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!

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!
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:
WI Families for Hands & Voices
P.O. Box 9644
Green Bay, WI 54308

Please include the following signed statement so we can share your work publicly:
I give permission to WI Families for Hands & Voices to release the attached written, pictorial, video, or photographic images on Hands & Voices media and marketing materials.

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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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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.

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 msteinle@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: krnmanning1@gmail.com
or text 608/347-8457
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/