



COLORADO HANDS & VOICES™

July & August 2023 Newsletter

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

CONNECTION



COLORADO HANDS & VOICES™
Events

TO RSVP PLEASE GO TO
[TINYURL.COM/2023EVENTSCOHV](https://tinyurl.com/2023EVENTSCOHV)

D/HH+ Autism Family Day: Saturday, Aug. 19th

Family, Parent, & Kid time in an accessible, nature-based (magical) place. Siblings welcome!

- Animal and Sensory Activities
- D/HH Mentors
- ASL Interpreters
- D/HH + Autism Specialists

Free!
7th ANNUAL D/HH + AUTISM FAMILY DAY

HAPPY DOG RANCH
Saturday, Aug. 19th
10 A.M. - 1 P.M.
7811 W. Titan Rd
Littleton, CO
RSVP Required

MOM'S NITE INN

It's back with a twist of daytime connections. See page 2 for all the details and registration info!

EVENTS

Take a look at page 4 for a full list of events. COH&V events are in **ORANGE**. Summer camp signups are in **GREEN**.

D/HH+ AUTISM DAY

Families with D/HH children who also have Autism. This is for you! See page 2 for more info.

It's almost back to school! Hang in there parents!

A heartfelt thank you to the Robert D Upton Bypass Trust for their very generous donation to our Chapter this past month. We were so very honored and quite honestly, surprised to be contacted by the trust with this exciting news that our Chapter had been selected. Keep your eyes out for exciting news in the next few months on some new things coming to our Chapter.

There are a quite a few events happening in the coming months so be sure to see page 4 for the list of events across the state. To name a few we have Deaf/Hard of Hearing (D/HH)+ Autism Day on August 19th at Happy Dog Ranch. This is such a great event that helps us re-center ourselves with animals. This is our 7th year doing this event, and it is amazing to see so many smiles!

Next up is Mom's Nite Inn. This year we are doing a daytime only approach. Come connect with other moms and female caregivers, and hear from our guest speaker, Stephanie Olson. Stephanie works for Children's Hospital of Colorado and is a D/HH adult herself. We will also have a panel of D/HH Adults to hear about learned experiences from all walks of life. Don't forget to register! Lunch and snacks will be provided for you, along with a craft.

Our Fall Gala is happening again on September 23rd. This is a great way to meet each other in an open setting, have dinner, enjoy the night, and if you're lucky walk away with some amazing auction items. Parents this is for you too! We have a night full of fun at Wings Over the Rockies, Exploration of Flight in Centennial. See page 2 more details on how to register.

Have you heard? The Early Hearing, Detection and Intervention (EHDI) Conference is coming to Denver in March! This is an amazing conference that gives parents, professionals, and D/HH adults an overview of what is being done around the country focusing on birth-three years old. By no means is this limited to knowledge of only birth-three, but it is geared towards that age group. Last year there were so many amazing parents that made lasting connections through this conference.

Last, but not least. We know that with school starting comes IEP/504 meetings. New opportunities (even if they may not seem like it at the time) are right around the corner. You've got this! Remember to take a deep breath, ask for support (see page 4 for ASTra Q&A dates), and don't be afraid to think outside the box. Popcorn kernels don't pop all at once. They pop when they are ready. Same as children. Give them the right supports, and a nurturing environment, and they will pop when you least expect it.

by Jami Fries, Executive Director



Tickets

In-Person Tickets
\$80.00 Per Ticket
\$370.00 -1/2 Table
\$700.00- Full Table

Together We Soar



Virtual Tickets to the Auction are FREE.

September 23, 2023

*Wings Over The Rockies
Exploration of Flight
Centennial, CO*

Visit <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/ygaapc/event/cohvtogetherwesoar/> today to secure your tickets or scan the QR Code.

Deaf and Hard of Hearing + Autism Family Day is BACK for its 7th year! Come celebrate our uniqueness in an amazing way with friends, professionals, and other families, on Saturday, August 19th from 10:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. at Happy Dog Ranch. While this event is geared towards ages 12 and under, this event is open to anyone under age 18. Come meet the animals, do crafts, talk with D/HH mentors. And parents... have a chance to connect and make lifelong friendships!

