



NEBRASKA HANDS & VOICES™



Hands & Voices (H&V) is a parent-driven non-profit organization that supports families with children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing (D/HH) without a bias around communication modes or methodology.

Facts:

- Nebraska is one of forty-one states/territories to have a H&V chapter.
- Almost every child in Nebraska has a newborn hearing screen, approximately 66 babies are identified per year through this screening.
- Our organization supports families who have children of all ages who are D/HH.
- We pride ourselves on providing unbiased support and information to the families we serve.
- We collaborate with other agencies and programs.

"I never imagined how overwhelmed I was feeling, up until my Guide called me. I will be forever grateful because I was going through my worst moment emotionally. It was the most opportune moment I have had in my life, today I realized I would not be able to do it alone." - Lupmay



H&V Guide By Your Side program (GBYS)

Every family who has a child who is D/HH has a different story to tell, yet we all share a common bond. We understand the power of parents coming together to support and learn from one another. Families who are just beginning the journey can learn from veteran parents about the challenges as well as the joys of raising a child who is D/HH.

H&V Advocacy Support & Training (ASTra)

The Hands & Voices ASTra program is designed to empower parents, promote self-advocacy for children who are D/HH, and build collaborative relationships between families and professionals. The Nebraska Hands & Voices ASTra program can provide resources, workshops, and individualized support to help families meet the needs of their child.



"I felt so unprepared and not sure how to advocate for my son. My ASTra Advocate helped build my confidence and prepared me to be actively involved in his IEP. She did research, made phone calls, spoke with me multiple times, and offered to attend our next IEP meeting." - Jamie

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

