



# Washington Hands & Voices

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Who is  
Washington Hands & Voices?

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# Our Chapter

- ▶ We are part of the International Hands & Voices family
- ▶ Washington H&V chapter  
Established in 2007



"What works for your child, makes the choice right"

# Board, Staff and Volunteers

- Collaborative group of parents AND professionals
- Dedicated to supporting families with children who are deaf, hard-of-hearing, or deaf-blind

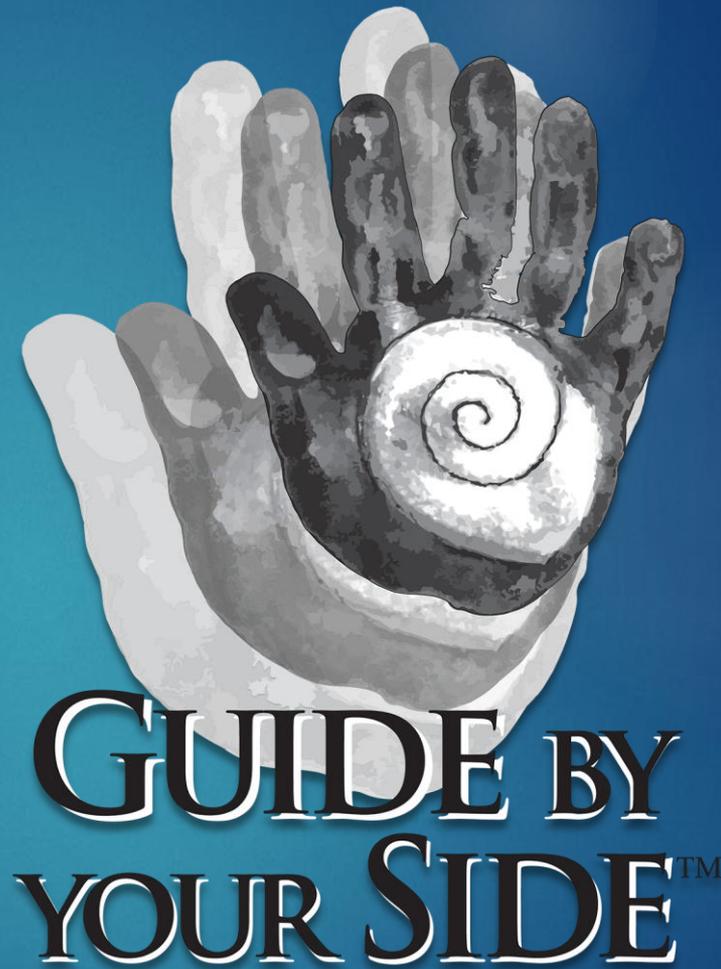




## Three Pillars of Family Support

- Guide By Your Side program
- Family Events and Workshops
- Advocacy and Leadership

Offers 1-1  
support  
through our  
Guide By  
Your Side  
Program



# Our Parent Guide Team



Melissa



Bernadine



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Elizabeth



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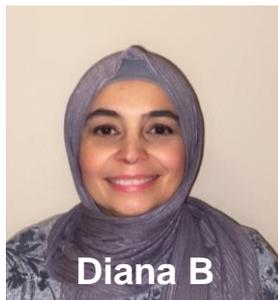
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What does the  
Guide By Your Side  
Program do?