Please be sure to RSVP at <https://tinyurl.com/DeafPlusAutismDay>, so we know how many families can come. Volunteers are always wanted for this event as well and can RSVP at <https://tinyurl.com/DeafPlusAutismVolunteers>.

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Sponsors, co-hosts, and volunteers be sure to RSVP by August 8th.

Questions or interested in sponsoring this event?
Email us at info@co-hv.org
To register scan the QR code or visit <https://tinyurl.com/DeafPlusAutismDay>

Mom's Nite Inn

Saturday August 26th, 2023
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Located at 2501 N. Dallas Street,
Aurora, Colorado 80010

Register by scanning the QR Code or going to <https://tinyurl.com/MNI2023>

Come connect with other moms and/or female caregivers of deaf/hard of hearing (D/HH) children in Colorado. Guest Speaker, Stephanie Olson will speak, along with a panel of D/HH individuals to answer your questions. Connect over a craft, inspired to make you take time for yourself. Lunch and snacks will be provided.

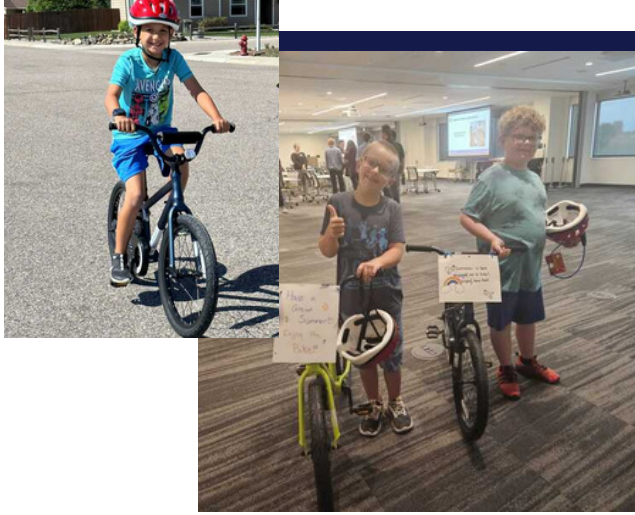
GUEST SPEAKER:
STEPHANIE OLSON,
FAMILY CONSULTANT AT
CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL COLORADO

\$55 for Members
\$65 for Non-Members
*Scholarships Available

Mom's Nite Inn 2023 will be held on August 26th this year in Aurora, CO. This long time event will give moms and female caregivers a chance to let their guard down, talk with others who just get it, do a craft to take home, listen to our guest speaker, Stephanie Olson, and ask questions from our deaf/hard of hearing panel.

Traditionally this event is held overnight, however this year we are trying a daytime only event, to give moms a chance to get away for the day without the added stress of an overnight stay.

Please be sure to sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/MNI2023>



BIKE GIVEAWAY

A huge thank you to CISCO for donating 6 new bikes, helmets and locks to our families.

We were lucky to have three families in attendance, and a fourth family had their bike dropped off at their home.

These bikes give kids a sense of freedom and a fun way for parents to teach bike safety. Here's to summertime fun and great memories!

COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM

In February, Amazon Prime announced that they were no longer participating in Amazon Smile. It was an amazing way for shoppers to donate back to Colorado Hands & Voices, without even thinking about it. While we didn't get thousands of dollars from this, every bit helps.

We have since joined the Community Rewards Program with Kroger, which is the same concept. Every time you shop at Kroger, a percentage of your sale comes back to Colorado Hands & Voices, and you don't have to do anything more than attach our name and/or code to your account, and Kroger does the rest!

Please consider adding Colorado Hands & Voices to your account today by going to your Community Rewards section on your Kroger online account and use code YF108, or scan the QR Code.



Did you know every time you shop, you could be helping Colorado Families for Hands & Voices? Be sure to select us with the code below as your Community Reward Member.



→ YF108



Community Rewards

Earn money for your community organization when you use your loyalty card



BOARD AND STAFF PLANNING

In late June, our Board and Staff got together in Mead, CO to plan out our next fiscal year. This is such an important step in us being a non-profit. During these meetings we talk about our vision for our Chapter, budgeting, event planning for the next year, and we discuss challenges we have had so we can learn from them and move forward.

