

Quarterly News & Updates 3rd Quarter July 2024



Happy Summer from the FL3 Center!

We hope that you find the information in our quarterly newsletters supportive of the work you do in the EHDl system. We would appreciate your feedback if there is anything we can do to improve our communications to you. Please do not hesitate to email us at fl3@handsandvoices.org if you have any suggestions.

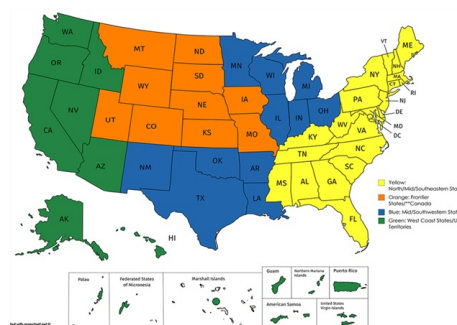


In this issue you will see that the FL3 Center is in full swing with planning and implementing activities that we hope will support EHDl Programs, EHDl Family Liaisons, Family-Based Organizations, and other EHDl stakeholders in achieving your family support objectives including improving your ability to engage families from underserved populations and improving partnerships with individuals and organizations engaging in family-to-family support and DHH leader-to-family support.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to our FL3 Center TA Advisors. We are here to support you!

In partnership,
Lisa Kovacs
FL3 Center Core Management Team

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TA Advisors:

Yellow: Terri Patterson

Orange: Brooke Montgomery

Learning Events and Timely Resources to Share with Families and Agencies



FL3 Office Hours:
Thursday, July 25th, 2024
1 PM ET/12 PM CT/11 AM MT/10 AM PT
(One hour)

The Family Support Activities Guide

Presenters: Lisa Kovacs, Director of Programs and Carrie Balian, GBYS Program Lead, H&V Headquarters

Explore the Families Support Activities Guide in the new H&V/ FL3 "Off to a Great Start" resource intended to assist EHDI Programs, Family Liaisons and Family-based Orgs in reaching your program's family support objectives. Learn about this comprehensive tool developed by the Hands & Voices Guide By Your Side Program and available for ALL to use. (See learning objectives when registering.)

[Click here to register.](#) (one person per program please).

[Click here](#) for more information and future topics.

Upcoming Events Sponsored by H&V HQ



[Click here](#) for upcoming events.



H&V FL3 Leadership Webinar
Wednesday, August 14th, 2024
1 PM ET/12 PM CT/ 11 AM MT/10 AM PT
(One hour)

The Community Code of Kindness

Presenters: Janet DesGeorges, Hands & Voices Headquarters, Cheri Dowling, American Society for Deaf Children, Gayla Guignard, A.G. Bell
Audience: Family leaders, family-based support organizations, Deaf organizations, EHDI program staff, EHDI systems stakeholders, and pediatric healthcare providers

In 2022, seven national organizations gathered together in what was known as the 2022 FL3 Partnership Summit, to develop and build upon existing organizational partnerships and to create opportunities for systemic improvement through policy and promising practices discussions. These organizations were identified as organizations that provide direct family-to-family support, including Alexander Graham Bell Association, American Society for Deaf Children, Family Voices, Hands & Voices, Hearing First, National Cued Speech Association, and the National Center of Deaf-Blindness. The result of this meeting created action steps towards a project together, now known as The Community Code of Kindness.

[Click here](#) for more information and to register.



Hands & Voices 20th Annual Conference
September 20th - 22nd, 2024
Spokane, Washington

Hands & Voices Washington and **Hands & Voices British Columbia** are excited to co-host the 20th Annual Hands & Voices Leadership Conference in Spokane, Washington.

[Click here](#) for everything you need to know and to register.
Be sure to check back as the site will update regularly.

Important Deadlines:

[Early Bird Registration](#) ends **August 16, 2024**

Prices increase by \$50 on August 17th

[Reserve your room](#) by **August 16th** to be eligible for the group rate.



The Seaver Vision Award
Nominations accepted until
August 17, 2024

The Seaver Vision Award was established in 2012 and is given annually to a parent, professional, organization, or agency that exemplifies the values and commitment to the Hands & Voices vision. The award will be presented at the Leadership Conference.

[Click here](#) for more information and to submit your nomination.



[Supporting Success](#) is pleased to make available a rich education event in the form of a Virtual Conference held January 15, 2025 – April 15, 2025. All sessions are recorded, captioned, and will include ASL interpretation.

