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Today may feel overwhelming, but it won't always feel this way. We are here for every step of the journey.

Need to talk to another parent?



Scan here to request support.

Resources

Advocacy



Support is provided **at no cost** to families, thanks to the generosity of donors and volunteers.

Free Mailing List

Scan the QR code for updates on events, resources, and family opportunities.



Parent Membership – \$25 per year

Annual Membership Includes:

- The Communicator quarterly newspaper
- Priority access to educational advocacy support
- Family Camp discount
- Discounts on select events
- ASTra Conference discount

Membership is not required to receive support.



En Español

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Support Our Mission

California Hands & Voices is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. Your tax-deductible donations help us provide support to more families. Every donation helps ensure that no family walks this journey alone.

Welcome. We're Glad You're Here.

Having a child who is Deaf or Hard of Hearing often brings many questions as you navigate your family's journey.

- Where do I begin?
- What is available for my child and our family?
- How do I navigate the school system?
- Where can I meet other families who understand?
- Is everything going to be okay?

You're not expected to have all the answers today.

California Hands & Voices is honored to walk beside you with encouragement, resources, and connections, and to welcome you into a village that understands.

We're Here to Support Your Family

Our programs include:

- Local Family Gatherings
- Advocacy, Support & Training (ASTra)
- Parent-to-Parent Support
- FamilyCamps



"At family camp I realized I wasn't alone."

~ CA Hands & Voices Parent

You Are Not Alone You Belong Here

Parent-Driven. Family-Centered. Non-Judgmental Support.



California Hands & Voices

Parent-to-Parent Support for families with children who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, DeafBlind, or DeafPlus in California.



Supporting families throughout California since 2012

Hablamos Español

Our Mission

California Hands & Voices is dedicated to supporting families with children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing in a **respectful** and **non-judgmental** manner regarding language opportunities, communication tools, or educational approaches. We're a parent-driven, nonprofit organization providing families with the resources, networks, and information to improve communication access and educational outcomes for their children. Our outreach activities, parent/professional collaboration, and advocacy efforts are focused on enabling children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing to reach their highest potential.

Who We Support

We welcome families of children who are:

- Deaf
- Hard of Hearing
- DeafBlind
- DeafDisabled/DeafPlus

Whether your child:

- Was recently identified
- Has been identified for years
- Has additional disabilities
- Uses hearing technology or not
- Communicates using American Sign Language
- Uses spoken language
- Uses both ASL and spoken language

Our diverse team of parents has made many different decisions for and with their own children. We're here to support your family's unique journey with respect, information, and encouragement.

We are a statewide chapter of Hands & Voices
handsandvoices.org

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

Why Parent-to-Parent Support Matters

Professionals, schools, and community partners play an important role in your child's success. If you'd like support building these connections, we're here to help.

Parent-to-parent support is another essential part of that support system, offering understanding that comes from walking a similar path. It is built on connection, shared experiences, and hope.

Our team provides:

- Parent perspectives
- Compassionate support
- Lived experience
- Practical resources
- Encouragement and connection



We Are Parents Too

Our program staff, board members, and volunteers are parents of children who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, DeafBlind, or DeafPlus. We understand the questions, emotions, and decisions families face because we've walked a similar journey.

Our Values

We are a parent-driven, family-centered community committed to providing respectful, non-judgmental support to families with Deaf and Hard of Hearing children. We value the lived experiences of Deaf and Hard of Hearing adults and collaborate with professionals to strengthen support for families.

You're Welcome Here

We are committed to creating a welcoming space for families of all backgrounds, including families of children with additional disabilities. We meet families where they are, recognizing that their needs and decisions may evolve throughout their journey.

How We Support Families

We help families build confidence through emotional support, system navigation, and trustworthy information rooted in the lived experiences of parents.

Parent-to-Parent Connections

Connect with parents who understand the journey and offer encouragement, support, and understanding.

Family Events

Family Camp, family gatherings, virtual workshops, and social events that bring families together to connect, learn, build lasting friendships, and create lifelong memories.

Advocacy, Support & Training (ASTra)

Empowering families with the knowledge and support to confidently and effectively navigate IFSPs, IEPs, Section 504 plans, transitions, and educational rights while advocating for their child.

System Navigation

Helping families understand and navigate healthcare, education, and community support systems while connecting them with local, state, and community programs, services, and resources.

Youth & Young Adult Support

Resources and guidance to support families through early childhood, elementary and secondary school, and the transition to adulthood.

Helping Families Build Their Village

We help families build a strong network of support by connecting them with other families, Deaf and Hard of Hearing adults, professionals, and community partners throughout California.