

# Supporting Families Virtually

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**AMCHP**  
ASSOCIATION OF MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH PROGRAMS

## Working With Families Virtually

Join us for a conversation on working with families virtually and an opportunity to connect with colleagues on strategies to engage and support telehealth efforts.

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# Hands & Voices

## Family Leadership in Language and Learning



Support EHDl  
Programs in Meeting  
Their Objectives

Be a Technical  
Resource Center to  
Increase Family  
Engagement/  
Leadership/Support

Increase Numbers  
of Parents Trained  
to Serve as Family  
Leaders in EHDl  
Systems

Sustain Collaborative  
Partnerships with EHDl  
Programs/Stakeholders



# We Are Hands & Voices

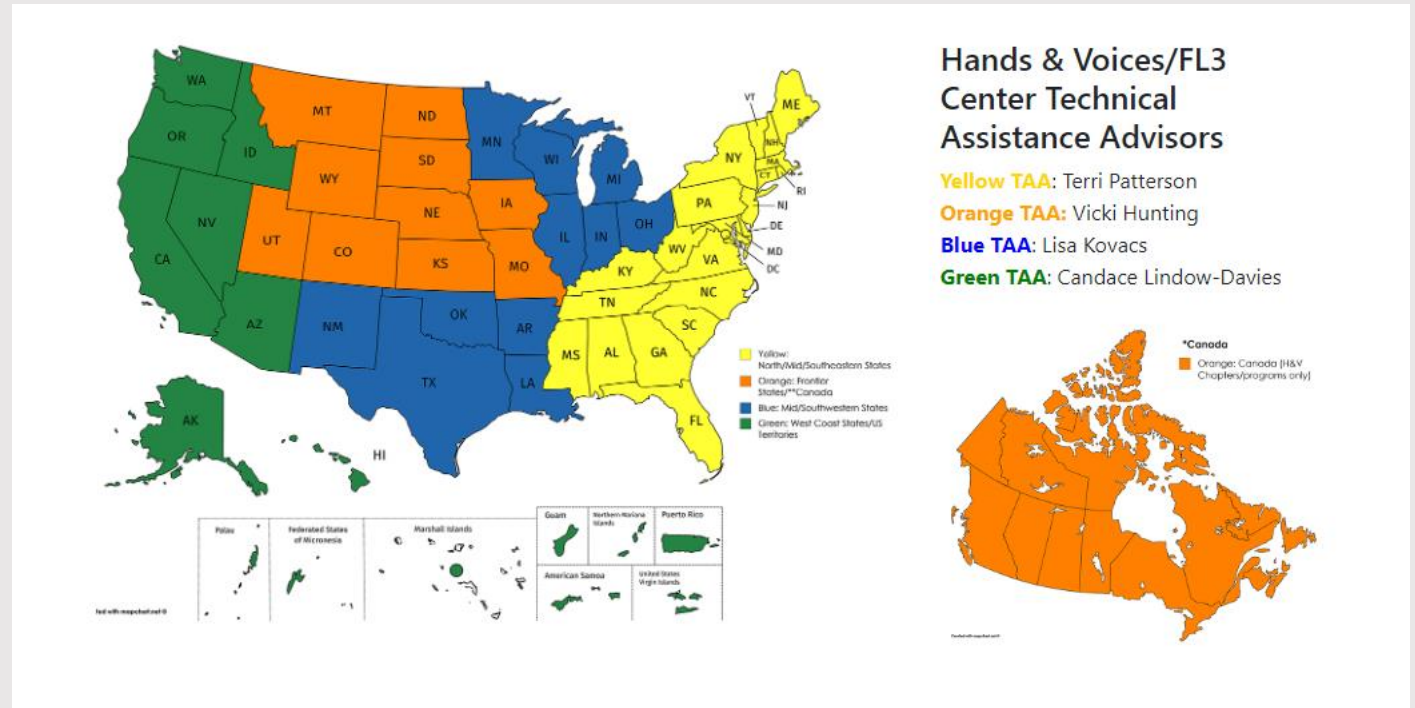
- Grassroots Flagship Chapter in Colorado grew into HQ assisting 45 Chapters supporting families raising children who are deaf/hard of hearing/DHH+ and influencing the systems who serve those families
  - Open to all families with children with any hearing difference (unilateral, bilateral, congenital, late onset, diversity of educational placement, use of tech or not, communication and language choice, additional needs, etc.



