

Family-Focused Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children

Parent Support Networks

- **Hands and Voices – Texas Chapter**

“What works for your child is what makes the choice right!”

www.txhandsandvoices.org/txhv/

*Spanish website translation available

- **Texas Parent-to-Parent**

“Committed to improving the lives of Texas children who have disabilities, chronic illness, and/or special health care needs”.

www.txp2p.org

- **American Society for Deaf Children (national program)**

“Parents have the right and responsibility to be primary decision-makers and advocates. For this role, parents need education, access to information and support.”

www.deafchildren.org

Sign Language Resources

- **Family Signs Online Sign Language Course**

<https://texasdeafed.org/families/programs/family-signs>

- **Rachel Coleman Signing Time**

www.handspeak.com

- **Signwise 4 Kids (“product reviews”)**

www.signwise4kids.squarespace.com

- **Signing Savvy**

www.signingsavvy.com

Informational Websites

- **Crossroads**

“crossroads” where support, information, and resources converge for Texas deaf and hard of hearing students, their families, and the professionals who serve them.”

www.texasdeafed.org

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- **Hands and Voices – National**

Includes published research, advocacy, and support info and parent-specific information.

www.handsandvoices.org

- **Language and Communication Information**

General descriptions of different communication opportunities available, including both spoken and visual language.

www.ncbegin.com/communication-options-communication-options.html

- **Disability Rights Texas**

“Protecting and advocating for the rights of Texans with disabilities-because all people have dignity and worth.”

www.disabilityrightstx.org

- **Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Parent Manual**

A guide for parents and students about special education services in Texas. **Accessed through The Arc of Texas.*

www.thearcoftexas.org/idea-manual/

- **Laurent Clerc National Deaf Ed Center**

“To raise the achievement of deaf and hard of hearing students ages birth-21 nationwide by supporting the families and professionals who work with these students.”

www.gallaudet.edu/clerc-center.html