Supporting Families Virtually

H & V HQ /FL3 Center

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Family Leadership in Language and Learning

Support EHDI 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 EHDI Systems

Sustain Collaborative Partnerships with EHDI Programs/Stakeholders

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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
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

04 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

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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

In English and Spanish
Parent Leader Skill Development:

• **2022-23 FL3 Office Hours**
• **Flipped Classroom Topics for DHH Parent Leaders**
• **Leadership Book Clubs**
• **L2L Leadership Program – Webinar April 7th!**
• **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 – reimagined 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
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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