

# ALICE BRENDA WELLEN

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## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Now retired Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing with 34+ years of combined experience as a teacher and teacher's assistant in public school and the Regional Day School Program for the Deaf. Dedicated to working with students, parents, and other professionals in the field of Deaf Education. Certified in Texas as a Special Education Teacher for grades PreK-12; Education of the Deaf grades PreK-12; and qualified Parent-Infant Advisor for parents of newly identified babies with a hearing difference. Currently serving as a contracted Itinerant Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing for Santa Anna ISD, Santa Anna, Texas.

## EDUCATION

Texas Woman's University – Denton, Texas

**May 2018** Master of Science, Deaf Education  
Certified Reading Specialist

Angelo State University – San Angelo, Texas

**May 1994** Bachelor of Arts, English

## EXPERIENCE

Supporting Success for Children with Hearing Loss | [www.successforkidswithhearingloss.com](http://www.successforkidswithhearingloss.com)

*Executive Director*    October 2019 - Present

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**Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing**    August 1995 – May 2024

- Plan and implement individualized programming for all in-district identified deaf and hard of hearing students aged infant through high school, including professional development and collaboration with teaching professionals from over a dozen SAISD campuses.
- Oversee and provide communication access for students and parents such as sign language interpreting services.
- Collaborate with Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) specialists to provide services to the parents of newly identified deaf and hard of hearing infants aged birth to 3.
- Collaborate with local, state, and federal agencies such as Health and Human Services (HHS); Mental Health and Intellectual and Disability Authority (MHMR); and Texas Workforce Commission regarding student transition from ECI to school setting and from high school to post-high school employment and housing.
- Instruct general education teachers and parents in the use of assistive technology.
- Collaborate with medical professionals regarding evaluations to provide educational programming.

- Perform, prepare, and interpret initial evaluation and ongoing assessments of students' progress for Admission, Review, Dismissal (ARD) meetings.
- Plan, organize, and execute community and statewide events.

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*Teacher's Assistant August 1987- May 1992*

- Assist Teacher of the Deaf in classroom implementation of goals and objectives. Interpret for deaf and hard of hearing students in various settings in and out of classroom.

## SKILLS

- Working knowledge of Word, Publisher, Excel, Google Docs, Live Binders, Email
- Design marketing materials using several platforms and software.
- Update and maintain 2 social media accounts, 3 websites
- Write reports, articles, basic grants
- Knowledge and use of American Sign Language and Signing Exact English
- Event planning – equipment rental, soliciting donations, letters to participants, delegation of duties, registration, floor plans, budgeting, communicating with artists/presenters, hiring staff and finding volunteers.

## AFFILIATIONS

- Creator, Event Coordinator – West Texas Deaf Olympics, 2005 to present.
- Committee Member - Planning Committee for Imagination Texas Special Weekend for the Deaf, 2008 to 2023.
- Vendor/Exhibitor Chair – Planning Committee for Statewide Conference on Education of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, 2008 to present.
- Teacher - Summer Youth Programs, San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, 2012 to 2019.
- Toastmasters, Vice President of Education, 2010
- Presenter – Supporting Success for Children with Hearing Loss Virtual Conference 2021, 2023, 2025; Statewide Conference on Education of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, 2018, 2024; Rose F. Spicola Forum in Reading, 2018; Illinois Teachers of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Conference, 2024.
- Writer, Website Updating – Supporting Success for Children with Hearing Loss

## AWARDS

- Teacher of the Year, Texas Association of Parents and Educators of the Deaf, 2006
- Parent Teacher Organization Lifetime Member, Santa Rita Elementary