



# Georgia Hands & Voices

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Back to School Bash

Saturday, July 24, 2010 2pm-7pm

***'What works for your child is what makes the choice right'***

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### Where:

Atlanta Area School for the Deaf, 890 N Indian Creek Dr, Clarkston, GA 30021 website: [www.aasdweb.com](http://www.aasdweb.com)

### Activities:

**"Getting to Yes! How to Get Past Road Blocks to Appropriate Services."** - Janet DesGeorges, National Outreach Director for Hands & Voices

... "Sorry, we don't have the money" ... "There are 400 other Children in this building, and you want WHAT?" ... "We get to decide the school placement"

- *Have you ever heard this or other 'conversation stoppers' when seeking services for your child who is deaf/hh or a student you are serving? This interactive session will address topics such as eligibility, school placement, assistive technology, proficiency of staff – by taking a look at some typical responses that parents and teachers are often given when appropriate services are being sought. Bring your questions....this is the answer place!*
- **Everything You Wanted to Know But Were Afraid to Ask a Deaf Adult:**
  - In the cocoon of a "safe" H&V environment, hear from a panel of insightful deaf and hard of hearing adults representing various communication modes and various hearing devices, each the right match for that person. **Panelists include:**
    - Mary Reed, mother and housewife
    - Greg Owen, teacher and Academic Bowl Coach
    - Reggie Bess, Athletic Coordinator
    - Amy Efron, Psychologist
    - Ronnie Mae Tyson-Jones, Rehab Counselor for the Deaf/ Valdosta
- Join us for food, children's activities including a bounce house, puppet crafts donated by the Center for Puppetry Arts, story time and fun for all ages.
- Meet and learn from a variety of vendors and resources in our state, specific to deaf and hard of hearing children.
- Meet and enjoy other families and the professionals who support us.

### **RSVP to [info@gahandsandvoices.org](mailto:info@gahandsandvoices.org)... Deadline EXTENDED**

(RSVP so that we may plan for childcare; CART captioning and qualified interpreters available. Childcare provided and refreshments included.)

#### **For any questions please contact:**

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Please visit our website at [www.gahandsandvoices.org](http://www.gahandsandvoices.org) for more information.

### **Cost:**

- GA H&V Members: Free
- Non-Members: \$5 per person/ \$10 per family  
*\*\*\*(Join GA Hands & Voices, get in free and take advantage of all of our membership benefits)*

***The Mission of GA Hands & Voices:*** *GA Hands and Voices is dedicated to supporting families with children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing **without a bias** around communication modes or methodology. We're a statewide parent-driven, non-profit organization providing families with the resources, networks, and information they need to improve communication access and educational outcomes for their children. Our outreach activities, parent/professional collaboration, and advocacy efforts are focused on enabling Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing children to reach their **highest potential**.*