

Camp Discover: A Program of Maine Hands & Voices

EHDI National Convention March 10th, 2025

Hands & Voices Mission & Vision

Hands & Voices is a **parent-driven** organization that supports families with children who are deaf or hard of hearing **without bias** around communication modes or methodology.

Vision: We envision a world where children who are deaf and hard of hearing have **every opportunity** to achieve their full potential.

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

Why Families Need Support

- 95% of all children who are deaf or hard of hearing are born into hearing families (Mitchell & Karchmer 2004)
- 90% of these families have no background in deafness or connections to the deaf community (Center for Demographic Studies 1984)

“The key to a successful integration of hearing loss into a family is the degree to which parents are able to integrate hearing loss into their lives” (D. Luterman, 2006)

Where Families Find Support

Parent-to-Parent Adults who are d/Deaf/hard of hearing Existing Communities

Professionals Information

Language and Instruction Immersion and Opportunities

Program for Adults:

- Modalities Presentations: ASL, Cued Speech/cued language, and Listening and Spoken Language
- Classes in ASL, Cued Speech/cued language, and Listening and Spoken Language Strategies
- Levels from Discovery to Advanced
- Explore opportunities, stick with one track, or choose specific class blocks
- Opportunities to chat with and learn from d/Deaf/hard of hearing adults who use one or more language and modality
- Opportunities to chat with and learn from professionals who use one or more language and modality

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Program for Children:

- Instruction in ASL, Cued Speech/cued language
 - Native language models from d/Deaf/HH adult using all modalities
 - Opportunities to learn language from native d/D/HH users for d/Deaf/HH children and their siblings
 - Opportunities to chat and play with d/Deaf/hard of hearing adults who use one or more language and modality
 - Storytime in cued language and ASL
 - Modality-specific speech/language activities
- for parents of d/Deaf/HH campers, the opportunity to get feedback and consultation with an SLP on their child's skills or goals

Access

ASL Interpreting, Cued Language Transliterating, Deafblind Intervening, and Deaf Interpreting Services are provided to ensure access for all campers

Interpreters and CLTs who volunteer at Camp Discover can opt to participate in training to receive continuing education units

- Topics include Deafblind Training and Working with a Certified Deaf Interpreter

Internship Program

Interns in the fields of speech/language pathology, deaf education, ASL interpreting, cued language transliteration, and deafblind intervening gain experience working in the children's program with support and guidance.

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