



Washington Hands & Voices

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Who is Washington Hands & Voices?

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

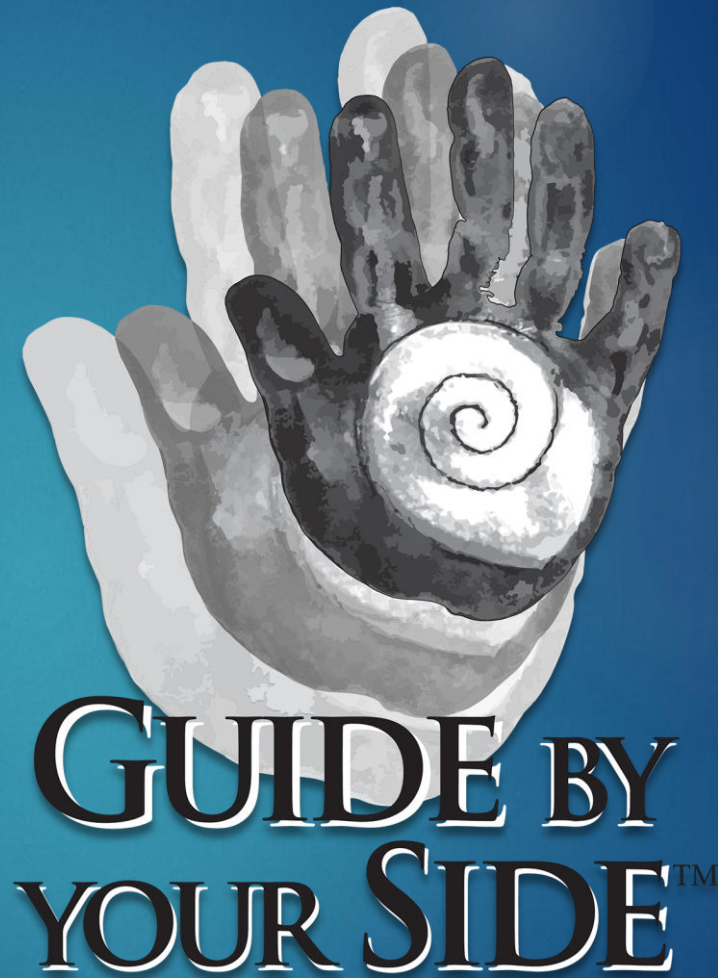




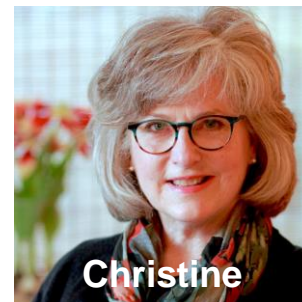
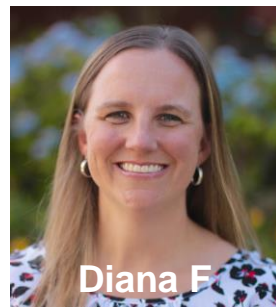
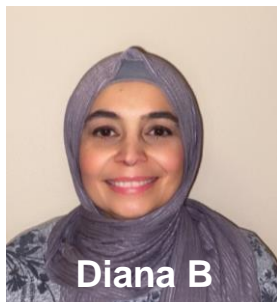
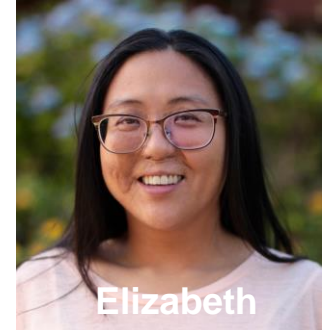
Three Pillars of Family Support

- 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



What does the
Guide By Your Side
Program do?

