

Community Needs Assessment Overview

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Self Disclosure

- Identity
- Education background
- Research background
- Direct experience with oppression

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Focus Group Quote

I'm terrified of growing old in Oregon!

(tearful deaf female in her 40's who uses ASL)

Common theme through multiple FG interviews

CNA Project Participants

- 885 solid survey responses
 - English (n=773)
 - ASL (n=110)
 - Spanish (n=2)
- 12 Focus Groups with Hard of Hearing
- 15 Focus Groups with Deaf participants
- 3 one-on-one telephone interviews (with HH)
- 4 Focus Groups with Parents of DHH child
- Multiple key informant interviews with service providers (n=19)

Deaf and Hard of Hearing in Oregon

- Many DHH are in poverty
 - equipment required for accommodations are costly
 - Unemployment
- Many DHH do not know their ADA rights
 - Difficult to file for EEOC or other legal issues
- Many do not have access to mental health services (HB 3415)

What is needed in Oregon to Serve DHH Individuals

- A one stop center with satellite centers around the state to:
 - Provide advocacy
 - Review polices that impact DHH individuals
 - Support Families and Children
 - Assistive Technology
 - Ensure that the ADA is enforced
 - Ensure access to higher education and labor market
 - Ensure availability of affordable hearing aid, and assistive technology
 - Ensure the affordability and availability of support services providers (SSP)
 - Provide outreach to positively impact public perceptions on living with hearing loss
 - Provide community center for interaction
 - Interpreter referral agency

