

# Kentucky Early Hearing Detection and Intervention

## Resources for Parents

### Kentucky-Based Resources

- [Kentucky Hands & Voices](#) is a parent-driven, non-biased group committed to supporting families no matter how you choose to communicate. They believe that when parents are given all of the information and resources, they are able to make the best choices for their family.
- [Guide by your Side](#) (Kentucky Hands & Voices)-Hands & Voices Guide by Your Side™ is a family support program that embodies the mission and vision of Hands & Voices™, which is to provide unbiased support to families with children who are deaf or hard of hearing. Guide By Your Side (GBYS) does this through specially trained parents of children who are deaf or hard of hearing. These parents work as “Guides” directly with families who have just learned of their child’s hearing loss, or who have older children and need the unique support that comes from someone else who has walked this path.
- [KY Special Parent Involvement Network \(KY SPIN\)](#) is a group of parents of children with special needs that help provide resources and training for when a child is transitioning into the school system, etc.
- [KY School for the Deaf](#) provides education and support services to deaf and hard of hearing students across the state age 6-21.
- [KSD Outreach](#) is part of KY School for the Deaf but is a network of professionals across the state that can advocate for your child within the school system.
- [KY Deaf Blind Project](#) is a statewide support network for families of children with dual sensory impairments, or deaf-blind.
- [KY Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf](#) is a non-profit organization of sign language interpreters for D/deaf and hard of hearing people
- [KY Association of the Deaf](#) is a gathering of the local to Kentucky D/deaf community
- [Office for Children with Special Healthcare Needs](#) provides comprehensive care to children and youth with special healthcare needs.
- [KCDHH-Kentucky Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing](#)-is a group that provides effective and efficient leadership, education, advocacy, and programs to eliminate barriers and to meet the social, economic, educational, cultural, intellectual and health and human services needs of deaf and hard of hearing Kentuckians. The KCDHH acts as an advocate for deaf and hard of hearing persons on legislative issues as well as a consultant to the governor, General Assembly and various state and local governmental agencies concerning policies and programs that pertain to people with hearing loss. KCDHH provides information, referral and advocacy services, and an interpreter referral service for state agencies.
- [Hearing Loss Association of America-KY Chapter](#) is a nationwide organization with a local chapter based out of Kentucky that works on advocacy and awareness.

- [Heuser Hearing Institute](#) is a provider of comprehensive quality hearing services as well as a preschool for children in the Louisville area and vicinity.
- [The Hearing and Speech Center](#) is a Lexington based educational, clinical, and family support provider.

### **Nationwide Resources**

- [American Society for Deaf Children](#) is a national collective of resources for families of children that are deaf and hard of hearing. Promotes communicating through sign language.
- [AG Bell Foundation](#) is a national group that provides tools to families to help them navigate teaching their child to communicate through listening and spoken language.
- [Center for Accessible Living](#) is a rights and resource center that provides information, advocacy, and opportunities for individuals with disabilities.
- [Fostering Joy](#) is a branch of the national Hands & Voices movement. The group's core belief is to teach people to see the [magic](#) involved in raising a child that is deaf or hard of hearing