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Oregon Association of the Deaf | Washington State Association of the Deaf



Oregon Association of the Deaf and Washington State Association of the Deaf to Host Legislative Advocacy Training Provided by National Association of the Deaf

Vancouver, WA [February 2, 2015] — The Oregon Association of the Deaf (OAD) and Washington State Association of the Deaf (WSAD) are hosting a legislative advocacy training as presented by the National Association of the Deaf (NAD). This pivotal training will be held on February 21-22 at the Washington School for the Deaf in Vancouver, Wash.

The two-day workshop will focus on important strategies and approaches to building stronger relationships with legislators who make decisions that affect deaf and hard of hearing Oregonians and Washingtonians. Given the small size of the deaf community, legislators often overlook crucial issues, such as the possibility of the word “deaf” disappearing from state law, or changes to laws such as the Americans with Disabilities Act. By building stronger relationships with the legislature in either state, deaf and hard of hearing people can create powerful alliances that will benefit deaf children, deaf adults, school, employment, and much more.

The outstanding presenters include NAD’s Kim Bianco Majeri, Washington State advocate Allie Joiner, Montesano City Councilwoman Margie Slazer, OAD’s Legislative Committee Chair Steven M. Brown, and Senator Laurie Monnes Anderson, and OAD and WSAD are excited to have them share their expertise with us all.

Special recognition goes to the workshop’s premier sponsor, Strada Communication, Inc. Strada is based in Vancouver, and provides exclusive communication accommodations such as captioning, deaf-blind interpreting, and ASL and English interpreting services.

WORKSHOP INFORMATION:

- To register, go to <http://www.oad1921.org/event/nad-legislative-advocacy-training-workshop>.
- The advance registration fee is \$20, which includes refreshments and lunch. If you register onsite, it will be \$40.
- If you would like CEUs or clock hours, there is an additional fee of \$60 if you register in advance. If you register onsite, it will be an additional \$120, plus the \$40 admission fee.
- The deadline for advance registration is **February 20** at the link above.

OAD and WSAD both have the mission of promoting, protecting, and preserving civil rights and the quality of life for deaf and hard of hearing people. To learn more about either organization, or to receive updates on events and news, like their pages at Facebook under DeafOregon and WSADeaf.

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