



# Appreciating the Everyday, Magical Moments of Parenting Children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

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## Who We Are

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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

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Partnering with Hands & Voices to Foster Joy

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## 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

# 02

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

## Next Steps



## 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

Fostering Joy



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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