

Washington State Center for Childhood Deafness And Hearing Loss

CDHL Information Sheet November 2009

Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 1879

- Signed in to law May 7, 2009
- Establishes Washington State Center for Childhood Deafness and Hearing Loss (CDHL)
- Washington School for the Deaf (WSD) maintains as a residential school in Vancouver
- CDHL is charged with collecting information statewide from stakeholders to identify existing strengths and gaps in current service delivery model for deaf, hard of hearing and deafblind children

Anticipated Outcomes

- Establish pilot programs – at least one must be located in eastern Washington
- Create a resource guide for parents of programs and services available in the state
- Establish a statewide system to collect demographic data of children who are deaf, hard of hearing or deafblind – including location, current services and communication modality (when known)

To accomplish these goals, a core group has been formed and stakeholder meetings will be conducted in each of the ESD regions. Information will also be gathered through online surveys. All findings and recommendations gathered through the process will be reviewed by the CDHL Board of Trustees. The Board will present its final recommendations to the legislature December 1, 2010.

Stakeholder Meetings Include Three Sessions

- Morning 10-11am: School Administrators/Superintendents
- After school 4-5:30pm: Teachers, Direct Service Providers and Interpreters
- Evening 7-8:30pm: Parents/Families, Students, Community Members, and Advocates

We need your help...

1. Who in your agency could help us find the deaf, hard of hearing and deafblind students/families?
2. Who in your agency can provide information of the services offered in your area?
3. Do you have any unique needs or other information we should consider when setting up the meetings and gathering data?
4. What is the best way to collect information from students in your region?

If you questions or have information you would like to share, please contact:

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