# USA-Focused Supports

## Goals in a Nutshell

- Support Chapters and Family-based organizations who serve DHH families
  - Family to Family Support
  - Deaf/HH Adult to Family Support
- Grow more Parent Leaders reflecting diverse families (DEIA Plan)
  - Leadership Training
  - Technical Assistance



# Hands & Voices HQ Types of Support



## Invest in All Four Types of **Parent Support**



01

### One on One



Guide By Your Side support  
Experienced Parent Connections  
Facilitated Connections  
Virtual-Email-Text-Messaging-Phone-In-Person  
ASTra request (Educational Advocacy)

02

### Passive



Signing up for email blasts, following websites and pages, following YouTube, Fact and Tipsheets, parent roadmaps, new parent packets, Resource Guides, Funding Toolkits

03

### Groups: Workshops, Social Events, Social Media Groups



Gather virtually or in-person to learn from "the wisdom among us": panel discussions, O.U.R. Children's Safety calls, Moms' Night Inn or similar events, topical discussions, ASTra or L2L courses, short-term projects

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### Anonymous



Following the Raising a Deaf/Hard of Hearing Child Blog, The H&V App, Virtual Waiting Room, The H&V Podcast, following social media, H&V Online Academy Courses



<https://handsandvoices.org>

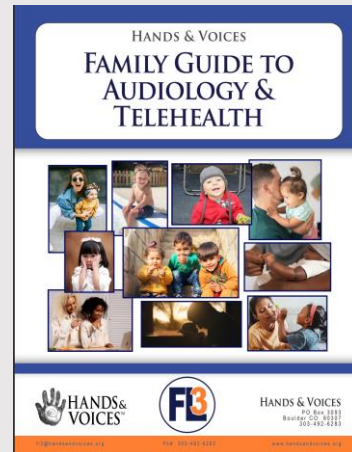


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# Virtual Waiting Room



- Telehealth Information
- Family Guide to Audiology & Telehealth
- Loss & Found Video
- Browse the Brochures
- Self-care Station
- Family to Family Support
- “Ask a Parent Guide”



# Parent App

## New App for Families with Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children



Four key components of support every day for 90 days:

- Wisdom from a parent
- Wisdom from a Deaf/Hard of hearing Adult
- One article to read
- One website/resource to explore





# Language, Literacy, and Social Development Parent Tip Sheets

## Eight Reasons to Say Yes to EI

The collage displays eight 'Parent Tip Sheets' and one 'Family Activity Plan' from the Florida Department of Education. The tip sheets are organized into two rows of four. The top row includes 'Cognitive Development', 'Early Literacy Development', 'Language Phonology', and 'Language Pragmatics'. The bottom row includes 'Language Semantics', 'Social Emotional Development', 'Language Syntax & Morphology', and 'Visual Language Development'. Each sheet features a title, a brief introduction, and a list of tips for parents. The 'Family Activity Plan' is a separate sheet with a title, a list of activities, and a section for parents to write down their own ideas.

**8** Reasons to say **YES** to Early Intervention for your child who is Deaf/Hard of Hearing(D/HH)  
...What are you waiting for?

**1. \*Early Intervention is worth the time**

Early Intervention (EI) will help you incorporate language development and needed supports for your child into your daily routines. Research shows early involvement can help your child avoid language delays. Starting EI now will help you and your child on the path to future success.

**2. We are in this together**

Feeling overwhelmed or isolated? Professionals and other parents of D/HH kids can share this journey with you and support you. A whole community is ready to embrace you. Hearing other families' experiences can help you think ahead through your own journey.

