

ASDB Deaf Mentor Program and Arizona Hands & Voices

“CREATING THE PARTNERSHIP”

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Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and the Blind: Deaf Mentor Program

- ▶ Serve 79 families
- ▶ Birth to Five
- ▶ Specialize in teaching ASL to parents directly/children indirectly in home
- ▶ VCSL Assessment
- ▶ Provide ASL class on Zoom
- ▶ Provide multi-events

<https://asdb.az.gov/deafmentor/>





Arizona Hands & Voices Guide By Your Side Program

- ▶ Chapter of Hands & Voices™
- ▶ Established Guide By Your Side™ in 2010
- ▶ Grant received 2019 to expand program to include D/HH Guides
- ▶ AZH&V recruited, hired, and trained 3 D/HH Guides
- ▶ Share experiential knowledge of joys and challenges of growing up D/HH
- ▶ Knowledgeable of resources and the systems that serve D/HH children



"What works for your child is what makes the choice right."™



Why a Partnership?

- ▶ **Joint Committee on Infant Hearing (JCIH)**

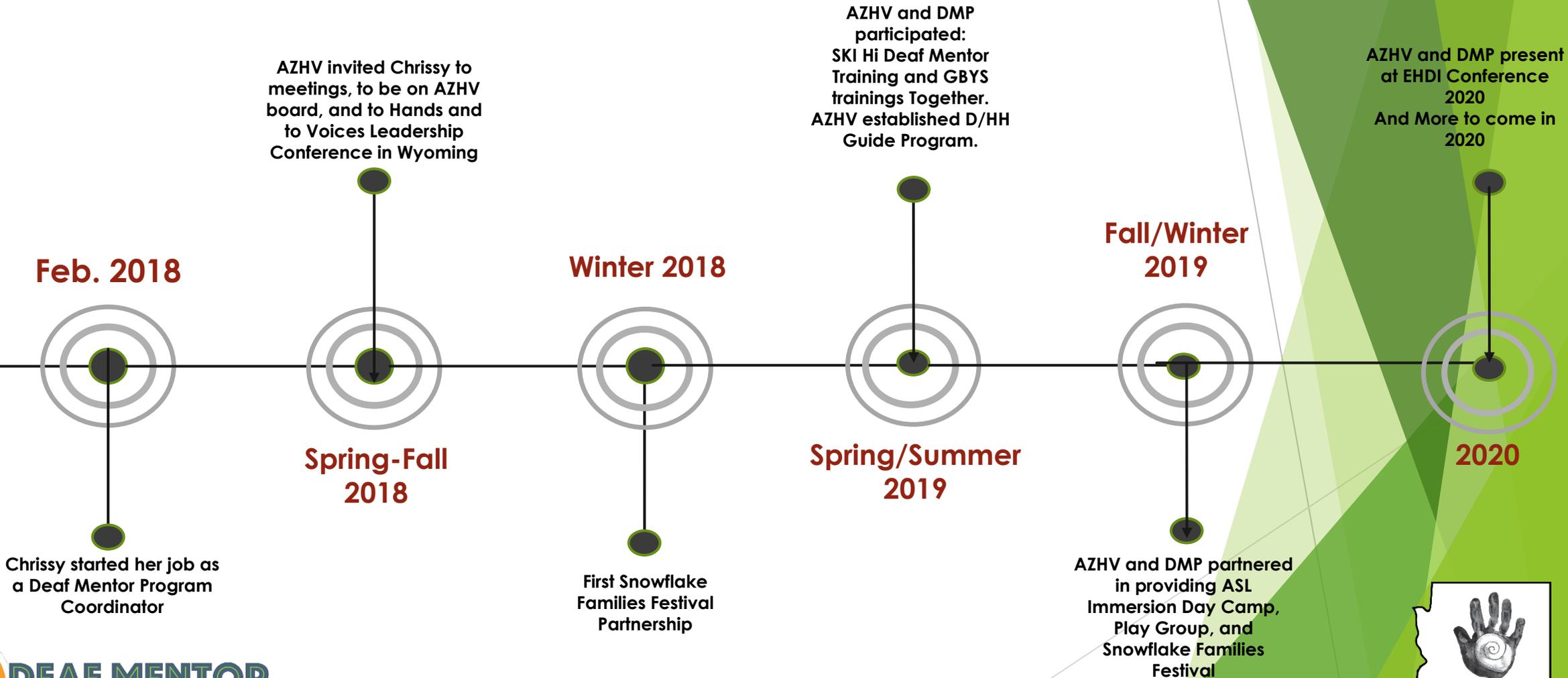
2013 Supplement to the JCIH 2007 Position Statement Principles and Guidelines

Goal 11: “Families who have many contacts with adults who are D/HH exhibit a strong sense of competence with regard to raising their child who is D/HH”

- ▶ **Creates cohesiveness among programs**
- ▶ **Provides a strong sense of community**
- ▶ **Provides parents the ability to have every opportunity of support**



The Birth of a Partnership





Natural Environment

Support the families

D/HH Community/Events

JOURNEY

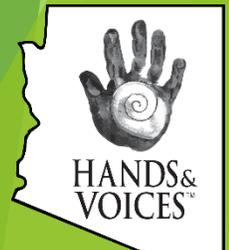
Family Events and Workshops

Deaf Culture and History

Deaf/Hard of Hearing Adults

Shared Experience

Continuum of Modes of Communication



ASL Immersion Day Camp



2nd Annual Snowflake Families Festival



Arizona Hands & Voices with Santa and Mrs. Claus



Families gathered at the event



Deaf Mentor Program with Santa and Mrs. Claus

Referral Process



Deaf Mentors introduce and encourage the families to receive additional services from AZHV D/HH Guide and vice versa

Any time the coordinator receives contact from families or other services, they are being referred to AZHV D/HH Guides

Referral on AZHV website

Children ages 3-5 who attend preschool programs outside of ASDB system are being referred to AZHV D/HH Guide Program

Share information about Deaf Mentor Program with newly identified families

Questions

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Answers

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