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Deaf Mentor Program

Deaf Mentor Coordinator – The position has been vacant since summer 2024. Paul Stuessy, Community Services Manager, is the supervisor and oversees the program for the interim. After conducting interviews for the classified position, the finalist was offered the position but had not responded. VDDHH had to post a new job bulletin and conduct another recruitment campaign. *Current status – interviews were conducted, and the finalist was offered the position. Awaiting the finalist's response on whether the job offer will be accepted.*

Deaf Mentors - The 3rd cohort of 11 Deaf Mentors have executed contracts and are providing family services. Currently VDDHH has 15 active Deaf Mentors however more mentors are needed in the regions of Northern Virginia, Tidewater, and regions along the I-81 corridor. VDDHH has been recruiting deaf adults for the 4th cohort of Deaf Mentors. *Current status – 12 adults expressed interest, and the SKI-HI Deaf Mentor training will take place February 26 – March 1. Goal is to recruit 15 people.*

2026 National Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Conference – VDDHH staff are tentatively planning on attending the March 15-17 conference in Jacksonville, Florida.