**3. Early Involvement will help**

your other family members

In English and Spanish



## HQ Virtual (Live) Opportunities

### Parent Leader Skill Development:

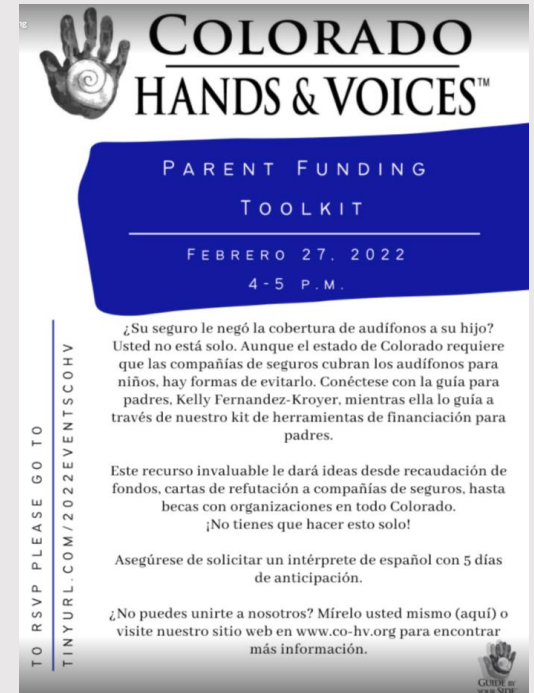
- [2022-23 FL3 Office Hours](#)
- [Flipped Classroom Topics for DHH Parent Leaders](#)
- [Leadership Book Clubs](#)
- [L2L Leadership Program](#) – [Webinar April 7<sup>th</sup>!](#)
- [O.U.R. Children's Safety 9 gatherings/year](#)
- [Parent to Parent Committee Projects](#)
- [Latino Community Forum](#)

### Parents:


- Facebook Groups: [Fostering Joy for Families](#), [Fostering Joy for Professionals](#), [DHH Plus](#), [Military](#), [Unilateral](#), etc.

# Hands & Voices Chapter Virtual Support

- Virtual events
- One-on-one support
- Guide By Your Side (24 programs)
- ASTra (Educational Advocacy) Q&A (14 programs)
- 5K Race Fundraiser
- Moms' Night Inn – reimaged virtually
- Camps
- DHH Adult Support (panels, 1:1, booksharing events)
- Social media private groups: Deaf + Autism, Spanish, Unilateral, etc.



# Sample Chapter Events and Virtual Supports

 **Texas Hands & Voices**  
May 3 at 11:00 AM · 🌐

Join us today!!! Starts in 1 hour!

Join us today for May Tuesday Topics!!! Today, May 3rd at 12:00 /CST, Live on the Texas Hands & Voices Facebook page.

Meet Emily Burke and Nicole Horn co-directors of the Tarrant County Mom's matter group! Learn all about their support group and get some tips to start your own! ... See more

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## May Tuesday Topics


Texas Hands & Voices Facebook page  
<https://www.facebook.com/TXHandV>

Join us on May 3rd at 12:00/CST. This month's Tuesday Topics guests are Nicole Horn and Emily Burke!

**Mom's Matter**  
Emily Burke Nicole Horn

Supermoms in Tarrant County that currently serve as co-directors for the Mom's Matter Group. Learn about their support group and take away ideas to start one where you live!





 **Manos y Voces Arizona**  
Presenta:

## La Hora del Cuento

Acompáñenos para una hora de lectura y música. Aprenderán a leerle a su hijo sordo o con pérdida auditiva.  
Presentado el libro:  
*Don Pardo, Don Pardo, ¿Qué Ves Ahí?*



**Sábado  
21 de mayo, 2022  
10 a.m.**

Zoom ID: 864 2787 9846  
Passcode: 703266

Subtítulos en español serán disponibles  
Para pedir interprete de lenguaje de señas americanas:

Illinois Hands & Voices Guide By Your Side

## DAD'S MEETING OTHER DAD'S



**Wednesday April 27, 2020  
8:00PM — 9:00PM**

Join us for an informal Zoom meeting to get to meet other dads of children who are deaf/hard of hearing across Illinois.  
All dad's or father figures of children who are deaf/hard of hearing are welcome to join this safe space to talk about you and your kids.

**REGISTER TODAY:** 

<https://s4.formsite.com/rnRZR/q2oivm8ux/index.html>

You must register to receive a zoom link to attend the event. ADA requests must be made within 1 week of the event, **don't delay — register today!**

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"What works for your child is what makes the choice right."  




# *Sneak Peek at New Resources!*

[Hands & Voices Podcast](#)

[Hands & Voices Online Academy](#)

- D/HH Adult to Family Support
- H&V LEAD Course
- Data Collection 101





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