



**Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Deaf/Blind
Advisory Council
School Age Subcommittee**



Assessing the Quality of D/HH/DB Programs: How do we know if our programs are good enough?

WHO: Any parent, guardian or caregiver of a school age child who is D/HH/DB, SPED Director, LEA, SLP, Audiologist, TOD, Communication Facilitator, Educational Interpreter who works with school age children who are D/HH/DB

WHEN: Monday, November 6, 2023, 12:30 – 3:30 pm; Lunch is included

WHERE: AHS – WSOC Oak 49 RmA283 (Waterbury State Complex Office)

VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE: a ZOOM option will be available (link will be shared upon registration)

REGISTRATION: deadline is Oct 20; click [here](#) to register, or go to: <https://forms.office.com/r/W0A6bLx2e2>

COST: Free and a Certificate of Attendance will be provided.

AGENDA:

1:15 pm – 2:15 pm **Cheryl DeConde Johnson, Ed.D.**, is an educational consultant and advocate for deaf and hard of hearing children through her practice the ADEvantage, audiology - deaf education vantage consulting. She is also an Adjunct Assistant Professor at the University of Arizona, College of Education. Among many publications, Dr. Johnson is co-author of the Educational Audiology Handbook and co-author of "Optimizing Outcomes for Students who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing Educational Service Guidelines Third Edition" (NASDSE Guidelines), a valuable resource for parents and providers. She is also co-founder and board member of Hands & Voices, a parent-driven organization supporting families of deaf and hard of hearing children. Of interest to both parents and providers, Dr. Johnson will discuss recent court rulings and how they can impact school districts going forward. She will also discuss the importance of student outcome assessment in addition to the reasons why licensed providers are critical for student achievement and how the Guidelines (and the Checklist/Tool) can be used to evaluate the quality of services, including direct services, technical assistance and consultation, ASL/bilingual, SLP and Audiology.

2:15 pm – 2:30 pm **Michelle John**, Chair of the VT Coalition for D/HH NASDSE Guidelines, will discuss the work that the coalition has done to increase awareness in Vermont about the NASDSE Guidelines.

2:30 pm – 3:30 pm **Members of the D/HH/DB School Age Subcommittee** will explain the VT Quality Indicator Checklist and Tool for D/HH/DB Services, which is based on the NASDSE Guidelines, and demonstrate for families and providers through a mock educational meeting how the Checklist and Tool can ensure high quality service delivery in IEP/504/EST settings, including direct services, technical assistance and consultation, ASL/bilingual, SLP and Audiology.