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# Outcomes of connecting with a Parent Guide



WELL-BEING



KNOWLEDGE



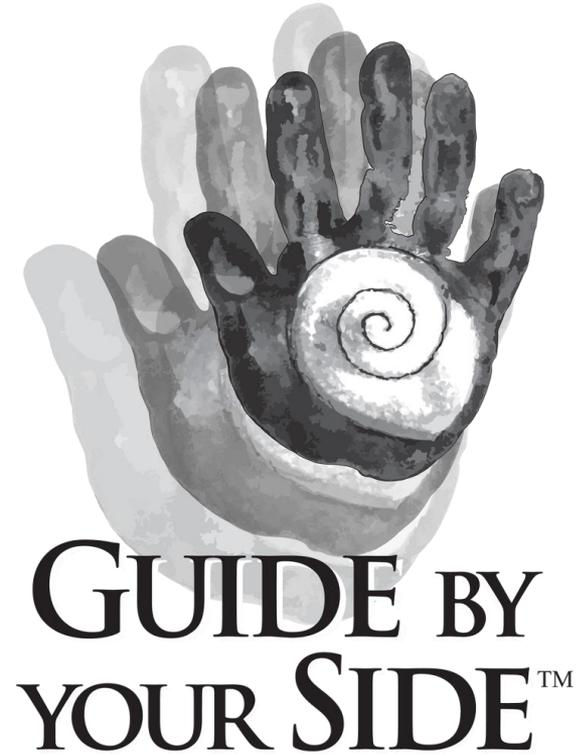
EMPOWERMENT

Ensuring Equity for our families and their children

# Joint Committee for Infant hearing

Goal 9: “All Families Will Have Access to Other Families Who Have Children Who Are D/HH and Who Are Appropriately Trained to Provide Culturally and Linguistically Sensitive Support, Mentorship, and Guidance”

<http://www.jcih.org/JCIH-2007-Position-Statement-Supplement.pdf>



**GUIDE BY  
YOUR SIDE™**

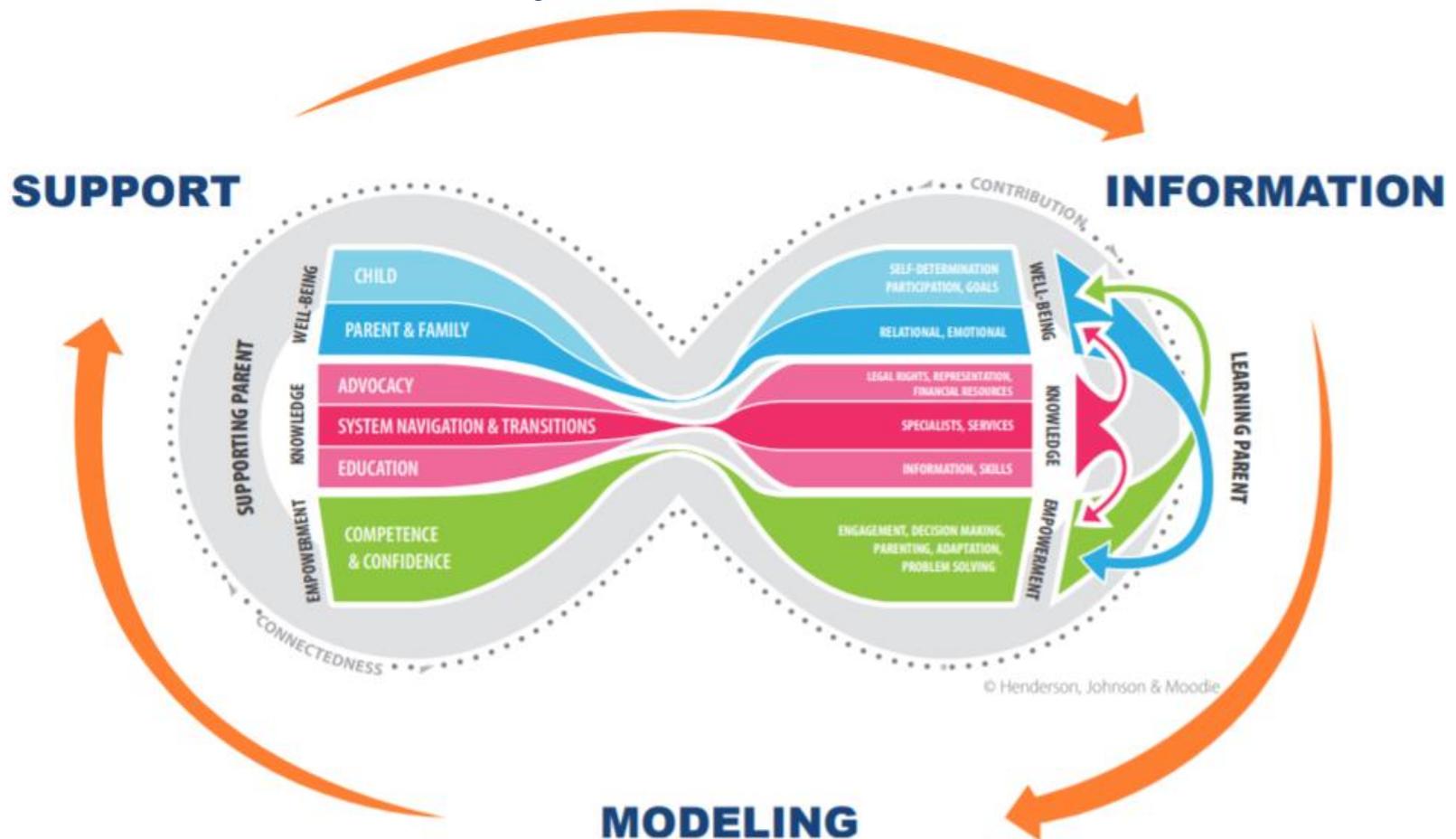
WA State EHDDI Learning Community: Best practices: Family-centered Care and Communication