Choose from 4, 6, or all 10 sessions, and watch at your convenience day or night, once or multiple times.

[Click here](#) for complete details or register. **Early-bird pricing ends July 31st, 2024.**



Get Your Summer Fun Bucket List Ready!

Making a bucket list of summer adventures can help your child who is deaf or hard of hearing grow and expand their language while making memories.



Hands & Voices HQ
DHH Advisory Council

Use this list of adventures and activities as a road map to create intentional listening and spoken language opportunities for your child this summer. Plan trips that include interactive experiences like nature walks, museum visits, and community events. Encourage conversations about what you see and do, ask open-ended questions, and describe your surroundings in detail.

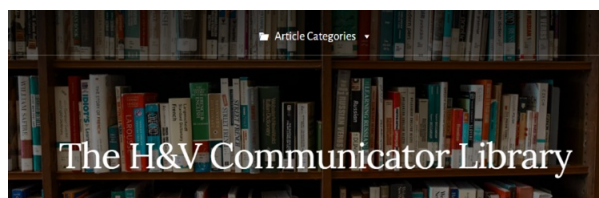
[Summer Bucket List](#) available in English and Spanish

The purpose of the [Hands & Voices Deaf and Hard of Hearing Advisory Council](#) is to bring together DHH Leaders with a rich diversity of cultural and linguistic backgrounds, varying types and degrees of hearing status, communication mode and language, age of onset, educational and family background to advise on HQ and Chapter specific needs and to increase partnerships between parents of DHH children and the DHH community. *The DHH Advisory Council is facilitated by Hands & Voices HQ's DHH Infusion Coordinator(s) Emily Burke and Elizabeth Shuler-Krause.*

Family Engagement and Leadership Resource

[The H&V Library](#)

We've redesigned the archives for past H&V Communicator articles. Look at the H&V Library for our top 15 topic categories curated from past newspapers.



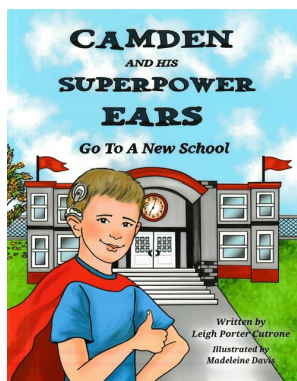
Take a look at the Family Perspectives section [birth to three](#) and three through school age and beyond) or [Parent-Professional Collaboration](#), Advocacy, Legislation, [Deaf/HH Perspectives](#), the O.U.R Children's Safety Project, [Early intervention](#), Social Emotional, in a Perfect World (Leeanne Seaver's reflections), Legislation, The Law, Technology, or Research sections for inspiration and connection.

This is an ever-changing site. Use the [search](#) feature for titles and authors. Do let us know if you need help finding a particular article as we move pieces over and upload new ones.

Also making its debut is the Hands & Voices [first trial digital Communicator](#). Please fill out the "digital or print" survey within the newspaper.

We hope this new library will make both finding and sharing information easier. Have something you want to share? Our next article submission deadline for consideration is August 15.

Questions? Contact [Sara Kennedy](#), Communicator Editor



Book Review by Sara Kennedy

*Camden and his Superpower Ears
Go to a New School
By Leigh Porter Cutrone*

The author shares the story of a young boy nervous about attending his

new school. Will he make new friends? He knows he will be the only one using cochlear implants. Because he shows confidence in himself, the day goes even better than expected.

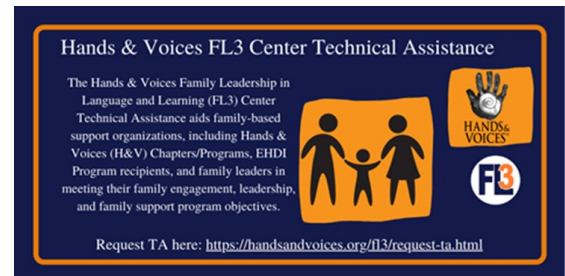
Written by a grandmother with two grandchildren who are deaf, this picture book prompts deeper discussions beyond the story.

Beautifully illustrated, the author tucks in concepts of growing independence, self-advocacy, worry and dreaming, and even a Gallaudet pennant to discuss further.

This book is the first of three in a series; watch for the sports story in *Superpower Ears and a Superpower Team* coming soon and more developments in book 3. We are rooting for Camden as he grows.

How to Submit a Request for FL3 Technical Assistance

Requesting technical assistance from the FL3 team is easy! [Click here](#) for the online form.



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