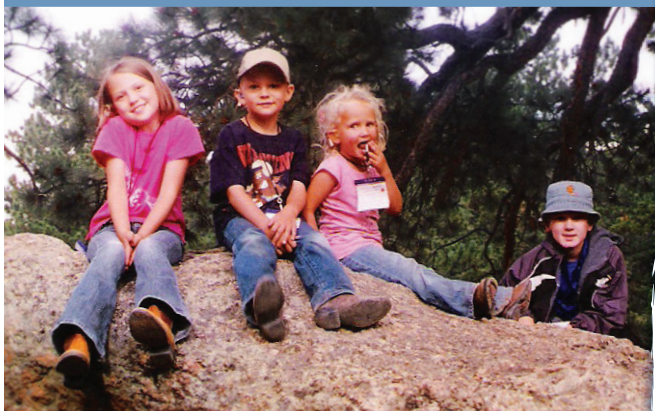


“Parents who had many contacts with other parents of children who were deaf or hard of hearing and with deaf adults reported less isolation and showed greater emotional bonds with their child...”

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“Studies suggest that parent-to-parent support encourages parents and provides parents with role models as they discover their capabilities as parents and families with a deaf or hard of hearing child.”

Eleweke & Rodda, 2000
Jackson, Becker & Schmitendorf, 2002

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Who We Are

Wyoming Families for Hands & Voices was founded in May 2006 with the help of Deb Hovde. We are parents, professionals, mentors and others who are connected through the community of the deaf and hard of hearing. This connection creates a network for families that offers support, resources and encouragement to help children reach their fullest potential.



“As I learned of my son’s hearing loss, it helped to have other moms and dads to connect with. I could call them when I needed to talk to someone about my feelings, what to do next, etc. When I heard about Hands & Voices, I felt that Wyoming could really benefit from this kind of parent support network.”

Wendy Hewitt

Co-Founder & Executive Director, Wyoming Families for Hands & Voices

Our Mission:

Wyoming Families for Hands & Voices is a parent-driven, non-profit organization that provides unbiased support to families with deaf and hard of hearing children to assist them in reaching their fullest potential.

Through community, we work to improve education outcomes for our children and enhance their quality of life.

Wyoming Families for Hands & Voices is part of the Hands & Voices National organization. Both organizations are known for providing unbiased support to families.



“We don’t accomplish anything in this world alone...and whatever happens is the result of the whole tapestry of one’s life and all the weavings of individual threads from one to another that creates something.”

Sandra Day O’Connor



HANDS & VOICES™ The Wyoming Hands & Voices Network provides:

Unbiased Support to Wyoming families regardless of their chosen communication modes or methodology. This unbiased support makes Wyoming Families for Hands & Voices a valuable resource for professionals and families throughout the state.

Members receive quarterly subscriptions to the Hands & Voices National Communicator and the Wyoming Families for Hands & Voices newsletter. Members also receive reduced fees for Wyoming Families for Hands & Voices sponsored workshops and trainings.



Whether a parent, professional, mentor, family member or others we invite you to join Wyoming Families for Hands & Voices!

Family Gatherings are sponsored by Wyoming Families for Hands & Voices throughout the state. Our family gatherings allow Wyoming families and friends to build local support networks and learn more about the Hands & Voices community.

Advocacy assistance helps and supports parents in learning how to advocate for their children. Children learn how to advocate for themselves from their parents.

Kid Connection is a statewide pen pal program for Wyoming children who are deaf and hard of hearing. This program promotes the opportunity for friendships, provides role models and encourages communication.

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Type of Membership (check one)

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- Other

Annual Membership Fee (check one)

- \$25 – Parent/Family Member
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