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WE'RE HIRING

Washington State Hands & Voices is adding a new support program for families of children who are Deaf, DeafBlind and Hard of Hearing

ADVOCACY, SUPPORT AND TRAINING PROGRAM (ASTRA)

In addition to our Guide By Your Side program, we are adding a new program called, Advocacy, Support and Training (ASTra). This program will offer advocacy support and training to families wishing to confidently advocate for their deaf, deafblind or hard of hearing child. Currently we are seeking applicants to fill our open positions. ASTra is a replicable program of Hands & Voices.

JOB POSITION

ASTRA ADVOCATE

ASTra Advocates are individuals – parents, D/HH adults, and/or professionals – who seek to be designated as a Hands & Voices ASTra Advocate. This level is designed for those individuals within the organization who seek to advocate for other families as an official representative of their Hands & Voices Chapter. ASTra Advocates must be members of the local H&V Chapter.

REQUIREMENTS

Goals and activities:

- Knowledge and understanding of the impact of hearing loss on the family, child, and the child's education
- Willingness to advocate for a variety of placement options across the educational placement continuum
- Desire to train other parents to be advocates for their own children
- Support for the philosophy of unbiased support to families
- Knowledge of the educational services and related resources available locally, regionally, and state/province wide that assist/serve families with children who are deaf or hard of hearing and their families
- Previous experience with the IFSP and IEP process
- Knowledge of communication options, technology, and educational philosophies prevalent in the field of deafness
- Knowledge of simple computer operations such as Word, Excel, and PowerPoint
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills
- Previous advocacy experience either for their own child or on behalf of other families
- Ability to maintain confidentiality practices
- Ability to encourage good communication between the parents and the EI or school staff

ADDITIONAL DETAILS

10 hours monthly April-June
(adjustments may be made after June)

Pay Rate - To be determined

Two Day Mandatory training
April - Dates TBD will be on the weekend in King County

Travel Opportunities available this May/June to assist with workshops in Central and Eastern WA

Most work will be remote

All travel expenses are reimbursed

Application Deadline: February 5, 2024

TO REQUEST AN APPLICATION AND ASK QUESTIONS CONTACT CHRISTINE GRIFFIN



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