



**State of Vermont
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 SPED Director, LEA, SLP, Audiologist, TOD, Communication Facilitator, Educational Interpreter who works with school age children who are D/HH/DB

WHEN: Friday, July 14, 2023, 12:30 – 3:30 pm; Lunch is included

WHERE: Capitol Plaza Hotel Montpelier, 100 State St, Montpelier, VT (in person)

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

REGISTRATION: deadline is June 14; 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, Cheryl 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). She is also co-founder and board member of Hands & Voices, a parent-driven organization supporting families of deaf and hard of hearing children. She will review the key elements of the NASDSE Guidelines and why they are important for service delivery. She will also discuss 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 through professional development.

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 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.