

NATIONAL FAMILY ORGANIZATIONS

SUPPORTING DEAF, HARD OF HEARING CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES

Most of the listed are family-focused organizations that support Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and DeafBlind children and their families, with an emphasis on early language access, family-to-family support, and resources from birth through childhood and beyond. I tried to focus on family to family organizations first.

Many are at the state level. However, many of the resources within these organizations also share other local and state resources.

The Clerc Center proudly endorses these family organizations.

AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR DEAF CHILDREN (ASDC)

Purpose Parent-led national organization supporting families of Deaf and Hard of Hearing children through advocacy, ASL access, mentoring, education, and connection to the Deaf community.

Ages Served: Birth through youth (family support across the lifespan)

Website: https://deafchildren.org

HANDS & VOICES

Purpose Parent-driven organization providing unbiased, family-to-family support, peer mentoring, and resources to help families make informed decisions and support language and communication development.

Ages Served: Birth through school age and beyond

Website: https://www.handsandvoices.org

NATIONAL FAMILY ASSOCIATION FOR DEAFBLIND (NFADB)

Purpose Family-led national organization offering advocacy, training, resources, and peer connection for families of children who are DeafBlind.

Ages Served: Birth through adulthood

Website: https://nfadb.org

HANDS UNITED (MANOS UNIDAS)

Purpose National organization supporting immigrant and multilingual families with Deaf and Hard of Hearing children through ASL access, workshops, advocacy, cultural navigation, and systems support.

Ages Served: Birth through childhood (family-focused support)

Website: https://handsunitedor.org

GLOBAL COALITION OF PARENTS OF CHILDREN WHO ARE DEAF OR HARD OF HEARING (GPODHH)

Purpose International, parent-led network that strengthens family-to-family support, parent leadership, and advocacy for families of Deaf and Hard of Hearing children, with a strong emphasis on early intervention and family engagement.

Ages Served: Birth through early childhood and beyond

Website: https://www.gpodhh.org

FAMILY VOICES

Purpose National, family-led organization that works to transform systems of care so they better support children and youth with special health care needs and disabilities, including Deaf and Hard of Hearing children. Family Voices centers family expertise, promotes parent leadership, and connects families to a nationwide network of Family-to-Family Health Information Centers that provide peer support, information, and care navigation.

Ages Served: Birth through youth (family-focused support across childhood)

Website: https://familyvoices.org
