

# Can I/Should I bring my family to the H&V Leadership Conference?

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Hands & Voices is all about families...and we get asked this question every year because our venues are indeed a neat place to convene!

**BUT** here are some things to consider if you are thinking about making your trip into a family vacation:

- Since this is an H&V Leadership conference, **and not an H&V Family Conference**, Hands & Voices **is not** taking on the task of providing childcare or children's activities. (We hope to have a family type conference some day, and then we definitely will be doing that!)
  - If you choose to arrange child care on your own through other community activities, **please ensure that you will not have to arrive late or leave early during our scheduled times together to drop off or pick up your kids.**
  - Our 'off' times are still times that we value as a group, (meals, recreational opportunities) that give us time to create meaningful relationships with one another. **We consider your participation vital even during unscheduled times during the conference.** Please encourage your family to make their own plans during the days and evenings of the H&V Leadership Conference!
- Conference FOCUS: We realize we PACK a huge amount of sessions into a limited amount of time. This is due to our limited funding, and our goal of stretching our grant dollars to assist as many participants as possible. When you have family obligations during the conference, this can make it difficult to get the most out of the experience.

So, if you do choose to bring your family...

It might help to have your family meet you right at the tail end of the conference to 'begin' your own family vacation. Enjoy the Conference location! We know it's a wonderful place to be!!

Bring a support person or spouse who understands and has the capacity to 'see you in a couple of days' so that you can be free to be with the group from the beginning of our event Thursday evening, all the way through 12:30pm on Sunday.

**Thank you for understanding and supporting the goals of this important conference. You'll get a lot out of it if you put yourself into it!**