
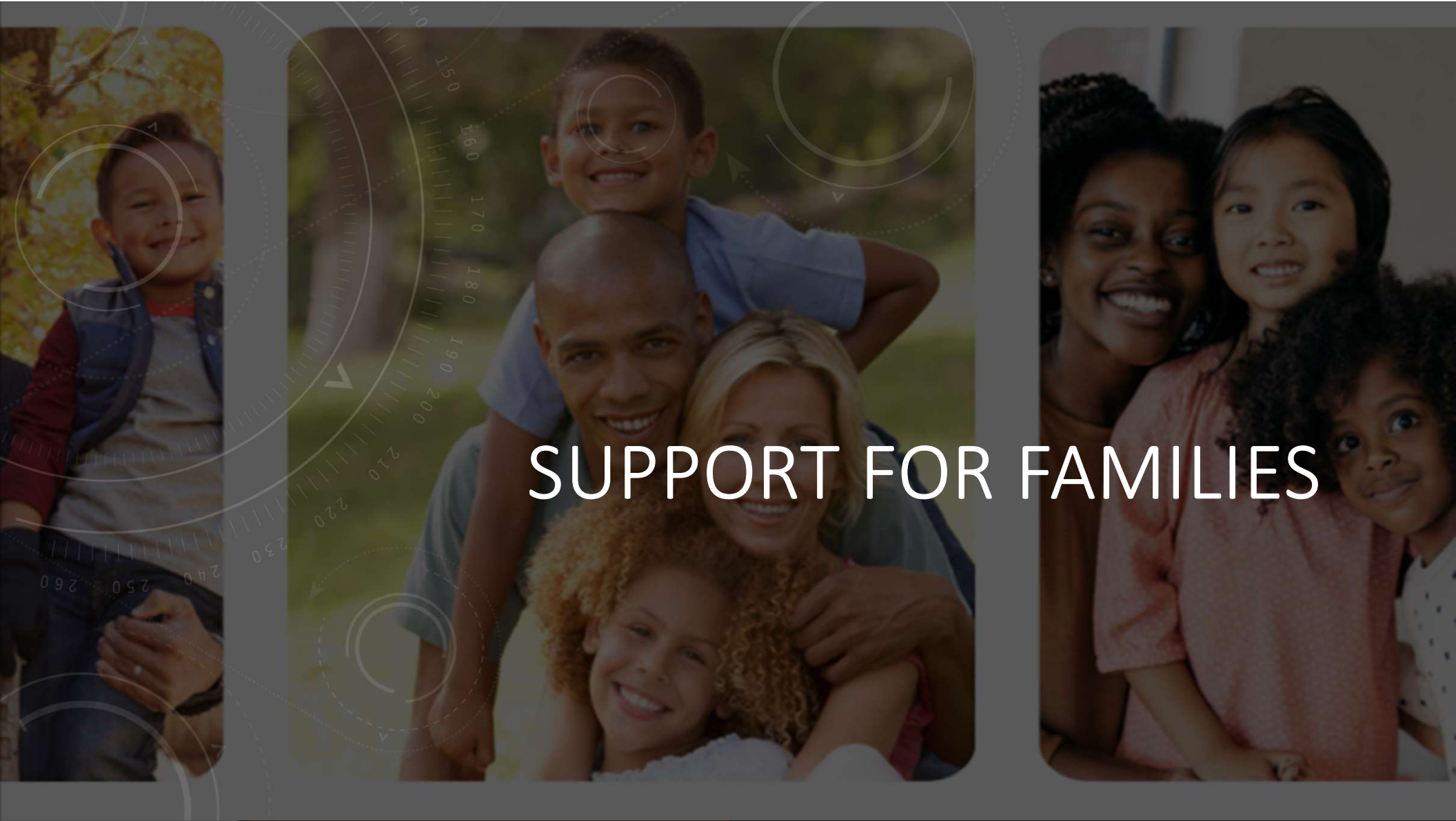


WE ARE GLAD
YOU ARE HERE!

