



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



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3rd Quarter ENEWS
July, August, September 2025

Happy Summer from the FL3 Center team!

As July unfolds, summertime arrives in full bloom, bringing with it the golden warmth of long days and evenings scented with possibility.

Recent months have brought on some uncertainty in the EHDI community and often through navigating the unexpected we discover new strengths, foster creativity, and reimagine what is possible. Did you read the [article about the FL3 Center](#) in the most recent [Hands & Voices Communicator](#)? If not, please take a minute and join us in reflecting on how the EHDI system over the years has grown to become a model for family engagement, leadership, and support in the maternal child health community.



Each of you, family leaders, EHDI Coordinators, DHH leaders, and all EHDI stakeholders have been an integral part in the FL3 Center's success. We remain dedicated to our continued work together of ensuring DHH infants and children are identified early, receive timely and accurate information and follow-up services to optimize language, literacy, and social-emotional development.

In partnership,
Lisa Kovacs and the FL3 Center team

Upcoming Events, Resources, and Activities to Share with Families and Agencies



A Hands & Voices



Leadership Webinar

Thursday, August 14, 2025

1 PM ET/12 PM CT/11 AM MT/10 AM

PT

(One hour)

Access in Action: Navigating Interpreter Use, Partnerships, and Inclusive Practices

Presenters: Emily Burke, Hands & Voices HQ and Heidi Klomhaus, Arizona Hands & Voices

Description: Learn how to choose the right communication access services, collaborate effectively with interpreters, and provide accommodations for Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHH) individuals. This webinar will include tips for funding access services, building strong partnerships, and making culturally respectful decisions that support true inclusion.

Primary Audience: Family leaders, family-based support organizations, Deaf-based organizations. EHDI program staff, EHDI systems stakeholders, and Pediatric Healthcare Professionals are also welcome.

[Click here](#) for complete details and to register.

[Click here](#) for flyer to share.



The Congenital CMV Public Health and Policy Conference (CMV-PHP)

September 7-9, 2025

[Register Now.](#)

Early bird Pricing Ends August 1st, 2025

The goal of the congenital CMV Public Health and Policy Conference (CMV-PHP) is to present the latest research on diagnosis and treatment, raise awareness, delineate prevention efforts, provide information about early intervention options, and disseminate

FL3 Office Hours:

Thursday, August 28th, 2025

1 PM ET/Noon CT/11 AM MT/10 AM

PT

(One hour)

Hosting Family Literacy Events

Presenters:

Beth Jones, Director, NV Hands & Voices

Reanna Stroup, Nevada Hands & Voices

Description: It's been said that books nurture kids. In this presentation, we will detail how one family organization achieves that through their Growing Book by Book programs, including their Lending Library and monthly literacy events.

[Click here](#) for complete description and to register.

(Registration is required 48 hours in advance: One week prior for communication access requests.)



First LSL

Lessons

A New Tool from

Hearing First



An Initiative of the Oberkottter Foundation

First LSL Lessons is a series of 12 step-by-step lessons designed to support families with the knowledge, resources, and confidence they need after learning their child is deaf or hard of hearing.

This new tool from [Hearing First](#) was created to guide families on the LSL journey and provide easy-to-find, bite-sized information and helpful resources – all in one place.

family support resources in an effort to reduce the number of babies born with CMV and connect families affected by CMV with the resources they need to improve their quality of life.

[Click here](#) for everything you need to know.

[Full Agenda](#) available here.



**Western Regional
Early Intervention
Conference
September 22-24,
2025
Albuquerque, N.M.**

[The Western Regional Early Intervention Conference](#) (WREIC) supports professionals working with, and families of, children birth to three years old who are deaf/hard of hearing, blind/visually impaired, or deafblind. WREIC has been in place for over 35 years, making it one of the longest ongoing early intervention conferences in the country. Speakers and workshops focus on the most current research, technology, resources, and practices in our ever-evolving field.

[Click here](#) to explore **First LSL Lessons**.



**The Hands & Voices 2025
Annual Leadership Conference
Panama City Beach, Florida
October 5-7, 2025**

[Registration Now Open](#)

Early-bird Pricing ends August 29th.

Seaver Vision Award

Nominations are now being accepted.

[Click here](#) for details.

[Click here](#) for an exciting scholarship opportunity from the REAL Project.

(Information in English and Spanish)

Application Deadline: August 1, 2025

[Click here](#) for everything conference.
The website is updated regularly.

