



# Louisiana Hands & Voices

*"What works for your child is what makes the choice right."*<sup>TM</sup>

## Deaf/Hard of Hearing (D/HH) Guides Conversations Starters



Here are some of the most common questions parents ask.

### General

1. What was it like for you to grow up d/Deaf or hard of hearing?
2. How would you describe your hearing levels? How do you identify yourself?
3. What does it mean to you to be d/Deaf or hard of hearing? Do you sign and/or speak? Why?

### Personal

1. How did your family help you grow up to be the person you are today? What did they do that you found helpful?
2. What hobbies, interests and passions do you have?
3. Share a wonderful childhood memory you have.
4. What are some challenges you had as a d/Deaf or hard of hearing person and how did you overcome them?
5. What is the relationship and communication with your family like?

### Hearing Equipment & Communication Technology

1. What technology do you use in your day-to-day life (at home, at school, in the community)?
2. What was your experience using various equipment and communication growing up?
3. Has that changed over time as you've found what works best for you?
4. If you do not use hearing equipment, why not?

### Education

1. When you were young, what did your parents do to support you in developing language(s) and friendships?
2. Share some of your educational journey including accomplishments and how you overcame challenges. What did support for access look like at school?
3. How did you and your family make your educational choices? Did you go to a school for d/Deaf children, a specialized program in a public school, or a public school with specialized support? How were these experiences for you and your family?
4. How important was it for you to meet other deaf and hard of hearing peers?