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Announcing RSLA

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the new RRCD



Name Change



Proposed Name Change

Current

Regional Resource Center on Deafness

Proposed

Research and Resource Center with Deaf* communities (RRCD)



*Deaf - The RRCD has adopted with minor adaptations, the definition of 'Deaf' that is used by the National Deaf Center (NDC). The RRCD is using the term *deaf* in an all-inclusive manner, to include people who may identify as D/deaf, DeafBlind, deaf-blind, deaf with additional disabilities, hard of hearing, late-deafened, and/or persons with unilateral/bilateral hearing loss. RRCD recognizes that for many individuals, identity is fluid and can change over time or with setting. RRCD has chosen to use one term, Deaf, with the goal of recognizing experiences that are shared by all members of our diverse communities while also honoring all of our differences. Source: <https://www.nationaldeafcenter.org/defining-deaf>



New Mission

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Current Mission Statement

The mission of the Western Oregon University Regional Resource Center on Deafness is to prepare professionals in the Northwest to be qualified to serve the unique communication, rehabilitation, and educational needs of deaf and hard of hearing children and adults. To that end, the Center offers:

- graduate and undergraduate degree programs for professionals entering fields that serve people who are deaf or hard of hearing,
- continuing education opportunities for currently practicing professionals, and
- consultation and community service activities designed to enhance the quality of life for all citizens who are hard of hearing or deaf.



Proposed Mission Statement

RRCD supports Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard of Hearing individuals by engaging students, professionals, and other stakeholders in practices, advocacy, research, and training.



New Goals

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Proposed Goal Statement

The RRCD is committed to doing our PART through goals in:

Practices:

RRCD is committed to transforming ethical, reflective, and dynamic practices through application of evidence-based solutions.

Advocacy:

RRCD will provide resources to increase the provision of research, scholarship, and educational materials.

Research:

RRCD aims to be recognized as a center of excellence for innovative research and programming.

Training:

RRCD will continue to provide educational opportunities and programming focused on the Deaf, DeafBlind and Hard of Hearing communities.



Save the Date!

**1st Annual
Kick Off Forum
October 23, 2019
3 - 5pm**

