

Texas Hands & Voices Guide By Your Side

Texas Hands & Voices Guide By Your Side:
Information and support from parents just like you!

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Quick Clicks



On-line resources for parents with infants/children/teens who are deaf or hard of hearing
Need help finding information on the websites listed below? We are here to help!

How to use "Quick Clicks"

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Scan the QR code to go to the webpage where this document can be downloaded



You will find many links to helpful websites and printable documents that explain services available for families with children who are deaf or hard of hearing as well as information about educational and communication opportunities. Although you are welcome to use this document on your own, we suggest you sign up for our Guide By Your Side (GBYS) program - it's free and we can help you find the information that you need for your child and family. Let us be your guide!

Sign up @ www.txgbys.org



What is the Texas Guide By Your Side Program?

Texas Guide By Your Side™ (GBYS) is a family support program that embodies the mission of Hands & Voices (www.handsandvoices.org) which is to provide unbiased support to families with children who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Guide services to families include:

- Direct parent-to-parent emotional support
- Sharing information and resources in an unbiased manner
- Workshops, trainings, and events for parents and children
- Networking opportunities with other families
- Referrals to other programs that serve deaf or hard of hearing children

"Parent Guides" are specially trained parents of children who are deaf or hard of hearing. They work directly with families in need of the unique support that comes from someone else who has walked the path him/herself and can share from direct experience and wisdom.

"Deaf/Hard of Hearing (DHH) Guides" are specially trained to provide families and children with invaluable perspectives that come from personal experience. Their role is to provide helpful examples drawn from direct experience of life as an individual who is deaf or hard of hearing.

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Infants & toddlers

School age

Transition to adulthood



Newborn Hearing Screening - Texas
Early Hearing Detection and
Intervention (TEHDI) program:
[www.dshs.state.tx.us/tehdi/
Audiology-Services-Information-for-
Parents.aspx](http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/tehdi/Audiology-Services-Information-for-Parents.aspx)

Early Childhood Intervention (ECI):
[www.dars.state.tx.us/ecis/
newsletter/faq.shtml](http://www.dars.state.tx.us/ecis/newsletter/faq.shtml)

List of resources (birth to 3 yrs.) -
Educational Resource Center on
Deafness (ERCOD): [https://
texasdeafed.org/topics/deaf-
education-in-Texas](https://texasdeafed.org/topics/deaf-education-in-Texas) click on
"Education Birth to Three"

Texas Project First:
<http://texasprojectfirst.org>

Deaf & Hard of Hearing
Services Leadership Project -
Education Service Center 11
[http://www.esc11.net/domain/
118](http://www.esc11.net/domain/118)

List of resources for (3-21 yrs.)
Educational Resource Center on
Deafness (ERCOD): [https://
texasdeafed.org/topics/deaf-
education-in-Texas](https://texasdeafed.org/topics/deaf-education-in-Texas) click on
"Education 3-21"

Deaf/Hard of Hearing
Transition Resources for
Texas
www.dhhtexastransition.org/

Department of Assistive &
Rehabilitative Services
(DARS) Deaf/Hard of
Hearing Services
www.dars.state.tx.us/dhhs/

List of resources for Transition.
Educational Resource Center
on Deafness (ERCOD): [https://
texasdeafed.org/topics/deaf-
education-in-Texas](https://texasdeafed.org/topics/deaf-education-in-Texas) click on
"Transition"

Texas Hands & Voices: www.txhandsandvoices.org

Downloadable resources/printed materials:

- [Hearing Checklist for Parents](#): go to webpage and click on "Hearing Checklist for Parents"
- American Society for Deaf Children ASL/Language Acquisition Milestones - contact GBYS program
- [Making a Plan for Your Child: IFSP Considerations for Children Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing](#)
- [IDEA Manual for Parents and Students about Special Education Services in Texas](#)
- [Hands & Voices - ASTRa articles/forms specific to children who are d/hh](#)

Other websites/pages of interest:

- Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) - Find a program in your area
www.dars.state.tx.us/ecis/searchprogram.asp
- Hands & Voices Communication Considerations:
www.handsandvoices.org/comcon/index.html
- Family Support Resources (NCHAM):
<http://www.infanthearing.org/familysupport/>