WE WILL GET
STARTED AT 6:30



WELCOME



SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

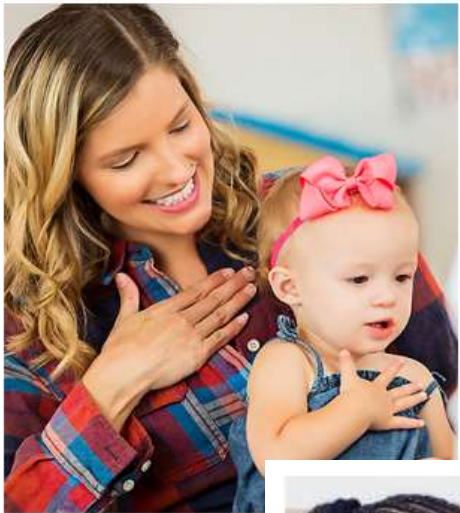
AGENDA

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Research indicates that the single-most important factor in predicting successful outcomes of newly identified babies who are Deaf/HH in early intervention is the active participation of their parents. (Yoshinaga-Itano, Coulter & Thomson, 2000)

Benefits of Parent involvement include higher reading scores, higher grades on homework, improved attitudes towards school, improved relationships between parents and teachers. (Donahoo, 2001)

INVOLVEMENT can look different

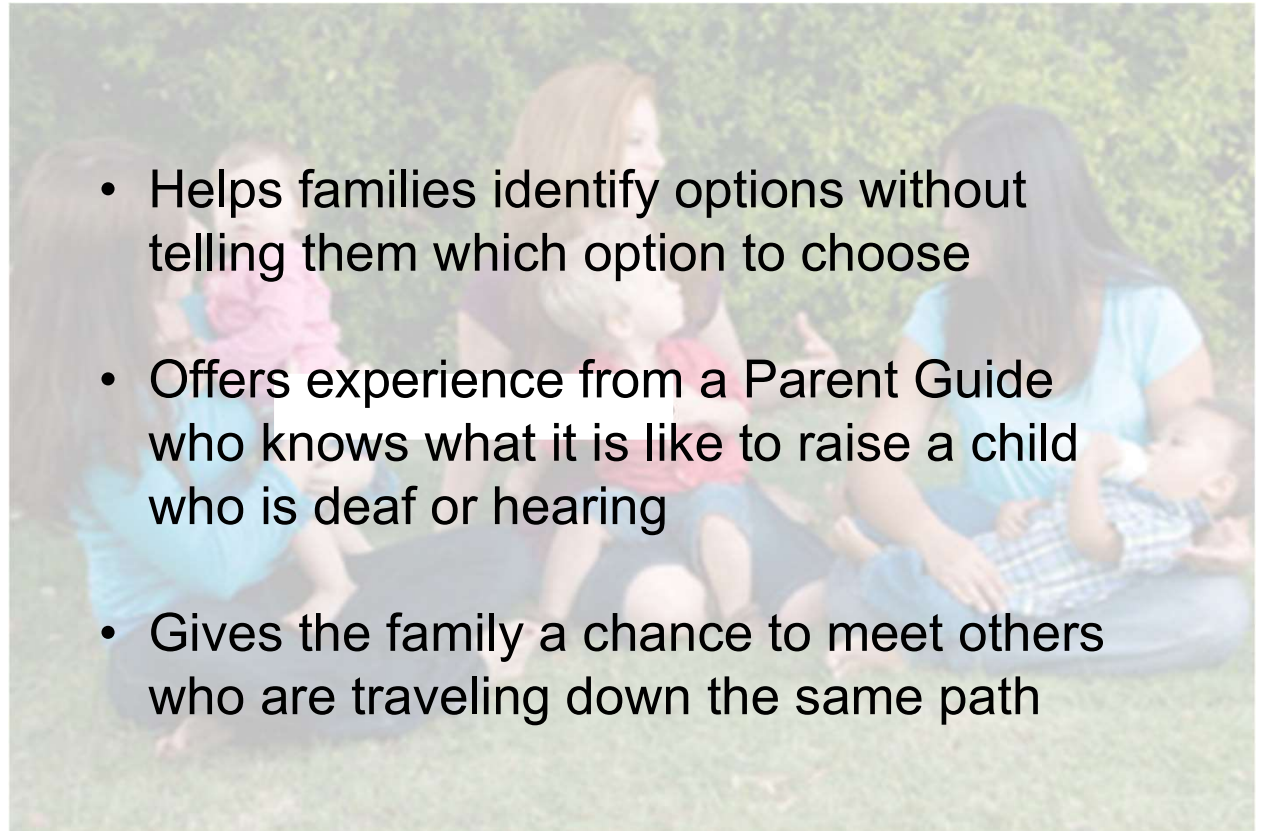
- communication,
- active participation in education, and
- fostering a positive home learning environment across all stages



Parent SUPPORT is essential



- Helps families identify options without telling them which option to choose
- Offers experience from a Parent Guide who knows what it is like to raise a child who is deaf or hearing
- Gives the family a chance to meet others who are traveling down the same path



Support through RESOURCES

Hands & Voices'

[New Family Journey Resources](https://www.handsandvoices.org/new-families/index.html)

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