



Join Our ASTra Team

Do you have a desire to train and support families so that they can better advocate for their children?

WA State Hands & Voices is a parent-driven organization seeking applicants with strong knowledge of educational advocacy for deaf and hard of hearing students. **We welcome candidates from all backgrounds and especially encourage applications who have availability during daytime hours and individuals who are bilingual in English and Spanish.** Training is provided.

✓ Requirements

- Attend online Level 1 ASTra Training on in Nov and the Level 2 half-day training, date: TBD.
- Virtually 5-10 hours per month, depending on the needs of families in Washington State.
- Ability to create a safe space to ask questions, meet parents where they are, and ensure confidentiality is maintained.
- 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 providing unbiased support to families.
- Ability to encourage good communication between parents and Early Start or school staff.
- Knowledge of the educational services and related resources available for children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing.
- Previous experience with the IFSP and IEP process (with your child is ok)
- Knowledge of communication options, technology, and educational philosophies prevalent in the field.
- Knowledge of basic computer operations such as Word, Excel, and PowerPoint.
- Demonstrate strong interpersonal and communication skills by practicing active listening and asking clarifying questions
- Maintains a calm, professional demeanor when navigating conflicting perspectives.
- Previous advocacy experience, either for their own child or on behalf of other families.
- Maintain annual membership dues with our state chapter of Hands & Voices



**Applications Due By
August 31, 2026**

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