Welcome and Opening Remarks
HLAA – Washington Community Day 2026

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Welcome All to Our
2026 Hearing Loss Community Day

Taking Charge of Your Hearing Loss

This meeting is being recorded

Available Communication Access

Switch hearing instrument to t-coil program or use available headphones

Open captions on screens and available on your smartphone—see link on the agenda

American Sign Language interpreters near large screen

If you need a listening break

The Mehdi Reading Room

Wyncote NW Forum Lobby

The Great Hall

Thank you!

Everyone who made Community Day possible!

Presenters and Panelists

Technology Leads

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Our many volunteers – today and every day!

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Washington State
Department of Social
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and Hard of Hearing

Thank you all for being here

Community is the heart, soul, and power behind HLAA-Washington

Let's Meet Our Community

Cynthia Stewart

Hearing Loss Hero Extraordinaire

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HLAA-WA President & Secretary

HLAA-WA Legislative Liaison & Leader

Service and Advocacy Awards Recipient

Colleague and Friend

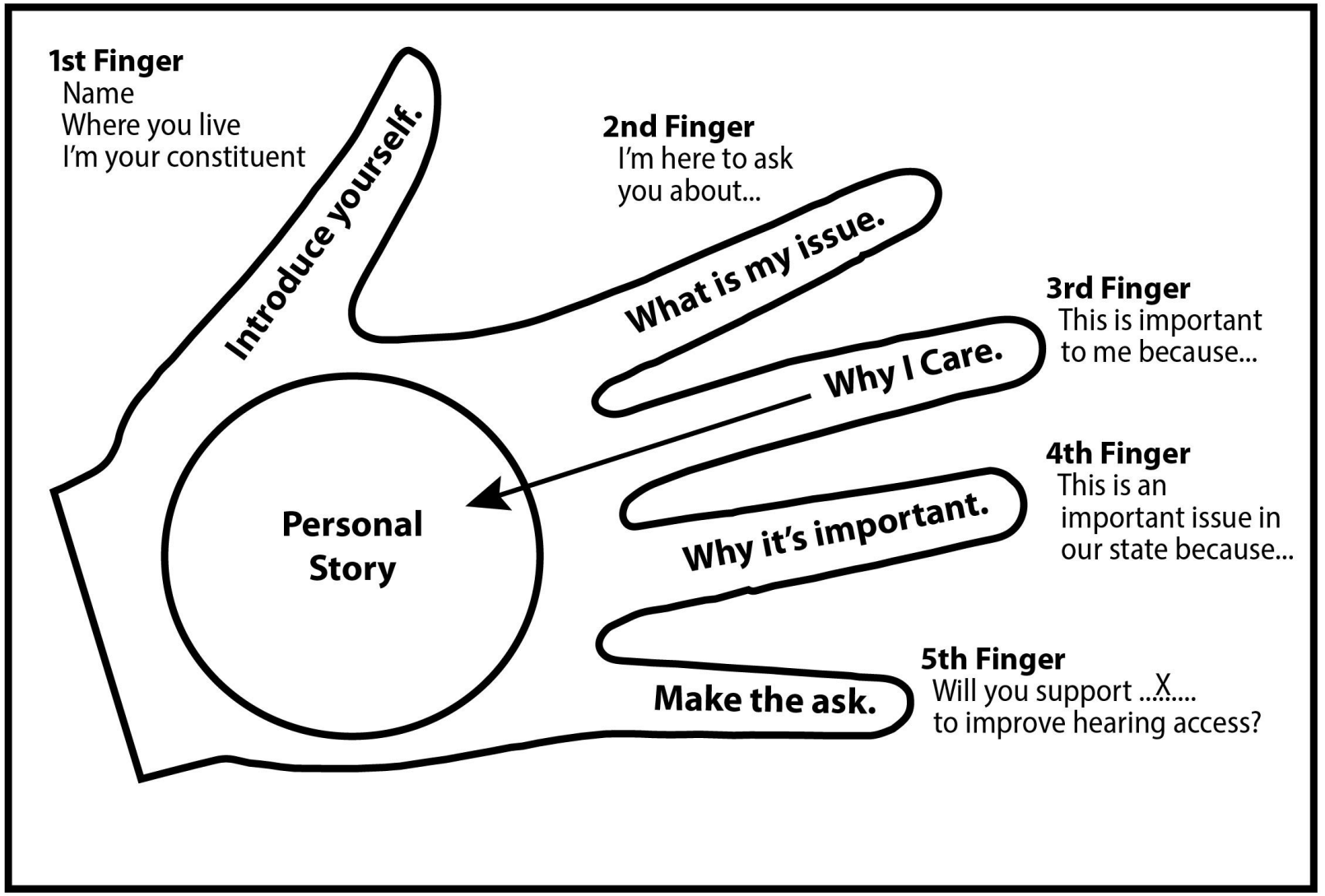
Victories for People with Hearing Loss

Advocating to a congressional committee via Zoom

- John Waldo Act: more open-caption movies in more theaters at better times
- Improved hearing aid coverage for private insurance
- Bluetooth and Telecoil Notification Law
- Open captions on public televisions
- Restoration of hearing aid coverage for adults on Medicaid

Cynthia's Legacy

A handy guide to craft your advocacy message



How HLAA-Washington Serves our Community

Advocacy

Support

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Information

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May is BIG

Older Americans Month

GiveBIG
Annual Day of Giving

Better Hearing Month

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A Fabulous Day Ahead

Taking Charge of Your Hearing Loss

Ann Thomas
Keynote Speaker

Hearing Technology Demos

Greg Bawden on Self-Advocacy

Panel: The Power of Community