<https://wselc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/wselc-best-practices-family-centered-care-and-converstions.pdf>

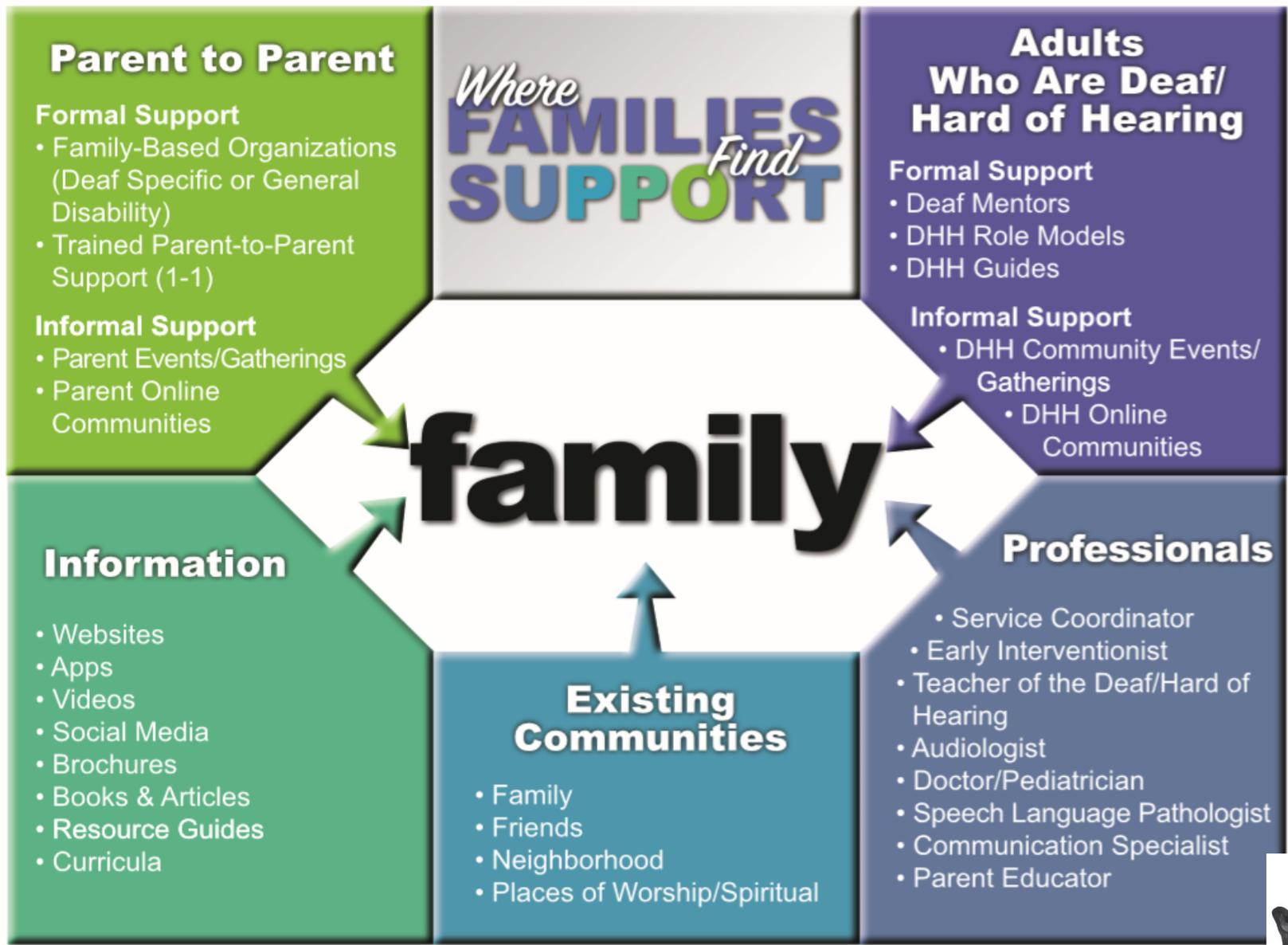
What do Parent Guides do?

