



Georgia Hands & Voices Meeting Athens, GA

Saturday, March 20, 2010: 1:00pm-5:00pm

What: Georgia Hands & Voices, a state chapter for the national organization, providing advocacy and support to families with children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing without a bias around communication modes or methodology, is hosting its first Athens, GA. event to introduce resources and opportunities to families and professionals in the region.

Agenda

- Welcome
- GA Hands & Voices: Supporting Families without Bias.
- Introductions of All
- Break
- The Deaf Child Bill of Rights. What Do Parents Need to Know in GA?
- Resources: Special Guests
- Next Steps: Membership, goals, upcoming events.

Where: Athens Regional Library on Butler Street in Athens
2025 Baxter Street · Athens, Georgia 30606
706.613.3650

Who: Families, professionals and adults who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing who communicate manually and/or orally. From American Sign Language to cochlear implants, our organization represents people from all different approaches to, and experiences with, deafness or hearing loss. Anyone who is supportive, educated, motivated and dedicated to improving communication access, and improving the social and educational outcomes for our children allowing them to reach their highest potential...please join us.

How: **Childcare will be provided and interpreters will be available.** Please RSVP to info@gahandsandvoices.org by **March 13** so that we can ensure we have adequate and appropriate childcare and seating. RSVPs should include how many we can expect (adults and children) and if an interpreter is needed.

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**.*

For any questions please contact:

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