



CAMP DISCOVER

A PROGRAM OF MAINE HANDS & VOICES

Maine Hands & Voices

Mission/Vision Statement



Mission

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”

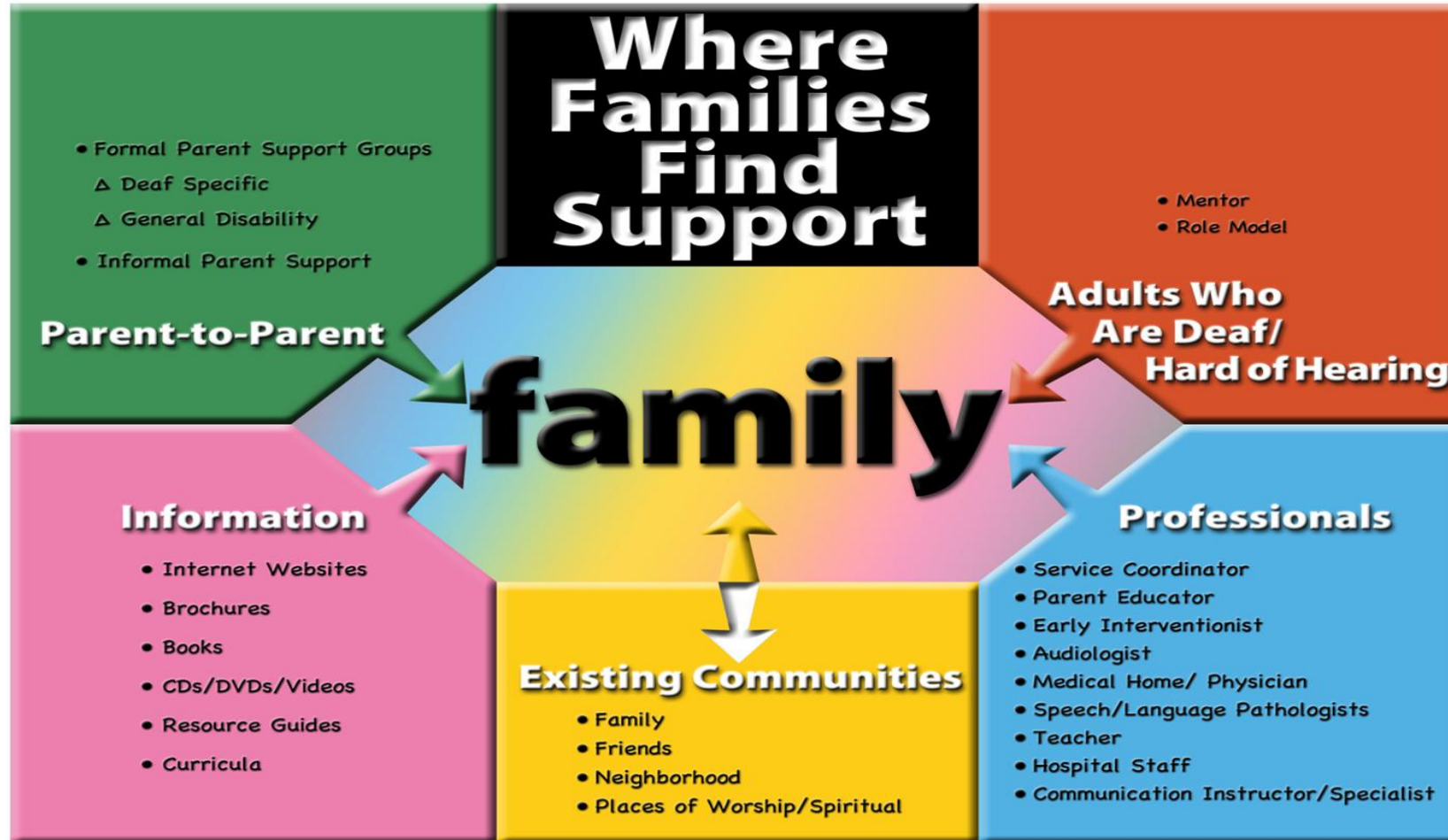
Why families need support:



- 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)

WHO NEEDS TO BE UNBIASED?....





Camp Discover is a fun, camp-style educational experience for families with Deaf, hard of hearing, and deafblind children.