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# Provide Support and Resources with the Family and Child in Mind



An Evidenced-Based Conceptual Framework of Parent-to-Parent Support  
<http://www.handsandvoices.org/fl3/media/webinar-11-2-2018.html>



# Our Parent Guide Support Includes

## Support Topics

Advocacy

Audiology

Communication/Language

Family/Child Rights

Literacy

New to the Journey

Technology

Transition

And more

## We guide a family

Decision-making

Advocacy/Leadership

Locating Resources

Connecting with others



# Connecting Families Events & Workshops



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<https://www.facebook.com/wahandsandvoices>

# Connecting with WA Hands & Voices



Welcome to our online

**Washington Hands & Voices  
Family Support Group**

Support for Parents and Caregivers of Children who are  
Deaf, Deaf-Blind and Hard of Hearing



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/WAHandsandVoicesFamilySupportGroup>

**WEBSITE:**

[WWW.WAHANDSANDVOICES.ORG](http://WWW.WAHANDSANDVOICES.ORG)

**Instagram:**

[washingtonhandsvoices](https://www.instagram.com/washingtonhandsvoices)

**Twitter:**

[WA\\_hands\\_voices](https://twitter.com/WA_hands_voices)

# What's Up Mondays

Oct –May

Parent Meetings on  
Zoom

Washington Hands & Voices

## What's Up MONDAY

For families of DHH children

**March 21 7-8 PM**

**Topic: Ways to Help our  
DHH Children Succeed**

**April 18 7-8 PM**

**Topic: Books for children  
who are DHH**

Join us - drop in or stay the whole time!  
Meet other families, ask questions, share  
support, celebrations and stories

Join via Zoom <https://zoom.us/join>

Meeting ID: 969 5934 3692

Passcode: whatsapp

ASL Interpreted



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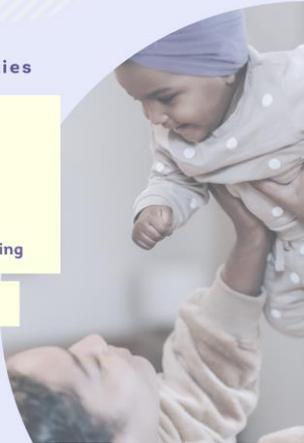
A Webinar for New Families

# Starting Out

on the journey of parenting a child who is Deaf or Hard of Hearing

MAY 4 • 6:00 - 7:15 PM

It's easy to get confused when learning about your child's needs after discovering they are deaf or hard of hearing.



