



LOUISIANA HANDS & VOICES™

Connections Newsletter

January, February & March 2025

The great strengths of Hands & Voices are the power of parents coming together to support and learn from one another and the value of input from Deaf and Hard of Hearing (D/HH) adults. Through the H&V Guide By Your Side program, both Parent Guides and D/HH Guides connect with parents. Our trained Guides work one-on-one with families who have just learned of their child's hearing condition or who have older children, Families in need of the unique support that comes from someone else who has walked this path him/herself and can benefit from their direct experience and wisdom.



<https://www.lahandsandvoices.org/guide-by-your-side>

We would love to connect with you!



Parent Chats via ZOOM
February 6 "Language Development"
March 6 "Support for Families"

Drop in and stay as long as you want
We will be on Zoom from
6:30 – 7:30 pm

Connect and chat with other families
through a safe virtual platform.
ZOOM meeting ID 883 3258 1799

Monthly Parent Chats are held for families featuring topics of support via ZOOM allowing families to connect from a comfortable space. These chats provide the opportunity to learn about resources available for families with children who are D/HH.

During the first half of each session, we share information from a presenter and/or explore resources together. The second half is an open forum for participants to share their experiences, ask questions and share other resources they have found helpful.

Important dates



Jan 21 H&V Fostering Joy Virtual Community Meeting
"Is Joy my Job?" a conversation with Dr. Amy Szarkowski
To register: <https://handsandvoices.org/registrations/fostering-joy-reg.html>

Jan 28 ASTra Webinar
Assessments for Celebrating Achievements and Planning What's Next" presented by Dr. Uma Soman, Asst Prof Dept of Comm Disorders
To register: <https://handsandvoices.org/astra/webinars/reg-page.html>

Mar 25 ASTra Webinar
"Language Acquisition for All"
To register: <https://handsandvoices.org/astra/webinars/>

