



Hands & Voices New Mexico

Winter 2015

"What works for your child is what makes the choice right."

Macro! Micro! Meet! Exciting Events in 2016

What does **"Macro! Micro! Meet!"** mean you ask? Why is Hands & Voices New Mexico (HVNM) writing about economics? This phrase describes the types of events HVNM will be hosting in 2016:

- **Macro!** Indicates a large scale event. Typically will include an informative presentation. This could be about growing up deaf or hard of hearing (D/HH), advocating for your child, or helping your child advocate for themselves, sharing resources about IEPs or accommodations. Example of this type of event is our Back2School event we host in the fall.
- **Micro!** Indicates a small scale event. Typically will be an opportunity for families with children who are D/HH and the professionals who support them, to simply get together—no presentation. These events may

include a fun project for families to create. Example of this type of event is our Painting Party that we co-hosted with Hodgin Elementary.

- **Meet!** Indicates meetings. Board meetings to plan the fabulous events, and parent meetings to give parents an opportunity to communicate (ASL, English, Spanish) amongst themselves. Parent meeting might include a speaker, a craft project, or just being together. Example of this type of event is the Parent Game Night we held at the NMSD pre-school in Albuquerque.

All events involve another favorite MMM acronym—**Meet! Mingle! Munch!**

We welcome suggestions and co-hosts! What would you like to see included in presentations? What activities would you enjoy? What will you be doing in 2016?

We invite you to join us throughout the year and throughout the state!

Events are scheduled on the first-non-holiday-weekend Saturday of the month.

Jan	Micro	Corrales
Feb	Macro	Las Cruces
Mar	Meet	
Apr	Macro	Shiprock
May	Micro	Albuquerque
Jun	Meet	
Jul	Micro	Jemez/Los Alamos
Aug	Meet	
Sep	Macro	Albuquerque
Oct	Macro	Roswell
Nov	Meet	
Dec	Micro	Albuquerque

If you want to be added to our mailing list to get all the details, please send an email to parentgroup@hvn.org. Event details will be available as we get closer to the date. Check:

- hvn.org
- [facebook.com/handsandvoicesnm](https://www.facebook.com/handsandvoicesnm)
- twitter.com/handvnm

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Join us for monthly Facebook Chats!

On the second Wednesday of every month, starting at 8:00 PM, Parent Guide Nicole Vacher, hosts a one-hour Facebook chat. Feel free to join us during that time, or follow up later with questions, thoughts, ideas.

Send in topics for future chats at any time!

We'd love for you to join us!

Please renew your membership today!

FREE Family Membership!

We interrupt our normally scheduled "Why I joined the Board" series of articles to share exciting news! The Board of Hands & Voices New Mexico (HVNM) voted to provide **Free** memberships for all families with deaf and hard of hearing (D/HH) children! **Free!**

The Board did not want membership fees to be a deterrent to any family joining HVNM or participating in any events. Existing brochures still have the fee listed, but you can cross it out and write "**Free!**" Next print run of brochures will reflect this change.

As always, participating in HVNM's Guide By Your Side (GBYS) program is always **Free**. If you would like a Parent Guide or more information about this program, please visit our web-site, hvn.org, send a message through our facebook page, or call.

We ask that professionals and institutions pay the membership fee to help support HVNM events.

2015 Membership

Please join Hands & Voices New Mexico Chapter!

Parent/Family: **FREE!**

Professional: \$40 per year

Institutional: \$50 per year

Benefits:

- Receive *The Communicator*, a Headquarters H&V quarterly newspaper
- Receive quarterly HVNM Chapter newsletter
- Information on workshops, resources, events
- Informational support for you and your family
- Opportunities for parents and professionals working together to help children who are D/HH

Thank you!

Make a tax-deductible donation to HVNM!

HVNM is a charitable 501 c) 3 organization. For any donations you make to HVNM, we will provide a letter receipt listing your donation amount. This may be used if you itemize deductions on the IRS 1040 Schedule A. For further details, consult your tax advisor.

You may mail HVNM a check, or donate by pushing the "Donate Now" button on our website, hvn.org, and donate using PayPal or a credit card. It's not too late to make a donation for 2015! We appreciate your support!

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If you have a personal story, ideas for future articles, or if know of upcoming events that would benefit out readers, please let us know:

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