

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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Topic of the quarter: Transition

Our children are continuously transitioning either in education, socialization, and/or growing older. How can we helping our deaf/heard of hearing children transition? What resources are available to our families?

Please add your questions comments to our Facebook chat
<https://www.facebook.com/handsandvoicesnm>

Important Announcement!

New Feature on our newsletter called:



We are proud of our deaf/hard of hearing children. HVNM want to 'Spot light' their accomplishments or activities. If you want your child featured in our next quarterly newsletter please submit a picture of your child along with a bio, accomplishment and/or activity showing why you are proud of your child to parentgroup@hvnm.org.



Upcoming HVNM Events

April 8

Board Meeting -open to public
10:30 – 12:00 pm Santa Fe, NM
Meeting space TBD check website for updated info.
Hvnm.org

We our Looking for more Parents to join our board!

May – Day TBD

Barnes & Noble ASL Story Time
Albuquerque, NM Westside

June 10

Farmington/Shiprock, NM
HVNM will sponsor and attend Wendy Prouse, Early Developmental Specialist Annual BBQ for Families with Children who are D/HH

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

Hands & Voices Guide by your Side Program

What is Guide by Your Side Program?

Hands & Voices NM 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.

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.

If you would like to get more information about our Parent Guides, or the GBYS Program please call

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In the Community

Career Expo

Hosted by NMSD CECT

March 9th

<http://www.nmsd.k12.nm.us/>

American Sign

Language Academy

ASL classes for Deaf/HH families

www.aslacademy.com

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