We are so grateful to have a Board of Directors (Shaun DeLisa, Allison Cunningham-Smith, Janette O'Brien, Jennifer Hills, Kelly Fernandez-Kroyer, Brenda Elliott, Katie Buttermore, Robin Getz, Sarah Bolin, Marisa Buchsbaum, and David Holder) who volunteer their time to help our Chapter run.



EVENTS

CSDB Summer at the Park (In-Person)

Hosted by CSDB. To see the full list of locations and times visit <https://csdb.colorado.gov/outreach/summer-at-the-parks>

July 27-30: Listen CI Camp (In-Person)

Hosted by Listen Foundation. Age 3- 3rd Grade. YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park. For more info please visit <https://www.listenfoundation.org/cicamp/>

July 30: Widening Your Circle (Virtual)

7:00-8:00 p.m. Hosted by COH&V RSVP at <https://tinyurl.com/2023eventsCOHV>

August 11: ASTra Q&A ABC's of IEPs (Virtual)

12:00-1:00 Hosted by COH&V RSVP at <https://tinyurl.com/2023eventsCOHV>

August 11-13: ASL Interpreted Plays at Creede Repertory Theatre (In-Person)

Tickets can be purchased at <https://creederep.org/calendar/month/2023-08/> See page 4

August 11-13: Wilderness First Aid/CPR at Aspen Camp of the D/HH (In-Person)

3 Day CRP and Wilderness Camp (Interpreters Provided). For more info visit www.aspencamp.org/wfa-cpr/

August 19: Deaf/Heard of Haring + Autism Day (In-Person)

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August 26: Mom's Nite Inn (In-Person)

9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. Aurora, CO. Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/MNI2023>.

September 9: Dog Man: The Musical- ASL Section (In-Person)

9:00am/11:00am & 2:pm. Newman Center. Email max.manoles@du.edu to make sure you are in the ASL Seating.

September 15: ASTra Q&A ABC's of IEPs (Virtual)

12:00-1:00 Hosted by COH&V RSVP at <https://tinyurl.com/2023eventsCOHV>

September 23: Together We Soar Fall Gala (In-Person)

6:00 p.m.- 9:0 p.m. Wings Over the Rockies, Centennial. Visit <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/ygaapc/event/cohvtogetherwesoar>

September 23: UCHealth Cochlear Implant Day

8:30 am- 1:30 pm UCH Bruce Schreffel Auditorium. Visit event.me/YBbPZz for more information

October 1: Deaf Safari Day at the Denver Zoo (In-Person)

Hosted by Relay Colorado 10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. More information coming soon.



Widening Your Circle
July 30th, 7:00-8:00 pm

Come join our chat with other parents who are new to raising a child with hearing loss. Please come with any questions you have or feel free to email info@co-hv.org with questions to share. RSVP using the QR code.

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UCHealth Cochlear Implant Day

A celebration of the gift of hearing through cochlear implantation.

Join us to learn more about cochlear implants and network with others with hearing loss and cochlear implants in our community. Friends and family are encouraged to attend with you!



8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

University of Colorado Hospital
Bruce Schreffel Auditorium
Breakfast, lunch and parking provided!

Visit event.me/YBbPZz or scan the QR code to register and for more info!

Relay Colorado is hosting

DEAF SAFARI DAY

at the Denver Zoo

Oct. 1, 2023
10 am - 4 pm



SAVE THE DATE!

Are you missing your Hands & Voices Communicator quarterly newspaper, or do you need to sign up to get one? A \$25 COH&V Membership gives you access to the quarterly paper (and more)!



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Annual Membership

- Quarterly Communicator Newspaper
- First in line for any special events we host
- One on one parent support
- First in line for ASTra or GBYS support
- Knowing you helped give back, so we can continue to support more families across CO.

\$25- Parent of D/HH Child
 \$25- D/HH Adult
 \$25- Student
 \$40- Professional
 \$100- Organization/Agency
 \$30- Community Member



Scan me to sign up!



Hands & Voices Communicator

Articles include: "Lies Your Mother Told You About Raising and Educating a Deaf Child", "Parents as Advocates in a Child's Education", "Ask the Audiologist: Late Onset or Progressive Hearing Loss", "Heart of Hearing: Discovering Me, Myself, & I Hearty in the Modern World".



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