

**WAC 388-818-0020 What does the office of the deaf and hard of hearing do?** (1) The office of the deaf and hard of hearing (ODHH) within DSHS provides the following services:

- (a) Provides information about hearing loss;
- (b) Offers technical assistance and workshops about deafness;
- (c) Identifies ways for DSHS staff to get sign language interpreter services for their clients who have hearing loss; and
- (d) Administers and monitors contracts with sign language interpreters and sign language interpreter referral agencies.

(2) ODHH administers and monitors contracts with qualified service providers. These service providers offer community-based social services for clients who have hearing loss.

(3) ODHH manages the telecommunications access service program.

(4) ODHH contracts to provide telecommunications relay services (TRS).

(5) ODHH provides a list of sign language interpreters and fee for service standards for fee considerations for Washington courts.

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