



NDHHS Deaf Parent Support Group

WHY JOIN THE DEAF PARENT SUPPORT GROUP?

1. SUPPORT
2. EDUCATION, INFORMATION
AND RESOURCES
3. ENHANCED PARENTING
SKILLS
4. REDUCED STRESS AND
ISOLATION
5. STRONGER FAMILIES

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Bi-monthly
Second Saturdays
10am - 11:30am
NDHHS



Deaf Parents & Hearing Children: Special Challenges

90% of Deaf Parents Have Hearing Children

Families with Deaf parents and hearing children have a very unique family environment. They often live in a home with two cultures, two languages and experiences not had by most families. Deaf parents with hearing children face complex challenges including communication, role definition, discipline, self-confidence, isolation and self-advocacy. The Deaf Parent Support Group provides an invaluable opportunity for Deaf parents to both receive support and give support to other parents who face similar parenting challenges.

Support in an Accessible Setting

Because the support group is facilitated by a social worker fluent in American Sign Language, access to communication is never a problem. This lends to the ease of discussion, the relaxed, safe environment and the enhanced dynamics of the group.

Enhanced Parenting Skills

The primary responsibility for the development and well being of children lies within the family, and parenting is demanding and often stressful. The Deaf Parent Support Group provides a safe, encouraging environment where Deaf parents share their concerns, learn and practice new parenting skills, and connect to each other and to community resources. Sessions include group discussions, invited speakers and informative presentations. The support group helps to reduce parental stress and isolation as well as increase effective parenting competencies. The Deaf Parent Support Group offers a meaningful, non-threatening way for parents to gain skills as well as build supportive relationships within the group and the larger community. This experience contributes greatly to strengthening families.

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KODA Group

During the Deaf Parent Support Group the kids of deaf adults (KODAs) will have the opportunity to share experiences with other KODAs in a group setting as well as speak individually with staff experienced in issues related to being a child of Deaf adults. This complement to the Deaf Parent Support Group is designed to promote the emotional and social well being of the children of Deaf parents..

Childcare

Free childcare, structured activities and snacks are available to children of parents attending the support group. Children are cared for in a room adjacent to the support group meeting room.

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