

# BC Early Hearing Program

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## Hands & Voices *Guide By Your Side* Program: Part-Time Position for [Deaf/Hard of Hearing Guide](#)

Current opening is for a D/HH adult, fluent in ASL - [VLOG on YouTube](#)

The *Guide By Your Side* program is a provincial service providing parent support by linking parents of babies newly identified deaf/hard of hearing in BC with trained "Parent Guides" & "Deaf/Hard of Hearing Guides".

Guides are trained to support families *without bias*. We believe in the Hands & Voices slogan, "What Works for your Child is what makes the Choice right."

### What is the role of a [Deaf/Hard of Hearing Guide](#)?

A Deaf/Hard of Hearing Guide provides parents with an invaluable perspective that comes from direct, personal experience. Parents have the opportunity to connect with several D/HH Guides and ask any questions, for example, "How did you manage at school?" and "How did you overcome any challenges you had growing up?"

Contact with parents is primarily provided by email, video conferencing and phone/text. There are also opportunities for parents to meet Guides at events. ASL interpreters are provided.

**How to Apply** - Please submit a letter outlining your interest, qualifications and experience to [kshauer@cw.bc.ca](mailto:kshauer@cw.bc.ca). See "Request for Interest" below for further details. Application letters must be received no later than **November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017**.

More information about *Guide By Your Side*, BC Early Hearing Program, and Hands & Voices:

[www.phsa.ca/guide-by-your-side](http://www.phsa.ca/guide-by-your-side)

[www.bchandsandvoices.com](http://www.bchandsandvoices.com)

[www.handsandvoices.org](http://www.handsandvoices.org)

## Request for Interest: *Deaf/Hard of Hearing Guide Position*

### Hands & Voices *Guide By Your Side* Program (GBYS) BC Early Hearing Program (BCEHP)

The Deaf/Hard of Hearing Guide (DHH Guide) will connect with families to provide non-biased information and support, sharing their invaluable perspective that comes from direct, personal experience.

DHH Guides provide parents with:

- A safe place to ask questions about hearing differences or deafness
- Awareness of and sensitivity to issues faced by individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing
- Hope that their child will live a successful life and have opportunity to achieve their full potential
- Awareness of Deaf culture, community and resources

Working on an as-needed basis with families, and under the guidance of the GBYS Coordinator, the responsibilities of the DHH Guides include:

- The provision of timely support to parents after their baby is identified deaf/hard of hearing. This will include making initial contact with families, collaborating with BCEHP / Guide team members to determine information and resources required, and follow-up to ensure that families' needs are met.
- Participation in the creation and review of materials used by BC Early Hearing Program.
- Maintenance of regular statistics and data logging of activities as necessary to the BCEHP.
- Attending monthly meetings for the purpose of collaboration and planning for the GBYS Program.
- Participation in initial training / educational activities as required (approx. 3 – 4 days) as well as ongoing 2-day GBYS team training provided twice per year (Friday/Saturday combination).

#### **Qualifications & Requirements**

- A DHH Guide must be an adult who is d/Deaf, hard of hearing, d/Deaf/blind with a high school diploma (Dogwood certificate).
- Knowledge of BC resources, communication, language and technology opportunities prevalent in the field of deafness. Contractors must be willing to maintain membership in BC Hands and Voices.
- Must have access to personal computer or laptop, internet and cell phone (voice and/or text).

#### **Additional Details**

Maximum 4-6 hours per week depending on need (not guaranteed); two full training days provided twice/year. Occasional travel required for trainings (held in Vancouver area), outreach and events.

This is a paid contract position. Hourly rate to be discussed.

Interpreters provided for interview process, required trainings, monthly meetings, videoconferencing..

Interested contractors should submit a letter outlining their interest, qualifications and experience to:

**Kim Shauer**, Coordinator  
Hands & Voices *Guide By Your Side* Program  
BC Early Hearing Program [kshauer@cw.bc.ca](mailto:kshauer@cw.bc.ca)

**Deadline for submission is November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017.**

**Please forward this to adults that you believe would make effective DHH Guides.**