Outcomes of connecting with a Parent Guide



WELL-BEING



KNOWLEDGE



EMPOWERMENT

Ensuring Equity for our families and their children

Joint Committee for Infant hearing

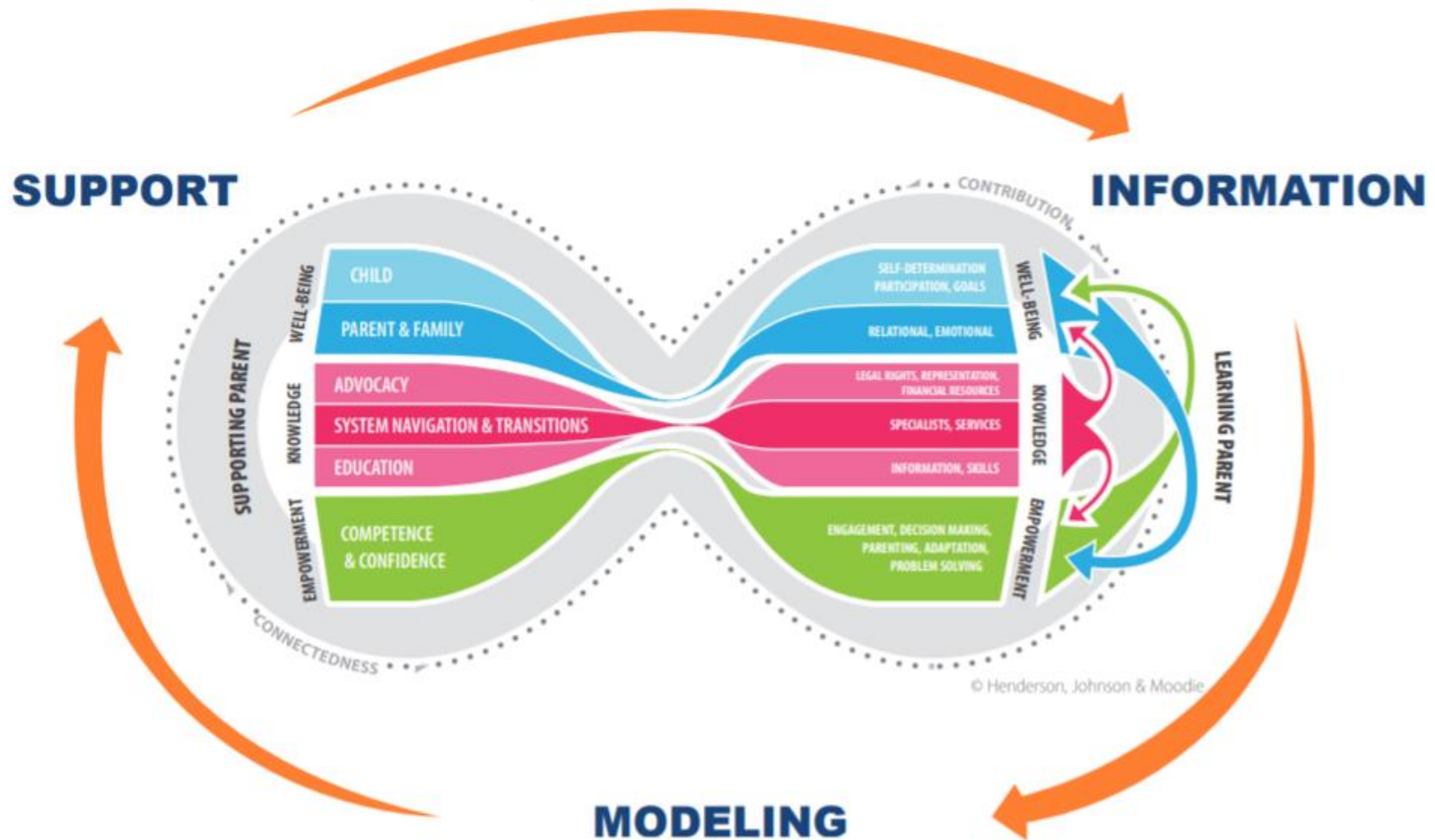
Goal 9: “All Families Will Have Access to Other Families Who Have Children Who Are D/HH and Who Are Appropriately Trained to Provide Culturally and Linguistically Sensitive Support, Mentorship, and Guidance”

