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Representing the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Communities:

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Parent of a Deaf or Hard of Hearing Child
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Audiologist
- **Meegan Wolfe**
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Otolaryngologist (Ear, Nose, Throat Doctor)

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WEST VIRGINIA COMMISSION FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING



The mission of the West Virginia Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (WVCDHH) is to advocate for, develop, and coordinate public policies, regulations, and programs to assure full and equal opportunity for persons who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing in West Virginia.

About WVCDHH

The West Virginia Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (WVCDHH) was established in 1989 by the Legislature to aid West Virginians who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing in their efforts to live independent and productive lives by:

- Maintaining a clearinghouse of information.
- Maintaining a list of qualified and certified American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters in West Virginia.
- Conducting outreach to raise awareness.
- Coordinating advocacy efforts in identified areas of need.
- Investigating the condition of Deaf and Hard of Hearing West Virginians.



KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

There are laws in place to protect the rights of Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals. They include:

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

The ADA states that people cannot be discriminated against because of a disability. Settings under this law include employment, transportation, public accommodation, communications, and governmental activities.

§504 of The Rehabilitation Act of 1973

The Rehabilitation Act states that people cannot be discriminated against because of a disability in programs conducted by Federal agencies, in programs receiving Federal financial assistance, in Federal employment, and in the employment practices of Federal contractors.

Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA)

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requires public schools to provide public education to eligible children with disabilities in the least restrictive environment, while adhering to the child's individual needs.

For a more detailed description of the laws formed to protect your rights, please visit www.dhhr.wv.gov/cdhh

WVCDHH Vision



for Deaf and Hard of Hearing people in West Virginia.

WVCDHH Services

Interpreter Registry and Directory

Maintaining a registry and public directory of qualified interpreters in West Virginia; coordinating the state testing system for interpreters.

Training

Sponsoring and creating trainings for interpreters and the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community.

Referrals

Connecting individuals and agencies to support and assistance.

