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Guide By Your Side™

Parent to Parent Connection

for families of children
who are deaf or hard of hearing



GUIDE BY
YOUR SIDE™

A free program of:



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Guide By Your Side™ (GBYS)

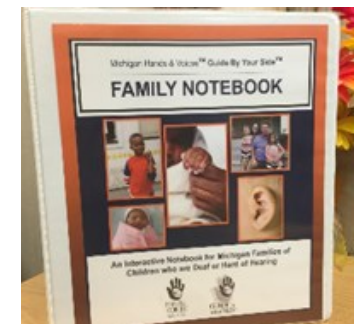
At Michigan Hands & Voices, we understand the power of parents sharing and connecting. In our GBYS Program, your family can meet with a Parent Guide.

Parent Guides are parents of children who are deaf or hard of hearing, who use their real-life experiences to assist other families. They are trained to help develop a new family's knowledge, sense of empowerment, and well-being.



Our Parent Guides Offer:

- Unbiased support.
- Free visits with you in your home.
- Initial free membership in Michigan Hands & Voices.
- Free copy of the **Family Notebook**, written by Michigan parents and professionals.
- Practical solutions to everyday challenges.
- Connections to resources.
- Guidance for working with professionals.
- Experience with all levels of deafness/hearing loss.



"GBYS... offered me a support system I wasn't sure I needed or wanted. After the visit, I am very relieved to know I have support from others dealing with similar situations."



"I had so many questions about day-to-day things, and she had so many answers."



"I feel more confident with my son and that he will have a bright future."



You may be thinking. . .

"I'm not ready. I'm overwhelmed."
Many families wished they had started sooner. Your child is ready.

"I don't know what to ask."
We are trained to get the conversation started.

"We have too many appointments ."
A visit with a Parent Guide can help you get the most out of your appointments. We are flexible on location and time.

"I don't need 'support.'"
Great! We will share helpful resources.

"You won't have a Parent Guide near me."
Not true! We have Parent Guides all over Michigan.

Don't wait to get started!



After you sign up:

- A Parent Guide will contact you.
- Your Parent Guide will visit with you to provide information and answer your questions.
- Work with your Parent Guide about how often you will meet.

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My family would like to be matched with a Parent Guide.

Name of Child

Child's Date of Birth

Parent's Name

Address

City, Zip, State

Phone

OK to text?: YES NO

Email

Best time to be contacted

How did you learn about us?

_ Friend: _____

_ Audiologist: _____

_ Doctor: _____

_ Phone call from GBYS

_ Letter from GBYS

_ Website: _____

_ Other: _____

