

# N W D A C

Northwest Deaf Addiction Center

## Outreach Opportunities

We are available for consultation and training to service providers in patients' hometowns to increase access and quality of services to Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals.

### Admission and Referral Process

- Be 18 years or older.
- Be Deaf or Hard of Hearing and use sign language as a primary mode of communication.
- Meet the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) criteria for treatment in a Chemical Dependency program.
- Make financial arrangements through state Medicaid, private insurance, or other agency resources for treatment. NWDAC staff will assist with coordinating financial arrangements.
- To download the full pre-screening form for potential patients please visit: [www.nwdac.org](http://www.nwdac.org)

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Specialized Recovery Services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Individuals

A program offered by:  
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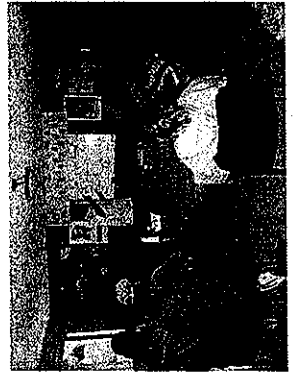
Northwest Deaf Addiction Center is an alcohol and drug treatment program designed to meet the needs of Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals who use sign language as their primary mode of communication. We offer outpatient and day treatment services as well as a group living environment.

For many years the Deaf and Hard of Hearing addicts and alcoholics in the Northwest and throughout much of the country did not have resources for treatment, in their own language, when alcohol and drugs were impacting their lives... but now they do.

NWDAC has a multi-disciplinary team approach to promote and enhance positive life changes.

## **NWDAC Provides:**

- A safe place to recover physically
- A nurturing place to recover spiritually
- An opportunity to establish a recovering peer support network
- An chance to recover self-esteem and see the good in others
- An opportunity to reconnect with the deaf community
- A place to acquire the tools of life
- A variety of community support meetings provided in ASL or interpreted



## **Services Provided**

- Staff trained to understand Deaf culture and the unique needs of Deaf alcoholics and addicts.
- Communication focus is American Sign Language (ASL).
- Culturally appropriate drug and alcohol assessments.
- Individualized treatment plans developed to meet patient needs.
- Individual and group counseling to facilitate the process of learning about the principles of recovery, relapse prevention and aftercare planning.
- Case management that will connect the individual to mental health, educational, vocational, independent living and health resources.
- Family and friends to be involved in education and counseling as needed.
- NWDAC has collaborated with community resources to offer parenting classes at the center. These classes are taught by a Deaf educator specially trained to conduct these classes.
- NWDAC offers gender specific anger management classes. These classes focus on step by step methods to learn and apply anger management techniques.

**Our dream to expand is now a reality.**



We are pleased to announce our move to a new, state of the art, 16 bed facility. This facility is specifically designed to meet the communication and technical needs of Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals.



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