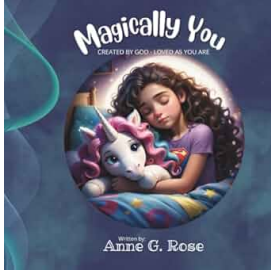


FL3 Resources and Tools to Share

Resource Toolbox

Many resources have been developed since the inception of the FL3. [Click here](#) to find the materials arranged by topical area. For more in-depth information on each of the topics please explore each [subject's section](#). Be sure to check out the [webinar/trainings page](#) for additional learning opportunities. If you have any questions or comments about these resources, please contact us at fl3@handsandvoices.org.

Magically You: New Bedtime Picture Book by Anne G. Rose



This book gives answers to big questions in the hearts of many children who are Deaf/hard of hearing. In the lovely end-of-day illustrations, we meet a young girl in her bedroom full of unicorns and books, who listens/talks and signs, ready for sleep. Her hearing aids are tucked into a unicorn box, and she looks around the softly lit room, pondering deep questions. The author, a mom of a child who is hard of hearing and another child who is neurodiverse and joined the family soon after birth, draws on her deep faith and perhaps her special education background to answer her daughter's questions. Would she hear God if he talked to her at night? She thought of the things she couldn't hear. Did God make everything good, or did he possibly make a mistake with her ears? And why aren't unicorns real? The world did need a little more magic. The answers come in ways she doesn't expect, in her heart, and moments of insight, and in her mother's words through remembered storytelling. The vivid pictures show rather than tell about the love that surrounds her and always has.

This book may lead to other big questions, but questions are good! This Colorado author recently released a group of five books for children on topics of growing resilience after trauma, differences, inclusion and adoption on her author's page [here](#), including *Magically You*.

Other Items of Interest to Share



Help [Sonova](#), a hearing aid company, understand how they can support children and families like yours.

*Take 4-5 minutes to [share your insights with Sonova](#).

*This survey is confidential and completely voluntary, and Hands & Voices will not have access to any of your responses.



[DCMP's](#) July's [newsletter](#) included a captioned preview of: *Science Video Vocab: Earthquake*. The Science Video Vocab series features 145 videos that define and help students explore science terms.

[Click here](#) to learn about upcoming *QuickClasses*. QuickClasses are facilitated, asynchronous, online classes for professionals working with students who are deaf, hard of hearing, blind, low vision, or deaf-blind.

Deaf President Now!

A new feature film about the **Deaf President Now movement** brings this historic moment to life. [Deaf President Now!](#), an Apple Original Film co-directed and co-produced by Gallaudet alum Nyle DiMarco, '13, and Academy Award-winning producer Davis Guggenheim, explores the courage and determination of the student leaders who sparked a global conversation on Deaf leadership. [Click here](#) to read about the Deaf President Now movement.



The 25th Annual EHDI Conference
Jacksonville, Florida
March 15th-17th, 2026

[Click here](#) for details.

Online Classes

LEARN ASL with the American Society for Deaf Children

[ASDC](#) (American Society for Deaf Children) unites DHH mentors,

[Apply for a free membership](#) to learn what DCMP has to offer.



Children Draw Health

Charles Stuart University would like to include your child's drawing/creation in their Children Draw Health Global Online Gallery and in our research.

Children (0 to 18 years) from across the world are invited to draw a picture or create artwork about their health and healthcare, describe their artwork, and answer some questions. For example,

- What makes you healthy?
- Who helps you be healthy?
- Where do you go to get healthier?
- What would your ideal hospital or health service look like?

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



NTID/RIT Introduces Incoming President

advocates, professionals, and educators each month to share their expertise on diverse topics with our community.

Workshop/webinar prices vary, [please check course descriptions for details.](#)

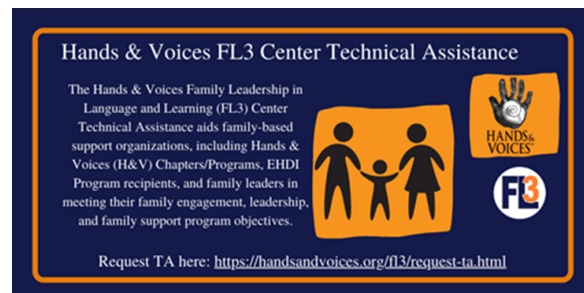
Robin Jenkins has been appointed Interim Executive Director of ASDC; she will lead the organization until a permanent executive director is chosen.

Dr. Caroline M. Solomon

[Dr. Caroline M. Solomon](#) has been named president of RIT's National Technical Institute for the Deaf and vice president at RIT. Dr. Solomon is from Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C., where she is dean of faculty. She succeeds Gerry Buckley, who has served as president of NTID for 15 years and will retire Aug. 17. [Click here](#) for full story.

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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