



Benefits of DHH Guide Support

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What is Deaf/Hard of Hearing (DHH) Guide Support?

- Provides exposure to DHH adults modeling a variety of communication modes and methods to families with children who are deaf or hard of hearing.
- Increases awareness of and sensitivity to issues faced by individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing.
- Shares information through personal experiences of DHH individuals.
- Helps families with children who are DHH meet DHH adults who use different ways to communicate.
- Creates a safe place in which children, parents and professionals can ask questions about hearing loss or deafness.

What does research show about DHH Guide Support?

- 85% of hearing families surveyed wished they had met a DHH adult 0-6 months after identification.
- 71% of hearing families surveyed wished they had met a DHH adult 0-3 months after identification.
- 96% of of DHH children have hearing parents.
- 11 out of 12 participants felt empowered after meeting Deaf and hard of hearing adults and parents of deaf and hard of hearing children.

Questions to ask a DHH Guide:

- What was your childhood like growing up deaf?
- What accommodations did you utilize or found helpful?
- What were things your parents did that you appreciate, and what do you wish they would have done differently?
- What advice do you have for families trying to figure out the best communication method for their child?
- What's something about being deaf that you wish more people understood?

What families said after meeting a DHH Guide:

- "Our Guide was such a joy to speak with!! We learned so much about hearing loss, and they reassured us with their experiences and advice! What a great aspect of the program!"
- "The DHH Guide helped me learn how to support my daughter as a child living with hearing loss. They always listen and affirm the things I am doing right as a parent and I learn so much from them just by listening to them and their families experiences. Words can't say what they mean to me."
- "It helps to be connected with others who are deaf or hard-of-hearing to find resources and be connected to the community."