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WASHINGTON STATE  
**HANDS &  
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**Supporting Families  
of Children who are Deaf,  
DeafBlind, or Hard of Hearing**

1:1 FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES | FAMILY EVENTS & WORKSHOPS | STATE ADVOCACY & LEADERSHIP

1:1 SUPPORT SERVICE  
GUIDE BY  
YOUR SIDE



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ADVOCACY  
SUPPORT &  
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PARENT GUIDES –

- Share lived experiences and meeting families
- Navigate B-3, educational, and medical systems
- Assist with unbiased decision making
- Connect with the Deaf Community
- Explore amplification/listening technology
- Answer questions along the way!

*“What works for your child is what makes the choice right.”™*

THREE PILLARS OF SUPPORT:

**1:1 Support Services**

Through our Guide By Your Side (GBYS) and Advocacy Support & Training (ASTra) Programs

**Family Events & Workshops**

**State Advocacy & Leadership**



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ASTra ADVOCATES –

- Recognize the impact being Deaf or Hard of Hearing has on family, child, and education
- Understand communication options, technology, and educational philosophies in the field of Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- Train parents to be advocates for their student
- Attend meetings virtually with parents/caregivers
- Advocate across educational placement options
- Share helpful resources and support



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