



H&V FL3 WEBSITE RESOURCES LAUNCHED

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Greetings and Happy New Year!

We are thrilled to announce the launch of the [FL3 section](#) of our website which has been many months in planning! This section was designed to be easy to use and includes information for all EHDI system stakeholders - from families looking for practical information to EHDI Stakeholders searching for ways to support families. Over the next few months, we will continue to add information, research and resources on family-to-family support; family leadership; Deaf and Hard of Hearing adult involvement; and language, literacy and social-emotional development. We hope that you enjoy discovering the new resources on this section of the website and that you find it easy to navigate and pleasant to use!

Some of the goals of the FL3 are being completed by working with our program partners, the National Center for Hearing Assessment and Management ([NCHAM](#)), and the [Laurent Clerc National Deaf Education Center](#). Hands & Voices is a parent-driven organization and has strong collaborative partnerships with other organizations. Hands & Voices would not be where it is today without the collaboration of other organizations. As our organization has grown to over 47 chapters worldwide, the culture of partnership between parents and professionals is one of the most powerful features that will carry us into the future. Take a moment to learn about one of our partners in achieving the goals of the FL3 - National Center for Hearing Assessment and Management (NCHAM).

As always, if you have questions or need help please don't hesitate to reach out to us. You can direct any FL3 questions to the [FL3 Team](#).

Warm wishes,
The FL3 Team



Hands & Voices is excited to partner with [NCHAM](#) on our work with the Family Leadership in Language and Learning ([FL3](#)), as a way to discover gaps in state and territory Early Hearing Detection and Intervention ([EHD](#)) systems of care.

NCHAM serves as the National Technical Resource Center for the implementation and improvement of comprehensive and effective EHD systems. Gaps in the system noted by State EHD Coordinators, collaborators, and other EHD experts are addressed through technical assistance activities, including resource development, education and training, forums for communication and coordination, policy initiatives, and evidence-based data collection.

NCHAM's website has a wealth of information. This includes summaries of individual state and territory EHD systems, including contact information and local legislation. In addition, there are archived webinars, trainings and resources for EHD stakeholders.

[Click here](#) to see resources offered from NCHAM

Family Engagement Quality Improvement Resource



The National Center for Medical Home Implementation ([NCMHI](#)) has recently published a Web-based Family Engagement Quality Improvement Toolkit to the National Center Web site.

[Click here for toolkit.](#)

This toolkit provides the NCMHI audience with access to deidentified versions of all the documents, tools, and resources necessary to implement this multi-site quality improvement project. Examples of resources included within the toolkit are sample Institutional Review Board applications, a quality improvement change package, data collection instruments, and a lessons learned tip sheet. All resources are customizable and free to download.

National Center staff will be presenting a skills-building session based on this project at the [2018 Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs Annual Conference](#).

The National Center for Medical Home Implementation is focused on ensuring all children and youth-particularly those with special health care needs-have access to a medical home.



An Inside Look at DHH Mentor, Guide, and Role Model Services in EHDI and Beyond

How do Mentors, Guides, and Role Models differ in the EHDI system? What role do these services play in the family's journey? How can programs serve families beyond early intervention? This webinar will provide examples from existing programs and show the variety of ways families can receive services in early intervention and beyond.

Look for an email/flyer coming to you soon with more information.



Parents of Deaf/HH Children needed to complete a Needs Assessment Survey

Please complete a 15-minute survey and earn a chance to win a \$50.00 Gift Card
Due date for Survey has been extended to January 12, 2018

[Click Here](#)



Hands & Voices Out and About

Are you attending AMCHP or EHDI?

Come check out one of our presentations at these conferences.
While you are there make sure to stop and say hello. We would love to meet you!

AMCHP
February 10-14, Arlington, VA

Listening To The Parent Voice: Findings from a National Needs Assessment
Vicki Hunting (H & V) and Alyson Ward (NCHAM)
Sunday, February 11 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Progression of Symbiotic Family-Professional Partnerships in Systems Building
Janet DesGeorges (H & V) and Vicki Hunting (H & V)
Tuesday, February 13 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

EHDI
March 18-20, Denver, CO

Check the program for presentations from our H & V staff and
Chapter Leaders



Hands & Voices Mission:

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.



Hands & Voices operates several outreach activities, parent/professional collaborations, and advocacy efforts that are focused on supporting families in order to ensure Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing children reach their highest potential. Several of the organization's main operating programs and projects include: [Guide By Your Side \(GBYS\)](#), [O.U.R. Project](#), [Advocacy Support & Training \(ASTra\)](#), [DHH Adult Infusion](#), [Deafed.net](#), [Annual H&V Leadership Conference](#), [Chapter Support](#) and [Information Dissemination](#) as detailed on the Hands & Voices website.

[Click here](#) for more information about Hands & Voices

Quick Links...and Contact Information

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