

Who We Are

Mission

Outreach Services supports children who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deafblind by providing a broad array of services, programs, and information for families and the educational community.

Vision

Outreach Services is committed to bridging collaborations, creating connections, and building capacity statewide with the students, families, and educational teams we serve throughout Wisconsin.

Training Topics Offered

- Tools for Assessment of American Sign Language
- Assessment Tips and Tools for Younger Children Who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing
- Implementing Hearing Screenings
- Listening and Spoken Language Activities
- Pressing Issues for Mental Health Providers
- Social-Emotional Development/Issues for Students Who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing
- Working with Students Who are Deafblind
- Teacher for the Deaf specialized training
- Educational Interpreter specialized training
- Specialized Training

Connect with Outreach

Web

www.wesp-dhh.wi.gov/outreach

Facebook

www.facebook.com/WESPDHH.Outreach

Email sign-up:

www.wesp-dhh.wi.gov/outreach/subscribe

YouTube

bit.ly/WIOutreachDHHYouTube

Values

- Student Centered
- Dedicated and Comprehensive
- Supportive, Informative, and Balanced
- Collaborative
- Respectful and Responsive
- Demonstrating Best Practice for Communication, Education, and Access

Outreach Services is a part of the Wisconsin Educational Services Program for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (WESP-DHH). Outreach Services operates under the direction of the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, Division for Learning Support.

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, creed, age, national origin, ancestry, pregnancy, marital status or parental status, sexual orientation, or ability and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts of America and other designated youth groups.

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What We Do

Programs and Services

CONSULTATIONS

Specialized staff are available to provide individualized consultations for educational teams and families for students, ages 3-21, who are deaf, hard of hearing, or deafblind. Consultations may include areas such as academic and accessibility supports, listening and spoken language skills, and sign communication skills.



DEAF MENTOR PROGRAM (DMP)

Provides families and school teams with opportunities to learn sign vocabulary and American Sign Language. Families are matched with an adult Deaf Mentor to support their child's communication and language development.

PARENT MENTOR PROGRAM (PMP)

A "parent to parent" support program for families with children who are deaf, hard of hearing, or deafblind. Families have the opportunity to receive individual parent support, unbiased information, and connections with other families in their regions and throughout the state to meet their individual needs.

ROLE MODEL PROGRAMMING

An initiative that connects students and families to adults who are deaf, hard of hearing, and deafblind with similar life experiences.

STUDENT GROUPS

Provide opportunities for students from several school districts to meet and participate in discussions and activities that promote self-identity, advocacy, and positive peer-to-peer interactions.

LIFE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL

Transition resources available for students to prepare them for college, their career, and independent living.



Materials, Resources, and Training

MATERIALS AND RESOURCES

A wide variety of deaf, hard of hearing, and deafblind related materials and resources are available on the Outreach website, including Local, Regional & Statewide Resources.

TRAINING

Outreach staff are available to provide a wide array of trainings/workshops for specific events or individual teams. Select from available topics or submit one of your own specific to your needs.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Outreach and statewide events are listed in the online calendar. Check back regularly to see what is up and coming.

www.wesp-dhh.wi.gov/outreach/events



WESP-DHH Partners

Wisconsin School for the Deaf

www.wesp-dhh.wi.gov/wsd



Wisconsin Deafblind Technical Assistance Project

www.wesp-dhh.wi.gov/wdbtap

