

**Thurston County Community Services Forum;
Providing Services to People Who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing
Hosted by
Hearing Speech & Deafness Center-South Sound (HSDC)
and
State Independent Living Council (SILC)**

You are invited to participate in a Community Forum to discuss how people who are deaf, hard of hearing, late-deafened and DeafBlind can access various services in Thurston County.

HSDC provides services to individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, late-deafened or DeafBlind by breaking down communication barriers in all areas of life and empowering their independence in five South Sound Counties; Pierce, Thurston, Grays Harbor, Mason and South Kitsap.

One of our primary objectives is to support communication needs for navigating our social systems for services including access to medical care, financial resources, homelessness and housing needs, education, employment, mental health, aging and any other service area that will help clients get the support they need.

The purpose of this forum is for HSDC staff to learn what services are available in Thurston County and discuss how collaboration of services will benefit all professional agencies and the individuals we serve. We are also inviting community members from these populations to join us to share what services are needed and what areas need improvement for access by all.

For the Forum to be successful we hope that a representative from all of our service agencies and community members will join us.

**Thurston County Community Services Forum
March 30, 2011
5:30-8:00
City of Lacey Community Meeting Room
420 College Street SE
Lacey, WA 98509**

Please share this invitation with other service providers and community members.

Meeting will be presented with ASL Interpreters, CART, and Assistive Listening Systems. For all other accommodations please contact HSDC-South Sound.

Light refreshments will be served beginning at 5:30. Meeting begins at 6:00.

Space is limited. Please RSVP not later than March 18th.

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