



Deaf and Hard of Hearing Support Group

For Middle and High School Students

Who should attend?

Middle and high school students who are deaf and hard of hearing and use sign language as one of their ways of communicating. Students who use hearing aids and cochlear implants are welcome.

To Learn More

- Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine
206-987-2164
- Ask your child's healthcare provider
- www.seattlechildrens.org

Free Interpreter Services

- In the hospital, ask your child's nurse.
- From outside the hospital, call the toll-free Family Interpreting Line 1-866-583-1527. Tell the interpreter the name or extension you need.

How long is the group and what does it cover?

The group meets once a month, usually on Friday night during the school year. The goals of the group are to:

- Receive support from peers
- Increase self-awareness
- Practice communication, social and problem solving skills
- Foster self-esteem
- Develop self-advocacy skills

Where does the group take place?

At Seattle Children's Hospital, 4800 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA in the Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine Clinic, Seastar reception (level 5, Ocean zone)

How much does it cost?

There is no cost.

How do I register?

If you are interested in learning more or participating in this group, contact Julia Petersen at julia.petersen@seattlechildrens.org or 206-257-7199 (voice/videophone; English and Spanish).

Seattle Children's offers interpreter services for Deaf, hard of hearing or non-English speaking patients, family members and legal representatives free of charge. Seattle Children's will make this information available in alternate formats upon request. Call the Family Resource Center at 206-987-2201.

This handout has been reviewed by clinical staff at Seattle Children's. However, your child's needs are unique. Before you act or rely upon this information, please talk with your child's healthcare provider.

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