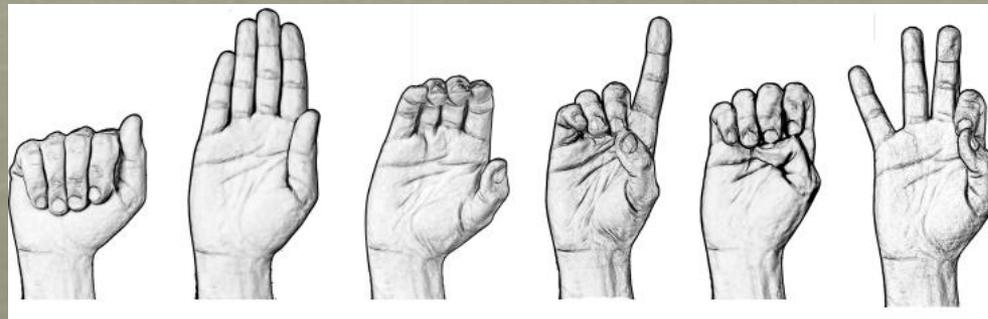


# Regional Deaf Services Program, Southwest, Virginia

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# Our Mission

Provide Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf-Blind consumers mental health, substance abuse and intellectual disability services that are culturally sensitive and delivered in the individual's preferred mode of communication.



- By making communication a non-issue, consumers stay in services and receive treatment.
- Using ASL interpreters is clinically successful in the medical field, not in the behavioral health field.



# Services Provided

24/7 Crisis Pre-screening

Case Management

Individual Therapy

Psychiatric Evaluation

Medication Clinic

Discharge Planning

Mental Health Supports (limited)

Urgent Interpreting for CSB/BHA

Counseling with ID consumers

Training, Education, Consultation

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The Deaf Services Program “owns the case” and keeps partner CSBs informed, or we share service provision, coordinating on every level.

The availability of this specialized care makes our program the most progressive rural mental health program for the deaf in the nation.

# Sign Fluent Clinicians

- Regional Coordinator: Mike Bush, LPC
- Case Manager: Lorrie Taylor, BSW
- Psychiatrist: (p/t) Jana Dreyzehner, M.D.
- MH Support: (p/t) Wendy Dukes, BSW



We were early pioneers in the use of tele-psychiatry services with the deaf, extending psychiatric care to 10 offices around the region

We now communicate with consumers in their own homes through “video phones.”

# Keys to Program Success

- Excellent collaboration with referral sources who we also treat as customers: DARS, Schools, DSS, DBVI, VDDHH
- 100% leadership and fiscal support from every CSB/BHA in our region:

Planning District One/Frontier Health  
Highlands Community Services  
Mt. Rogers Community Services  
New River Valley Community Services  
Dickenson County Behavioral Health Services  
Cumberland Mountain Community Services

# Thank you

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