

Who We Are...

Our Mission:

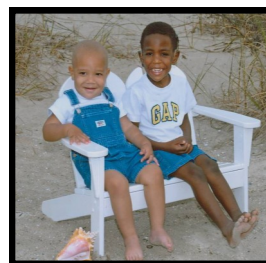
Hands & Voices is dedicated to supporting families with children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing without a bias around communication modes or methodology. We're a parent-driven, non-profit organization providing families with the resources, networks, and information they need to improve communication access and educational outcomes for their children. Our outreach activities, parent/professional collaboration, and advocacy efforts are focused on enabling Deaf and Hard of Hearing children to reach their highest potential.



"...studies suggest that parent-to-parent support encourages parents and provides parents with role models as they discover their capabilities as parents and families with a deaf/hard of hearing child." (Eleweke & Rodda, 2000; Jackson, Becker & Schmitendorf, 2002)

Why We're Here...

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. We focus on areas of interest that are common to all parents of children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing, and include these values...



- We all want the best for our kids who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing.
- We deserve respect and honor for our role as parents/families and professionals. We require a beneficial, successful educational experience for our kids.
- We need current and appropriate information from a wide variety of sources.
- We want to know about opportunities and resources.
- We need training and support to become effective advocates for our kids.
- We are stronger when united by our common interest than divided by differing communication choices.
- We strive to be meaningfully involved in the development of the systems that impact our children.



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Georgia Annual Membership Dues

Name (please print) _____

Address _____

Email _____

Telephone (____) _____

County _____

Children (Deaf/HH & siblings, ages)

- _____
- _____
- _____

Circle one: Parent Professional Organization

Annual Membership Fee (circle one):

\$25/parent scholarship/parent
\$40/professional or organization
additional donation \$ _____

Make checks payable to:

Georgia Hands & Voices
PO Box 37, Evans, GA 30809

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
- Social events
- Advocacy training
- Lobbying/legislation
- Transition
- Early intervention to Pre-school
- Pre-school to Kindergarten
- Elementary to Middle School
- Middle School to High School
- High School to Secondary Education / Work Force
- Deaf Culture
- Hard of Hearing
- Assistive technology

Would you like to volunteer? Let us know what areas are of interest to you:

- Serve on a committee
- Gather info/resources/notices of upcoming events in your area
- Lead a seminar/training
- Write articles for the newsletter or National newspaper
- Other _____

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

Cut and mail your completed form and membership dues to the address listed below or apply online at www.gahandsandvoices.org via our secure PayPal option. If you have any questions or want to talk, feel free to contact us. Remember, though, you don't need to be a member to contact us! Your membership benefits include: the National quarterly newspaper, *The Communicator*, state newsletters, reduced fees to attend events and workshops.

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