

THE WISCONSIN *Communicator*

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“What works for your child is what makes the choice right”



What can Wisconsin Families for Hands & Voices offer you?

Want to meet other families with children who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or DeafPlus? Talk about your real life and real joys? Come to a *Wisconsin Hands & Voices Family Picnic* or *Moms Brunch* where you can **connect** with other families and have fun. Two summer picnics in June! Details inside on page 3.

Would the *WI H&V Youth Empowerment Micro-Grant* enable you to help your own child? **Benefit** a whole group of kids near you? Share your idea with us. We want to help. Go to page 4 for details and how to apply.

Do you have something terrific you want to **share** with others in Wisconsin in *The H&V Communicator* and on our social media? What made you or your child happy, proud, grateful? Write a few words or send us a picture! Or both! We can help you share with our statewide community. Check out page 2.

And don't forget reading *Hands & Voices Communicator* and *The Wisconsin Communicator* and the websites!

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At our February 2019 Moms Brunch in Madison we caught up with old and new friends in a lovely spot! There are always things to talk about raising our precious children. And who can relate better than other parents or grandparents with deaf, hard of hearing or deafplus children? Thanks to some great moms for braving the snow and ice that day to get together!

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Member's Corner /

Parents, Kids, and Professionals
Contribute to The Wisconsin Communicator

Share your successes in the world of families with deaf, hard of hearing, and deafplus kids in The Wisconsin Communicator and on WI H&V social media.

*What **great** thing happened? What made you **happy, proud, grateful**? What have you **overcome**?*

In words. In pictures. Or both.

- Show your child's proud artwork! Share your child's most memorable signs or spoken words!
- Show or tell about a success! Big or small. Child or adult.
- Tell us what gives you joy as a professional who works with our children?

Email a text document, photo, scan, or file to:
handsandvoiceswi@gmail.com

or **Mail** a copy of your work (please no original artwork!) to:
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American Sign Language is different and unique from English.

(brief explanations)

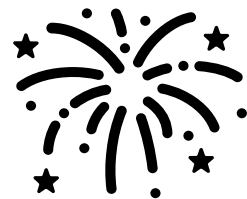
English is a West Germanic language that arose in the Anglo-Saxon kingdoms of England.

"I ate chocolate ice cream yesterday."

American Sign Language (ASL) derives from Old French Sign Language which was derived from Latin and Spanish Sign Language with spoken French Language (a Romance Language) influences AND from Martha's Vineyard, a community with Celtic origins.

*YESTERDAY (NMS-y/n), ICE-CREAM (NMS-topic), CHOCOLATE.
 FINISH ME-(affirmative).*

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The "2-5-8" is a play on signs, a sign language pun, if you will, representing the signs for "very interesting." It's a deaf thing! You have to know American Sign Language and Deaf Culture to appreciate the humor in the pun.

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WISCONSIN FAMILIES



FOR HANDS & VOICES



Two very special summer afternoons!

Picnic lunch, play area, conversation & fun for families with children of all ages who are deaf/hard of hearing/deafplus.

Please bring a dish to pass.

Hot dogs, brats, buns & condiments provided.

Sign Language Interpreters will be available.

***Two Picnics.
Two dates.
Two cities.***

***For families with
children who are Deaf,
Hard of Hearing, or
DeafPlus.***

***Make family-to-family
connections!***

WEST ALLIS Family Picnic

SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2019 At HEAR Wisconsin Noon - 3:00 pm

10243 W National Ave
West Allis, WI 53227

RSVP by June 7 to Meg Steimle msteimle@chw.org, 414-266- 3192 or text 920-750-8445 with names, number of adults/children attending and dish you will bring.

VERONA Family Picnic

SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 2019 At HARRIET PARK 11:30 am - 2:30 pm

Harriet Park Shelter - 151 Mary Lou Street
Verona, WI 53593

Questions/RSVP by June 16 to Karen Manning: krmanning1@gmail.com
or text 608/347-8457

Renew Your Membership or Become a Member Today!

Families and Members have the
Power
to make it happen!



The H&V Family Empowerment Micro-Grant

**Positively Impact Deaf, Hard of Hearing and
DeafPlus Youth Where You Live.**

Want to organize a fun social event for your child
and others? Access some technology?
Help a child take that special ASL class?
Provide equipment and snacks
for an after-school club?
Anything else??

Share your idea with us. We want to help.

**Micro Grants awards up to \$500.
Application deadlines March 30 & September 30.**

For more info and application go to the WI H&V
website: <http://www.handsandvoiceswi.org/>



2019 Hands & Voices WI Membership

Please circle one of the following:

- Parent of a deaf/HH child \$25.00
- Deaf /HH Adult \$25.00
- Student \$25.00
- Professional \$40.00
- Organization/agency \$75.00
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