

# 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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GUIDE BY  
YOUR SIDE™

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"

Don't print this document - Click it! 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!



Note: This document is also available in Spanish

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## 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](http://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

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)

Texas Community of Support - EHDI Provider information: [www.txehdi.org/](http://www.txehdi.org/)

List of resources (birth to 3 yrs.) - Educational Resource Center on Deafness (ERCOD): <http://info.texasdhhresources.org/> Click on "Education" then "Children Birth to Three"

## School age

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

Texas Education Agency (TEA) Services for students who are D/HH: [www.tea.state.tx.us/index2.aspx?id=2147497727](http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index2.aspx?id=2147497727)

List of resources for (3-21 yrs.) Educational Resource Center on Deafness (ERCOD): <http://info.texasdhhresources.org/> Click on "Education" then "Children 3-21"

## Transition to adulthood

Deaf/Hard of Hearing Transition Resources for Texas [www.dhhtexastransition.org/](http://www.dhhtexastransition.org/)

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

List of resources for Transition. Educational Resource Center on Deafness (ERCOD): <http://info.texasdhhresources.org/> Click on "Education" then "Transition Process"

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### Downloadable resources/printed materials:

- TEHDI Hearing Checklist for Parents: go to webpage and click on "Hearing Checklist for Parents" [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)
- American Society for Deaf Children ASL/Language Acquisition Milestones - contact GBYS program
- Texas Early Intervention System Chart - Texas Connect: [www.utdallas.edu/calliercenter/txconnect/pdf/NTEI\\_Chart.pdf](http://www.utdallas.edu/calliercenter/txconnect/pdf/NTEI_Chart.pdf)
- Resource guide for Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) \*\*recommended Chapter 10\*\* [www.infantheating.org/ehdi-ebook/index.html](http://www.infantheating.org/ehdi-ebook/index.html)
- Model Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) form: [www2.ed.gov/policy/speced/reg/idea/part-c/index.html](http://www2.ed.gov/policy/speced/reg/idea/part-c/index.html)
- IDEA Manual for Parents and Students about Special Education Services in Texas [www.disabilityrightstx.org/files/IDEA\\_booklet-color.pdf](http://www.disabilityrightstx.org/files/IDEA_booklet-color.pdf)
- Hands & Voices - articles/forms specific to children who are d/hh  
Recommended \*\* IEP Checklist and Placement Consideration Checklists\*\* [www.handsandvoices.org/resources/docs.htm](http://www.handsandvoices.org/resources/docs.htm)



### Other websites/pages of interest:

- Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) - Find a program in your area [www.dars.state.tx.us/ecis/searchprogram.asp](http://www.dars.state.tx.us/ecis/searchprogram.asp)
- Hands & Voices Communication Considerations: [www.handsandvoices.org/comcon/index.html](http://www.handsandvoices.org/comcon/index.html)