

Appreciating the Everyday, Magical Moments of Parenting Children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing EHDI 2019 * Chicago, IL

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Early Intervention tends to highlight challenges and work to mitigate them

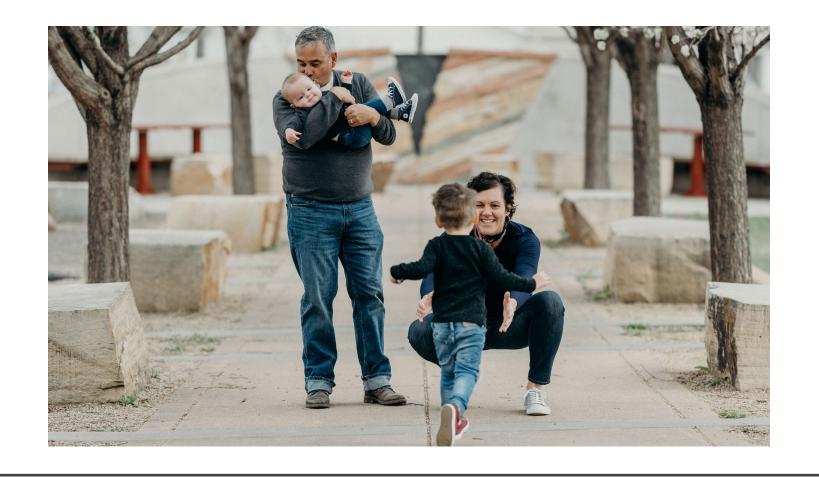
In the process, some families lose touch with the JOY of parenting

Shifting the Parent-Professional Conversation

Why We Came Together







Partnering with Hands & Voices to Foster Joy

Attending to Social-Emotional Functioning

...not just language...not just audiologic concerns...not just medical

questions

But really Fostering Joy





 Hands & Voices Annual Leadership Conference July 2018

• Pre-conference questionnaire

• In-person discussion

Parent Focus Group

Project Fostering Joy

Parent Focus Groups - 1 Nostalgia

Joy in Daily Routines

Skill Development Project Fostering Joy

Parent Focus Groups - 2 Self-Reflection Co-Existing Emotions

Community & Support



Fostering Joy in Families

- Moms
- Dads
- Grandparents
- Aunts & Uncles
- Foster parents
- Families of all kinds!

01

Adapting the SEAM tool, making it applicable for use with Deaf and hard of hearing children

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Raising awareness of the need to attend to the social-emotional development of all children, including those with reduced hearing 03

Giving space to talk about 'what is right' in a child's development



Helping Families Bask in the Joy

- Relishing the little moments
- Recognizing their strengths
- Feeling OK about "just being"
- Delighting in the child's progress

A Sentiment

A Call to Action

A Movement



Be a Part of this Movement!

- Parent Advisory Council
- Parent Ambassadors

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Join the Movement to Foster Joy!

• Professional Ambassadors

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