



# OUR SPEAKER

Anita Dowd

Anita Dowd, deaf since childhood, is the Executive Staff Advisor at the Kentucky Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Not only is she an advocate for the deaf and hard of hearing community in her professional life, but as the mother of two girls who also have a hearing loss, she is also extremely passionate about promoting awareness of various deaf and hard of hearing issues in her personal life as well.

Though she has lived with a hearing loss since a young age, it wasn't until she became an adult and had two children with a hearing loss that she truly recognized and understood the diverse issues that deaf and hard of hearing people face today. She advocates a multi-faceted approach to these issues as she firmly believes that there is no "one size fits all" solution to the barriers that deaf and hard of hearing individuals face in their lives.

She is passionate about working with families who have deaf and hard of hearing children and is the current president of the Kentucky Chapter of Hands & Voices and serves on the Hands & Voices Headquarters board.

Anita stays busy presenting across the U.S. Her favorite pastime is talking so she loves the opportunity to talk to everyone. She has presented on numerous topics related to hearing loss, anything from Advocacy to the Whole Child.



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