

# WASHINGTON STATE HANDS & VOICES



GUIDE BY YOUR SIDE

## Become a Parent Guide!

*"I love giving back in the same way I was supported as a young parent"*

Parent Guide



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YOUR SIDE™

**We encourage all to apply, especially if you are from a culturally diverse background and eager to help new families have deeper and richer support through someone who has similar lived experiences**

### Requirements:

- Must be a parent or caregiver of a child (any age) who is deaf, deafblind or hard of hearing
- Must be able to work in the US
- Must have access to transportation to travel around the community
- Experience using technology, and have access to a computer.

### Requested:(one or all of the below)

- Parents who live in Central, Eastern, or Southwest WA
- Parents whose child currently uses hearing aid(s) or a BCSP (Bone Conduction Speech Processor)
- Parents who are from a culturally diverse community(ies)
- Fluent in Spanish, Mandarin, Russian, Arabic, Somali, or Vietnamese, etc. in addition to English

Part-time | Work from home

**Apply and send 2 references by May 15, 2023**



**Click here: <https://forms.gle/vDNXGyijzgx4RBE37>**

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## Parent Guides Needed

Provide unbiased support to families of children who are deaf or hard of hearing

We will consider any parent who applies to become a Parent Guide.

We are especially seeking parents who meet 1 or all criteria below:

- ➔ Parents whose child currently uses hearing aid(s) or a Baha
- ➔ Parents who are from a culturally diverse community(ies)
- ➔ Fluent in Spanish, Mandarin, Russian, Arabic, Somali, or Vietnamese, etc. in addition to English
- ➔ Parents who live in Central, Eastern, or Southwest WA



### A Parent Guide must:

- Have a child(ren) who is Deaf or Hard of Hearing.
- Be able to provide information in an unbiased manner, especially regarding communication.
- Have demonstrated knowledge of local, state, and national resources for parents of children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing, and a passion to keep learning.
- Be able to help families learn advocacy skills.
- Possess a valid driver's license and have reliable transportation.
- Pass a background check.
- Be reasonably available to meet with families (in person or virtual)
- Be comfortable with web browsers, email, and Microsoft Excel, or be willing to be trained, and have easy access to these programs.

Parent Guides visit with families newer to the experience of raising a child who is Deaf or Hard of Hearing. Number of assigned families varies from 3-15 per year, and each family receives several visits/contacts. Hours vary depending on the number of families. Average number of hours a month: 5, plus periodical training hours. Work from home.

Monthly GBYS Team video calls and 1 annual full or half day training. Guides are paid for training, family visits, and travel. Scholarship opportunities are available for national conferences. If you are ready to listen, guide, and model positive outcomes, contact us!

**APPLY: <https://forms.gle/P1LbXA2gvxZTzPCE7>**

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