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Building your Confidence in Leadership and Enhancing your Public Speaking Skills

December 13th, 2018 11:00 am-12:00pm MST

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Hands & Voices believes that Leaders can be developed by enhancing one's natural ability with skills development through formal and informal learning opportunities. To meet individuals on their journey of Leadership that is unique to serving families with children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing, Hands & Voices will be hosting a series of webinars focusing on different components of Leadership. This first webinar will take a closer look at Confidence and Public Speaking.

Confidence is believing in yourself and your own abilities; it's being comfortable in a variety of environments with a diverse group of Deaf and Hard of Hearing stakeholders and being able to advocate for change as needed in the systems that serve families with children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing.

Public speaking includes the ability to engage participants and to address an audience effectively, including sharing your "story" publicly, whether to a small group or an auditorium full of people. When planning content for public speaking, Leaders must be aware of diverse stakeholder issues and how to be respectful in how they communicate, including using terminology accepted by as many stakeholders as possible. Confidence and Public Speaking go hand in hand in delivering a message or an idea and are integral components of personal leadership and systems level participation.

Webinar two of this series, coming in April 2019, will focus on the area of Leading Others including non-profit management and conflict management components. Webinar three, coming in August 2019, will focus on Systems Leadership including reaching diverse and cultural populations, and educational, legislative, and systems Advocacy. Hands & Voices hopes you can join us for all three of these Leadership webinars.

Speaker Bios:



Janet DesGeorges – Executive Director of Hands & Voices, FL3 Principal Investigator

Janet DesGeorges lives in Boulder, Colorado with her husband Joe and is mom to three daughters, including Sara, who is deaf/hard of hearing. She is the Executive Director of Hands & Voices. Ms. DesGeorges received a program certificate from the MCH Public Health Leadership Institute in 2011 at the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill. Janet serves as the NCHAM Family Advisory Chairperson. As an EHDI Systems advocate, Janet believes in the principles and guiding philosophies of Hands & Voices towards a parent-driven, professionally-collaborative approach when supporting families in the early years. Professionals and parents can partner together to achieve appropriate outcomes for children who are deaf or hard of hearing.



Karen Putz – D/HH Infusion Co-Director

Karen Putz is the Co-Director of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Infusion at Hands & Voices. Karen is a mom of three deaf and hard of hearing young adults and has worked in early intervention as a Deaf Mentor for 13 years. For fun, she walks on water as a barefoot water skier.



Lisa Kovacs – Director of Programs, FL3 Co-Director

Lisa Kovacs is the Director of Programs for Hands & Voices Headquarters and one of the Co-Directors of the Family Leadership in Language and Learning Project (FL3), a HRSA funded co-operative agreement. Lisa is also a parent of a young adult son who is deaf/hard of hearing. Lisa serves on the Indiana State Special Education Advisory Council and the Coalition for Global Hearing Health Board of Directors.