



# DEAF & HARD OF HEARING ACCESSIBILITY

WA CENTER FOR DEAF & HARD OF HEARING YOUTH  
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# MEETINGS: IN PERSON & VIRTUAL





# Setting up for Success

## Environment

- ▶ Ensure good lighting
- ▶ Reduce visual clutter
- ▶ Reduce background noise
- ▶ Face audience/person
- ▶ Power Point presentations
  - ▶ Hand out or email PowerPoint presentation beforehand.
  - ▶ Pause to read slide before talking



# Accommodations

- Certified interpreters
- Captioning
  - On Zoom
  - PowerPoint
  - Live captioning
- FM/DM soundfield loops



# Sign Language Interpreting Resources

- ▶ Office of Deaf & Hard of Hearing (ODHH)
  - ▶ <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/odhh/sign-language-interpreter-contracts-and-resources-program>
- ▶ Hearing Speech & Deaf Center (HSDC)
  - ▶ <https://hcdc.org/services/interpreting-services/>
- ▶ Purple – for Puget Sound region
  - ▶ <https://signlanguage.com/onsite-interpreting/seattle>
- ▶ Good Signs Interpreting
  - ▶ <https://www.goodsignsinterpreting.com/>



# Family access to specialized services

- Referral to birth-3 services – first point of contact FRC
- Include Deaf/HH EI specialists on the IFSP
  - Assessment
  - Help develop goals
    - Information all parents need to have to make well informed decisions
    - Language Planning