental Health Program	To provide culturally and linguistically accessible mental health care that is evidence-based for DHH kids and their families.	Evaluations, medication management, behavior management, care coordination, holistic support, and group support accessible bilingually in ASL and English.	Deaf/Hard of Hearing (DHH) Mental Health Program – Seattle Children's
Seattle Public Schools- TOPS Deaf & Hard of Hearing Program	To prepare students with moderate to severe hearing loss for success in both the deaf and hearing communities.	K-8 School with self-contained DHH classroom as well as the opportunity for the students to join mainstream classes with interpreters. ASL Club and other opportunities for cultural celebration are available at TOPS as well.	topsk8.seattleschools.org/resources/dhh/
State Resources			
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Hearing, Speech, & Deaf Center (HSDC)	Fostering inclusive and accessible communities through education, advocacy, & communication throughout the Puget Sound Region in Washington State.	Interpreting Services, Speech Language Pathology, Audiology Services, Family Support for Families of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Toddlers, and Bilingual (ASL & English) Preschool Services.	hsdc.org
Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (ODHH) under Washington State’s Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS)	Providing services to Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Speech Disabled residents of Washington, ODHH promotes empowering all in Washington through communication services, personalized services, outreach support, and advocacy.	Provide interpreting services, assistive technology, case management, as well as advocating for policy reform at the state level to make things more inclusive. Additionally, they educate and provide community outreach to make service providers more capable to serve diverse populations.	dshs.wa.gov/altsa/odhh
Washington State Association of the Deaf	Protect, promote, and preserve the lives of deaf people living in Washington.	Educate the community at large about Deaf culture and the issues that deaf people face, advocate for access, provide resources to deaf people in the state of Washington, preserve Deaf culture and ASL, advocate for equal rights for deaf people in the state, provide social opportunities for deaf people of all ages, and more.	wsad.org
Washington School for the Deaf	Providing bilingual (English & ASL) student-centered education that is culturally rich and inclusive so that students become life-long learners.	Serves Deaf and Hard of Hearing students Pre-K through 12th grade bilingually in English and ASL. They also have a residential program, student support services, counseling services, audiology, speech language pathology, and student activities available. Located in Vancouver, Washington.	wsd.wa.gov
National Resources			
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National Association of the Deaf	Promote, protect, and preserve the rights of deaf and hard of hearing folks living in America including their civil, human, and linguistic rights.	They advocate for policy reform, provide legal guidance, fight for the recognition of ASL as a true and fully protected language, as well as fighting for equal access for deaf people to things like housing, jobs, healthcare, and education. They also hold conferences for their members to encourage community and personal/professional development as well as various youth programs to support healthy identity development and early intervention.	nad.org
National Deaf Center on Postsecondary Outcomes	To encourage and support more deaf people in the pursuit of higher education and employment and encourage deaf youth to succeed in college and careers.	They have opportunities for online learning and certificates, webinars, research and data sharing, a support team to help navigate postsecondary systems, and resources to build community & self-advocacy skills.	nationaldeafcenter.org
Helen Keller National Center for DeafBlind Youths and Adults	To enable DeafBlind people to live, work, and excel living lives with autonomy.	They have vocational rehabilitation services, training for adaptive and assistive technology, independent living training, mental health and rehabilitation counseling, residential options, youth development opportunities, equipment distribution, research publication, and more.	helenkeller.org/hknc/
Hands & Voices	To provide unbiased support to families of deaf and hard of hearing children regardless of communication modalities or language preferences.	Through the national organization and local chapters, Hands & Voices provides peer mentorship, advocacy and training, resources and outreach, community projects, as well as a group for families to gather with to build a further sense of community.	handsandvoices.org
Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf	To advocate for and promote the need for effective and qualified interpreters in all settings so Deaf lives are not negatively impacted.	Provides national certification for interpreters and maintains the continuing education unit tracking program, upholds the Code of Professional Conduct and operates the ethical practices system to maintain accountability, advocates for policy that supports the mission, provides opportunity for peer support and community, and publishes standard practice papers for various settings. Deaf consumers can utilize this resource to educate themselves on the field of interpreting or to lodge any complaints they have about an interpreter.	rid.org
Deaf Women United	To address the challenges that Deaf+ and Hard of Hearing women face and empower them through advocacy, outreach, and education.	Provide leadership training through mentorship and conferences, connect a network of women across the nation, provide resources that support and celebrate the success of Deaf women, and educate the broader community to promote accessibility and equity for Deaf women.	dwu.org
National Black Deaf Advocates	To promote economic and educational development and opportunities, leadership training, and social equity, and to protect the general health and wellbeing of Black Deaf & Hard of Hearing people.	They preserve Black Deaf history and provide access to it, hold the Miss Black Deaf America pageant to encourage Black Deaf women, support a Black Deaf youth leadership summit, provide programming that supports Black Deaf senior citizens, and provide scholarships to Black Deaf people who want to pursue higher education.	nbda.org

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