

## Seattle Children's Hospital Mental Health Services

# Summer 2020 Virtual Support Group Program for Middle School Deaf/Hard of Hearing (DHH) Students

**Who:** The group is for deaf/hard of hearing middle school students who use sign language as one of their communication modes. Students who use hearing aids and cochlear implants are welcome. Signing DHH Mental Health Therapists Regina McGinnis and Julia Petersen are the group co-facilitators.

**What:** The group will meet together to practice social, communication and problem solving skills. The group will also include presentations by DHH guest speakers. Participants have the opportunity to discuss their personal and common experiences, receive support and practice skills in a safe environment.

**Goals:**

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

**Where:** Sessions will be held via Zoom.

**When:** Thursdays between July 9-August 27, 2020.

**Cost:** There is no cost. Funding for the summer program is provided by the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals and the Seattle Children's Hospital Childhood Communication Center.

**Screening Intake/Registration:** Contact Julia Petersen, Group Program Coordinator  
[Julia.petersen@seattlechildrens.org](mailto:Julia.petersen@seattlechildrens.org) 206-257-7199 (Voice/videophone; English/Spanish)

*A separate Support Group Program is also provided during the academic year at no cost. If interested, please contact Julia Petersen.*



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