

*Non-biased support for families
of infants, children, and teens
who are deaf or hard of hearing
from ages 0 to 18.*

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GUIDE BY YOUR SIDE™



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

What is Guide By Your Side?

Hands & Voices New Mexico Chapter's Guide By Your Side (GBYS) program is dedicated to supporting families and their children from ages 0 to 18 who are deaf or hard of hearing (D/HH) by offering them the opportunity to connect with a Parent Guide and attend social and educational events.

What is a Parent Guide?

GBYS Parent Guides are parents of D/HH children who have received training that prepares them to help empower families by sharing stories and providing information without a bias towards communication modes. Parent Guides are able to bring their direct experience, specialized knowledge, and personal compassion to their roles while making the family's needs their primary focus. Through direct personal connections, Parent Guides promote self-efficacy and reduce isolation by exploring common bonds, shared experiences, wisdom and insights.

Parent Guides will help families by:

- Establishing a supportive relationship
- Providing unbiased information regarding communication modes and considerations
- Understanding the unique needs of infants, children and teens who are D/HH
- Accessing local, state, national and web-based resources
- Providing emotional support when needed
- Networking with families at social and educational opportunities

Why is Parent-to-Parent Support So Important?

Every family with a deaf or hard of hearing child has a story to tell, yet we all share a common bond. Families who are just beginning their journeys or who run into new situations or transitions can benefit from experienced parents of D/HH children.

How Much Does it Cost?

The Guide By Your Side program is free to New Mexico families.



How Do I Connect With a Parent Guide?

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