At Camp Discover, your family will have the opportunity to experience instruction and immersion in American Sign Language, cued language, and spoken English.

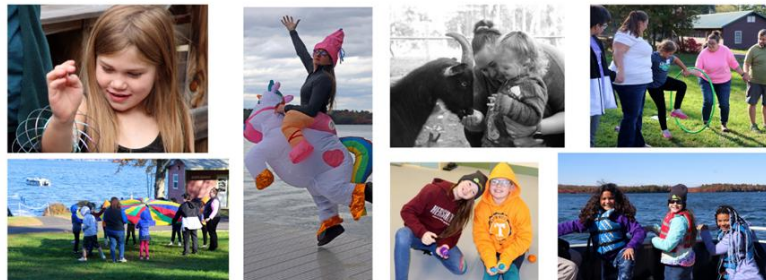
Come intern with us! If you are training to become a sign language interpreter, cued language transliterator, speech-language pathologist, deafblind intervener, or deaf educator, we have experiences you won't find anywhere else!

The Camp Discover experience supports access for everyone! We provide sign language interpreters, cued language transliterators, communication facilitators, deafblind interveners, and a soundfield speaker system.

Volunteer Interpreters and CLTs can participate in our training program for RID CEUs. The training topic is Dual-Sensory Loss/Deafblindness. Participants will learn to identify barriers to access for deafblind children and implement skills discussed to provide information gathering, language access, communication, and supporting relationships.



MeSLIC is an approved RID CMP sponsor for Continuing Education Activities. This workshop is offered for 2.4 CEUs in the Professional Studies area at the 'Intermediate' Content Knowledge Level.



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Presentations of Languages & Modalities





LANGUAGES & MODALITIES: Listening & Spoken Language

LANGUAGES & MODALITIES:

American Sign Language





LANGUAGES & MODALITIES: Cued Speech/Cued Language

Language Instruction and Immersion Opportunities

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, and Beginning 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

Adult Classes: ASL, CS/CL, & LSL Strategies





Parent-to-parent support

- Parent chat
- Maine Hands & Voices Guide By Your Side

Program's Parent Guides

Language Instruction and Immersion Opportunities

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



Kids'
Language &
Modality
Instruction:
ASL, Cued
Speech/Cued
Language



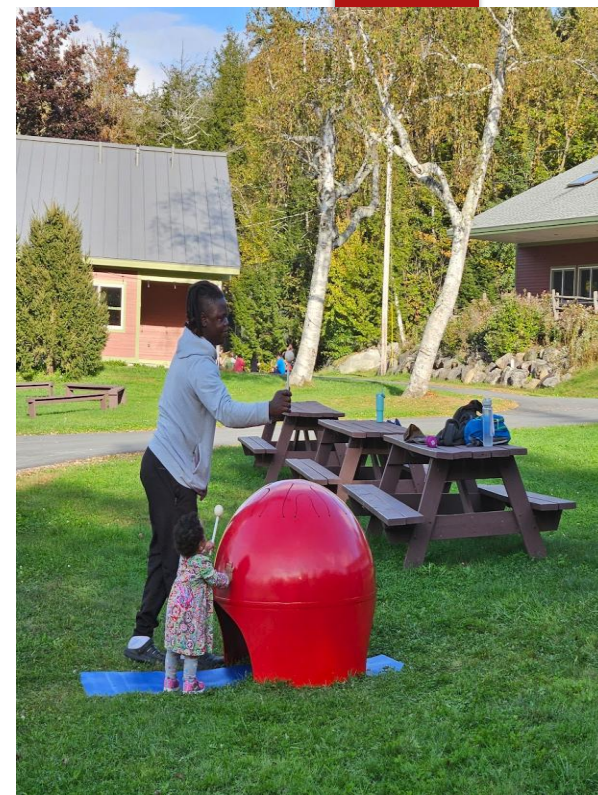
D/deaf & Hard of Hearing Role Models –
Maine Hands & Voices Guide By Your Side
Program's DHH Guides

Modality Specific Speech- Language Therapy



Literacy Block





Gongs and Drums – Elemental Design



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

Interpreter and Cued Language Transliterater Training



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:

Supported work in the children's program gaining experience in

- Speech/Language Pathology
- Deaf ed
- ASL Interpreting
- Cued Language Transliteration
- Deafblind Intervening







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