



Georgia Hands & Voices Meeting Columbus, GA

Saturday, April 25, 2009 1pm-5pm

***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**.*

Where: North Columbus Branch Library, located at 5689 Armour Road. (The library requests that participants park next door at Britt David Elem. School due to limited parking onsite.)

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.

What: Agenda

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

How: **Childcare will be provided and Interpreters will be available.** Please RSVP so that we can ensure we have adequate and appropriate childcare and seating. Please RSVP by April 17 to let us know how many we can expect (adults and children) and if an interpreter is needed. RSVP to Info@gahandsandvoices.org

For any questions please contact:
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