

MICHIGAN Hands & Voices™

Guide By Your Side™

Parent Guides Needed

**Provide Unbiased Guidance to Michigan Families
of Children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing**

We will consider any parent who applies to become a Parent Guide.

We are especially seeking parents who:

- live in **Wayne County, Macomb County, West Michigan, or Northern Michigan**
- have experience with hearing aids, **unilateral** or bilateral hearing loss, a **bone conduction system, auditory neuropathy, and microtia/atresia**.

A Parent Guide must:

- Have a child(ren) who is Deaf or Hard of Hearing, preferably under the age of 12.
- Be able to provide information in an unbiased manner, especially regarding communication.
- Have demonstrated knowledge of local, state, and national resources for parents of children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing, and a passion to keep learning.
- Be able to help families learn advocacy skills.
- Possess a valid driver's license and have reliable transportation.
- Pass a background check.
- Be reasonably available to make family home visits.
- Be comfortable with web browsers, email, and Microsoft Excel, or be willing to be trained, and have easy access to these programs.

Parent Guides visit with families newer to the experience of raising a child who is Deaf or Hard of Hearing. Number of assigned families varies from 3-15 per year, and each family receives several visits/contacts. In-person full day training is required 2-3 times per year. Guides are paid for training, family visits, and travel. Scholarship opportunities are available for national conferences. Interview required. If you are ready to listen, guide, and model positive outcomes, contact us!

Apply: <https://forms.gle/qYyBMXnbeJtYhdfZ9>

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