

# Bridging The Gap

In Mental Healthcare For All, Including Our Deaf, Hard of Hearing, & Deafblind  
In Washington State

*With A Prescribing Psychologist (Rxp) Credential*

## ACCESS TO CULTURALLY COMPETENT CARE

Hearing patients were **two times more likely** to secure medical appointments than deaf patients.

Schniedewind et al., 2021



### FACT

Around 1 million people in the U.S. use ASL as their primary language, but fewer than 10% of providers are proficient.

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Prescribing psychologists bridge the mental healthcare gap by providing both therapy and medication management tailored to individual needs.

## IMPROVED MENTAL HEALTH OUTCOMES

Deaf individuals are at higher risk for mental health disorders, with studies showing a prevalence of depression in **up to 50%** of Deaf adults.

Kuenberg et al., 2016

## STREAMLINED TREATMENT

Integrated care combining therapy & medication management can **reduce drop-out rates by up to 30%**, especially in the Deaf community.

Pollard et al., 2014




Prescribing psychologists offer a more holistic approach to mental health, simplifying the treatment process for DHHDB.

25% of Adults in  
WA Have a  
Disability



Nearly Half of WA  
State's Counties Don't  
Have A Psychiatrist

Smart, Safe, Proven  Support RxP Legislation!

Prescribing psychologists have safely prescribed for over 30 years in multiple US states and Federal agencies!