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

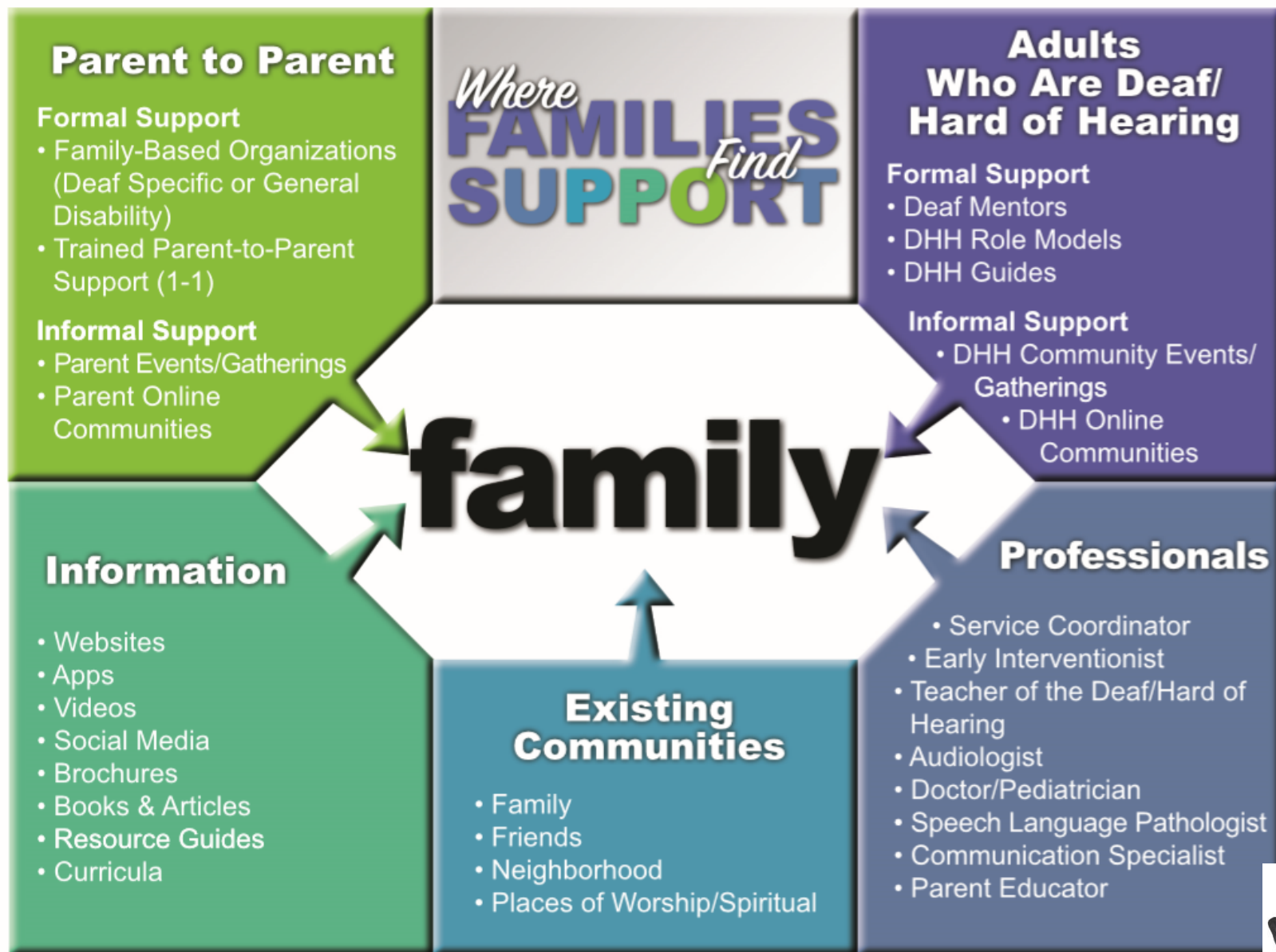


What do Parent Guides do?

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



Washington Hands & Voices

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



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>

Connecting with WA Hands & Voices

WEBSITE:

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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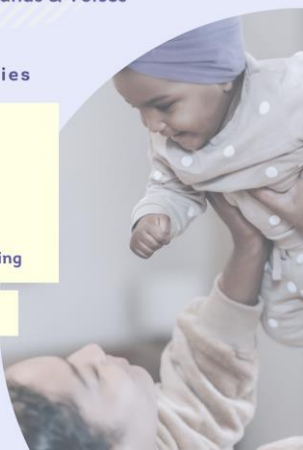
A Webinar for New Families

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
griffin@wahandsandvoices.org
by May 10



C D H Y

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, REGISTRESE HACIENDO CLICK EN ESTA LIGA
<https://forms.gle/KSjedukmK7Yja385>

PRESENTADO POR
CATHY CORRAO, Centro para jóvenes sordos y con pérdida auditiva
ANN CURRY, Sesiones Públicas de Seattle

INTERPRETACION DE ASL DISPONIBLE

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

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Join us
Friday, Nov 26 10:30-11:00 AM

KIDS BOOK CLUB

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

Facilitated by Deaf Teen, Priya Chohan

To attend:
<https://zoom.us/join>
Meeting ID: 956 6794 9149
Code: None!

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

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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?

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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Website
www.wahandsandvoices.org

