



March 5, 2018

Greetings!

Wow, so much has been happening with the FL3! It is amazing to think that we are wrapping up the first year of this project. Staff have been busy working on the many different objectives of the FL3 project. They have been working on completing and compiling the data from the National Needs Assessment and final reports will be completed soon, providing technical assistance to EHDl systems stakeholders as we start looking at Year 2 of the EHDl cycle, and assisting the work of the two Advisory Boards - Language, Literacy and Social Development and Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

Are you looking for resources? Be sure to check out the [FL3 section](#) of the website . We are adding new information all the time. Have you missed one of our webinars? If so, you can find them [here](#). Did you know that there are summaries of research articles on Language, Literacy, and Social and Emotional development? Those are available [here](#) . Do you need info on D/HH programs in your state or resources to inform the parent journey? You can find that information and more [here](#).

As always, if you have questions or need help please don't hesitate to reach out to us. You can direct any FL3 questions to the [FL3 Team](#).

Warm wishes,
The FL3 Team

Guidelines for Establishing and Maintaining D/HH Mentor / Guide / Role Model Programs

D/HH Guidelines Released

D/HH adults who act as mentors, guides or role models are uniquely qualified to provide families with a positive and hopeful perspective from their day-to-day, real

life experiences as a D/HH person living in a predominantly hearing world. In sharing these experiences and insights, D/HH mentors/guides/role models may be able to articulate what a young child cannot, which brings an important perspective and credibility to discussions of the child's needs. These guidelines are intended to offer suggestions for EHDI systems as to recommended practices in provision of D/HH mentor/guide/role model services to families/children. These recommendations are advised by the FL3 D/HH Advisory Committee and contributed to by members of the NCHAM Adult Involvement Learning Community 3 and other community stakeholders.

["Guidelines for Deaf And Hard of Hearing Mentor/Guide/ Role Model Programs"](#)



NCHAM and H&V would like to thank all the parents, EHDI Programs and EHDI designated family-based organizations who participated in our FL3 National Needs Assessment. Your time was appreciated and will provide valuable input and guidance to the Hands & Voices FL3 project. In addition, information from this needs assessment will advise direction and next steps in identifying the level of meaningful engagement and participation of families and deaf and hard of hearing individuals in EHDI programs as well as identifying topics and targeted personalized coaching essentials based on needs of individual EHDI programs. Analysis of the data is currently in progress and a report outlining final results is underway.



**The 2018 H&V Leadership Conference
"A Place at the Table"
September 14-16th, 2018
Cheyenne, Wyoming**

Are you interested in presenting at The Leadership Conference?

We hope that you will consider sharing your knowledge and wisdom with us!

Please fill out the Call for Papers Application

[SUBMIT HERE](#)

Contact [Molly Martzke](#) with questions or for more information.

Deadline March 31, 2018



HRSA's EHDI team announces the launching of a new [HRSA-EHDI webpage](#) .



Early involvement can help deaf & hard of hearing kids meet developmental milestones.

#EHDI #startearly #deafkids



HRSA's Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) program enables states, territories, families, and providers to develop complete and coordinated systems of care so that newborns, infants and young children who are deaf or hard of hearing are identified and get the care they need when they need it. Early involvement can help these children meet age-appropriate language, social, and other developmental milestones.



Are you attending the Annual EHDI Meeting March 18-20?

While you are there make sure to stop and say hello.

You can find our staff at one of our many presentations or visit us in the exhibitor hall.

We would love to meet you!

Sunday, March 18th

1-4pm Uniquely Delivering Family-to-Family Support Within EHDI Systems and Beyond

Monday, March 19th

11:15 AM - 12:15 PM We Are Hands & Voices: Intro to Guide By Your Side

11:15 AM - 12:15 PM Supporting Latino Families

2:15 PM - 3:15 PM Engaging Professionals and Challenging/Under-Involved Families

Tuesday, March 20th

9:40 AM - 10:40 AM The Support Matrix: Identifying and Implementing Opportunities for Families to be Connected with Individuals who are D/HH

9:40 AM - 10:40 AM Listening to the Parent Voice: Findings from a National Needs Assessment

11:00 AM - 11:25 AM The Parenting Journey: Inside and Outside the EHDI System

1:45 PM - 2:45 PM An H&V Conversation: Engaging Families and Leaders in a Diverse World

3:45 PM - 4:45 PM Building Skills and Knowledge for Language and Literacy: A Partnership Defined



You're invited to attend VL2's Third Annual Knowledge Festival to learn about the Center's scientific discoveries and transformative translation products from the entire previous year of work!

The National Science Foundation-Gallaudet University Science of Learning Center, Visual Language and Visual Learning (VL2) will host its Third Annual Knowledge Festival on Tuesday, May 8, 2018, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Refreshments will be served and tours of our new laboratory spaces will be available to all participants.

For more information and to RSVP

[Click Here](#)



Hands & Voices Mission:

Hands & Voices is a parent-driven organization that supports families with children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing without a bias around communication modes or methodology.



Hands & Voices operates several outreach activities, parent/professional collaborations, and advocacy efforts that are focused on supporting families in order to ensure Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing children reach their highest potential. Several of the organization's main operating programs and projects include: Guide By Your Side (GBYS), O.U.R. Project, Advocacy Support & Training (ASTra), DHH Adult

[Infusion](#), [Deafed.net](#), Annual H&V Leadership Conference, Chapter Support and Information Dissemination as detailed on the Hands & Voices website.
[Click here](#) for more information about Hands & Voices

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