

**An Important Message from
The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC)**

**Webinar: Mental and Social-Emotional Health
in Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children**

Join the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) Office of Disability Prevention for Children and Office of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services on July 20, 2023, from 10-11 a.m. for a webinar aimed at those working with children who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Understanding the communication, social, and emotional needs of these children is critical in supporting their mental well-being. Supporting mental health and social-emotional needs in children sets the foundation for success at home and school.

Presenters will examine the cause and effect of different social and communication scenarios, including language deprivation and communication neglect. They will also offer tips and solutions that can benefit all.

This webinar is intended for parents, providers who work with families, and others caring for children throughout the state.

- **What:** "Mental and Social-Emotional Health in Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children" webinar
- **Who:** Parents and providers who work with families and children
- **When:** July 20, 2023, 10-11 a.m. Central time

Presenters

- **Sam Harris** and **Olivia Rains**, communication access specialists at HHSC Office of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services

[Register](#) for the "Mental and Social-Emotional Health in Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children." After registering, participants will receive a confirmation email explaining how to join the webinar.

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