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A Webinar for Families of Children who are Deaf/Hard of Hearing

# TRANSITION FROM EARLY INTERVENTION

6:00-7:30 PM

What does transition from Early Intervention look like for your family and child who is Deaf/Hard of Hearing?

This workshop will offer key concepts to help you learn about the transition from early intervention process as it relates to children who are Deaf/Hard of Hearing

## Workshop Outcomes:

- Recognize Family Centered vs. Child centered services
- List considerations for Special Education eligibility
- Describe how incidental learning relates to DHH children
- Identify resources to help you during this process

## Presented by

Christine Griffin- WA Hands & Voices  
Kris Ching and Rebecca Butz-Houghton  
Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Youth

## Join via Zoom

This workshop will be recorded  
<https://zoom.us/join>  
Meeting ID: 956 6794 9149 Passcode: Transition

ASL INTERPRETING PROVIDED  
For all other accommodations contact Christine Griffin [ghyis@washandsandvoices.org](mailto:ghyis@washandsandvoices.org) by May 10



**Cómo Ayudar a tu Hijo Amar La literatura**

**El Impacto del Lenguaje en la Lectura y Escritura...Todos los grados!**

PARA FAMILIAS CON HIJOS SORDOS O CON PERDIDA AUDITIVA

**MARTES 25 DE ENERO 6:30-8:00 PM**

PARA PARTICIPAR, REGISTRARSE HACIENDO CLICK EN ESTA LIGA  
<https://forms.gle/KSj6d4kLmE7ja38T>

PRESENTADO POR  
CATHY CORRADO, Centro para jóvenes sordos o con pérdida auditiva  
ANN CURRY, Escuelas Públicas de Seattle

INTERPRETACION DE ASL DISPONIBLE

CO-FINANCIADO POR WASHINGTON HANDS & VOICES Y EL CENTRO DE JOVENES SORDOS Y CON PERDIDA AUDITIVA

Washington Hands & Voices

Join us  
Friday, Nov 25 10:30-11:00 AM

**KIDS BOOK CLUB**

We will be reading the book,  
"Listening with My Heart"  
by Gobi Garcia  
followed by a fun activity

Facilitated by Deaf Teen, Priya Chohan

To attend  
<https://zoom.us/join>  
Meeting ID: 956 6794 9149  
Code: 9087

ASL interpreting provided

# Resources on WA Hands & Voices Website

Family  
Toolkit

Start  
Here

# Future Events

DHH Adult  
Panel

Starting Out  
Workshop for  
Latino Families

In Person  
Picnic



# Advocacy and Leadership

# Building Family Leadership and Advocacy

## Supporting Families

- Knowing their family Rights
- Transition from EI - Parent Input Form

## Workshops

- Educational Advocacy
- Understanding Family Rights

## Leadership Opportunities

- EHDDI Advisory Group
- Connecting with legislators
- Parent Training
- Attending Conferences

How do families connect  
with  
a Parent Guide?

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# EQUITY for Infants and Toddlers

Our families cannot achieve equity if they are left to contact us on their own.

Connecting families to Guide By Your Side at the following touchpoints:

During screening and diagnosis testing

At the time of identification

At the introduction of Early Intervention

During Early Intervention

6 months prior to transitioning from EI

# Connecting to GBYS

## Referral form

Providers can fill out a word document and Fax in

[Click here to download referral form](#)

## Online

Families can request support through our website

<https://wahandsandvoices.org/family-support/request-support/>

## Call/text

There is one number to call

425-268-7087



# Thank you

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