

Georgia



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Georgia Hands & Voices

“What works for your child is what makes the choice right.”™

Unbiased Support For Families With Children Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

Did you know that *“... studies suggest that parent-to-parent support encourages parents and provides parents with role models as they discover their capabilities as parents and families with a Deaf/Hard of Hearing child.”*

- Eleweke & Rodda, 2000; Jackson, Becker & Schmitendorf, 2002

OUR MISSION:

Georgia Hands & Voices is a parent driven organization that supports families with children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing without a bias around communication modes or methodology.

OUR VISION:

We envision a world where children who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing have every opportunity to achieve their full potential.

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Benefits of Membership

ASTra™ Program

The H&V Advocacy Support & Training (ASTra)™ Program provides support on the legal aspects of developing Individualized Education Programs (IEP). Trained parents then support other families during the IEP process in our state. For more info email: Deshonda@gahandsandvoices.org.



Family Connections

We connect families individually, through events and social media to provide effective parent-to-parent support.

Events

We host one large event annually for our member families to socialize and learn. We also co-host smaller events around the state, along with partnering with organizations.



The Population We Serve

- Conservative estimates indicate that 1-3 out of every 1,000 children born have some degree of hearing loss. (www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/hearingloss/data.html)
- Given Georgia's birthrate, this results in approximately 400 Georgian children born with hearing loss annually.
- While many of these children are not documented, the population we serve is large and grows every year.
- We also support families and professionals who support these children.

Thus, we have the potential to positively impact several thousand people through our annual programs.



GUIDE BY
YOUR SIDE™

Georgia Hands & Voices Guide By Your Side Program™

Providing unbiased, emotional support and resources to families of children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing by trained Parent Guides.

For more information:

www.gahandsandvoices.org/Guide_By_Your_Side



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Membership

Do you have a child who is D/HH? Are you an adult who is D/HH?
Do you work with a family who has a child who is D/HH?

THEN YOU ARE ALREADY A MEMBER OF GA HANDS & VOICES!

- With a **FREE** membership you receive a quarterly e-mail and e-Newsletter sharing information on statewide and national resources and events.
- With a \$25/family, \$40/professional or D/HH adult membership, you receive a quarterly subscription to "The Communicator," the Hands & Voices newspaper full of up-to-date research, personal interest and informational articles; free or reduced cost at GA H&V sponsored events and workshops; and free one-on-one advocacy support.