

Research indicates that the single most important factor in predicting successful outcomes of newly identified deaf and hard-of-hearing babies in early intervention is the active participation of their parents.

(Yoshinaga-Itano, Coulter & Thomson, 2000)

If you have questions or want more information please let us know.

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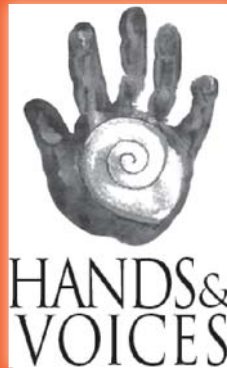
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What Makes the Choice Right"*



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Who We Are ...

We are parents of ASL signers, cued speech users...parents of kids with cochlear implants, hearing aids or total communicators...we are people who have common interests connected through the community of deafness. Hands & Voices is a safe place to explore options, get unemotional support (although we can be emotional about it!), learn from one another and share what we have in common. We value diversity and honor the role of parents and family as the single greatest factor in raising a well-adjusted, successful kid.

Hands & Voices is a non-profit, parent-driven national organization dedicated to supporting families of children who are deaf or hard of hearing. We are **non-biased** about communication methodologies and believe that families can make the best choices for their child if they have access to good information and support.



Why We're Here ...

Regardless of communication choices, we are here to work together to improve educational outcomes for our kids in order to improve their quality of life. We focus on areas of interest that are common to all parents of deaf or hard of hearing children, and include these values...

- We all want the best for our deaf and hard of hearing kids.
- We deserve respect and honor for our role as parents/families.
- We require a beneficial, successful educational experience for our kids.
- We need information from a wide variety of sources.
- We want to know about opportunities and resources.
- We need training and support to become effective advocates for our kids.
- We are stronger when united by our common interests than divided by differing communication choices.
- We strive to be meaningfully involved in development of the systems that impact our kids.



How You Can Join Us ...

We invite you to become a member of KY Hands & Voices. We currently do not have an annual membership fee but welcome donations that help us to keep our organization afloat. Any donation you wish to make is tax deductible and greatly appreciated.

Please fill out the following information and return this to us so that we can add you to our mailing list. You will receive a quarterly newsletter as well as periodic email announcements of upcoming meetings and events. Your contact information will not be shared.

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Name _____

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Parent Deaf/HH adult Student
 Professional Organization/Agency
 Other _____