

A Rallying Cry: We Need All Your HANDS & VOICES

In your family, do you talk or sign? Or cue? Whatever you do, we need you. If you are directly, indirectly, or potentially involved with children who are deaf or hard of hearing and their families, we need you. We need to be united by our hands and our voices. We are parents, professionals, adult mentors, consumers, and others who are in so many ways connected to a cause and to each other through the community of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. We are Hands & Voices.



Our philosophy of unbiased support makes Hands & Voices unique among Deaf/HH organizations. There are many wonderful organizations that provide support and information about methods and modes of communication, but at Hands & Voices, we rally around the need to improve educational outcomes for our kids, and to enhance their quality of life.

Our organization is parent-driven, but highly collaborative with professionals who are represented on our advisory board, and make up approximately one third of our membership. We work at both the local and national levels. Our state chapters provide local and regional support consistent with the Hands & Voices non-biased philosophy and mission. In addition to family support, we strive to be meaningfully involved at the systems development level.

Whether we're at work locally or nationally, Hands & Voices continues to be driven by the need to improve the educational outcomes and quality of life for children who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Be a part of this dynamic movement....become a Hands & Voices member today!



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*What Works
for your Child
is What Makes
the Choice Right™*

*Non-biased support for families of
children who are deaf
and hard of hearing*

www.handsandvoices.org

Parent Support and Advocacy for Children who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Our Mission:

Hands and Voices is dedicated to supporting families with children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing without a bias around communication modes or methodology. We're a parent-driven, non-profit organization providing families with the resources, networks, and information they need to improve communication access and educational outcomes for their children. Our outreach activities, parent/professional collaboration, and advocacy efforts are focused on enabling Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing children to reach their highest potential.



What People say about Hands & Voices:

"Hands & Voices supported my personal decision about my son and how he would learn to communicate with the world as a deaf person. Hands & Voices did not judge, but supported my choice."

Shirley Swope,
parent and advocate, Colorado

"Hands & Voices is what our state has been waiting for. I had several requests for specific information which sent me scrambling for some appropriate resources and information. Hands & Voices was where I found it."

Lorna Irwin,
parent and consultant, Idaho

"For too long we have debated what communication mode is best, rather than work to provide the variety of options necessary to meet the diverse needs of deaf/hh children. The broad vision of Hands & Voices comes at exactly the right time."

Lawrence Siegel, Esq.
National Deaf Education Project

Hands & Voices Areas of Focus Include:

- Parent - to - Parent Support
- Guide by your Side Program
- Deaf Ed Reform - Educational Excellence
- "Medical Home" Initiative
- Full & effective Communication Access
- Hearing Aid Coverage by Insurance Companies
- Universal Newborn Hearing Systems
- Parent/Professional Collaboration
- Deaf/HH Adult Mentoring
- Parent Education and Support
- Deaf Child's Bill of Rights
- Natural Environments, Least Restrictive Environment
- Communication Choice Making
- Meaningful Parent Involvement
- Educational Advocacy and Training



Hands & Voices Resources Include:

- The Resource Guide for Parents
- Quarterly publication, "The Communicator"
- www.handsandvoices.org
- Lending Library
- IEP Facilitation/Advocacy Support
- Public Speakers Bureau
- State Chapters Affiliate Support
- "We are Hands & Voices" video
- Statewide workshops
- Legislative advocacy
- Parent perspective representation on statewide/national issues
- Regional Parent Coordinators
- Spanish Speaking parent coordinator
- Unilateral Hearing Loss parent Coordinator
- Teacher/professional pre-service and in-service training
- Deaf /HH Adult Role Models

Tell us Who You Are

We invite you to become a member of Hands & Voices. Your membership benefits include: the quarterly Hands & Voices newspaper, *THE COMMUNICATOR*; reduced fees to attend workshops; advocacy assistance priority, website.



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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

Mail this form to: Hands & Voices, PO Box 3093, Boulder CO 80307 or to the H&V Chapter in your State. (see www.handsandvoices.org for a complete list)

Sign up for:	Price
<input type="checkbox"/> Parent of deaf/ hh child*	\$25.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Deaf or hard of hearing adult	\$25.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Student	\$25.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Professional	\$40.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Organization / agency	\$50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional Donation	_____

Subtotal: _____

*Scholarships available for parents check here _____

Total: _____

Name _____

Address _____

Children's Ages _____

Phone _____

Method of Payment

- Check Visa
 Scholarship - Parent Mastercard

Credit Card #: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Signature: _____