

ACTIVITIES/INFORMATION

To help us better serve you, please check the following activities/information that you would be interested in:

- ☐ Educational seminars
- ☐ Methodology choices
- ☐ Networking with other parents in your area
- ☐ Advocacy training
- ☐ Lobbying/legislation
- ☐ Transition
 - ☐ Early Intervention to Pre-school
 - ☐ Pre-School to Kindergarten
 - ☐ Elementary School to Middle School/Jr. High
 - ☐ Middle School/Jr. High to High School
 - ☐ High School to Secondary School/Work Force
- ☐ Deaf culture
- ☐ Hard-of-hearing

Would you like to volunteer? Let us know what areas are a good fit for you:

- ☐ Serve on a committee
- ☐ Gather information/resources/notices of upcoming events in your area
- ☐ Write articles for the newsletter
- ☐ Other _____

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Here's how to become a new member or renew your annual membership for Iowa Hands & Voices.

Mail your completed form and membership dues to the address listed at the bottom of the registration form.

If you have any questions or want to talk, feel free to contact me! ***Remember, you don't need to become a member to call.*** Thanks, and I'll be watching the mailbox!

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HANDS & VOICES

Non-biased support for families of children who are deaf and hard-of-hearing

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Help Us Help you



What Works for Your Child is What Makes the Choice Right



Our Mission...

Iowa Hands & Voices supports all families with children who are deaf/hard of hearing regardless of communication choice. We embrace parent/professional collaboration to enable deaf/hard-of-hearing children to reach their potential.



We as parents are constantly surrounded by daily issues with our deaf or hard-of-hearing children.

Isn't it nice to have a group you know you can turn to for questions, support, gatherings, information, and much more? What a blessing to have this support right here in Iowa! **Iowa Hands & Voices** is open to ideas or suggestions about what you need for your family or child, or in your area of the state.

Who We Are... Hands & Voices is a non-profit, parent-driven national organization dedicated to supporting families of children who are deaf or hard-of-hearing. We are highly collaborative with professionals who are represented on our advisory board and make up approximately one third of our membership. We are non-biased about communication methodologies and believe that families can make the best choices for their child if they have access to good information and support.

Our membership includes families who communicate manually and/or orally. In addition to family support, we strive to be meaningfully involved in development of the systems that impact our children.

Why We're Here... Most organizations for or of the deaf rally around common interests that usually include a philosophy of communication that is promoted by that group. Hands & Voices does not promote specific communication choices or methodologies. Instead we embrace the need to improve educational outcomes for our kids, and to enhance their quality of life. Our rallying points are areas of interest that are common to all people connected by the interests of the deaf or hard-of-hearing, especially parents, and include these values...

- We all want the best for our deaf or hard-of-hearing kids
- We deserve respect and honor for our role as parents/families. We require a beneficial, successful educational experience for our kids.
- We need information from a wide variety of sources.
- We want to know about opportunities and resources.
- We need training & support to become effective advocates for our kids.
- We are stronger when united by our common interests than divided by differing communication choices.

Whether we are at work locally or nationally, Hands & Voices continues to be driven by the need to improve the educational outcomes and quality of life for children who are deaf or hard-of-hearing. Be a part of this dynamic movement and become a Hands & Voices member today!



IOWA MEMBERSHIP FORM

We invite you to become a member of Iowa Hands & Voices. Your membership benefits include THE COMMUNICATOR (the quarterly national newsletter), quarterly state newsletter and reduced fees to attend workshops and events.

Name _____

Address _____

Email: _____

Telephone # (_____) _____

School Dist/AEA _____

Children (deaf/HOH & siblings, ages)

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

4) _____

5) _____

Scholarships available for parents – check here ☐

Circle one: Parent Professional Business

Annual Membership Fee (circle one):

\$25.00/parent \$40.00/professional \$50.00/business

Make checks payable to: Iowa Hands & Voices

Additional donations _____

(tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law)

Iowa Hands & Voices is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization.