



# COLORADO HANDS & VOICES™

June & July 2024 Newsletter

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

# CONNECTION



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



## SAVE THE DATE

Deaf/Hard of Hearing + Autism Day at Happy Dog Ranch will be back in September. See more on page 2.

## EVENTS

Take a look at page 4 for a full list of events. COH&V events are in **ORANGE**, H&V HQ Events are in **BLUE**. Others are in **GREEN**

## COH&V AWARDS

Is someone in our community doing an amazing job, and they deserve to be noticed? See how on page 2.

With summer comes longer days, as the sun comes out to play. We hope that you are enjoying time with your family, and soaking up all smiles and laughter. During these summer months, our staff's hours will look a little bit different, as we are also outside playing with our children, and possibly going camping or to the beach. But don't worry, we are still here for you and busy planning our upcoming year.

Thank you to all of the organizations who have included Colorado Hands & Voices in your events these past few months. We have been busy hosting tables, while connecting with families and community members, at events such as Rocky Mountain Deaf School's (RMDS) Deaf Fest (pictured to the right with Board Member Janette O'Brien) and Colorado School for the Deaf and the Blind's (CSDB) Glenwood Springs family event. In June and July be sure to come say hi to us while we host a table at Listen Foundation's Cochlear Implant Camp in Estes Park.

In April, we held our first ever Colorado Hands & Voices Dad's Day Out, and had a great turn out. See page 2 for more details on that. This weekend (June 8th and 9th), we will be holding our ASTra (Educational Advocacy and Support) workshop. And be sure to save the date for Deaf/Hard of Hearing + Autism Family Day at Happy Dog Ranch (see page 2) and our Fall Gala (see page 3) that will be here before you know it.

We all know that there are so many people that we cross paths with on our journeys that change our lives for the better. Now is the time to recognize their impact on your life. See how to submit their name for a Colorado Hands & Voices Award on page 2.



As always, we are here for you. If you have any questions or need supports, please email us at [info@co-hv.org](mailto:info@co-hv.org).

*by Jami Fries, Executive Director*

# CO HANDS & VOICES AWARDS

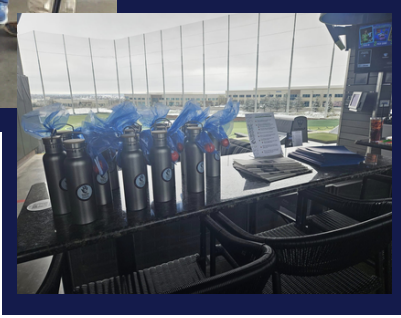
Every year, we as families are supported, guided, inspired, and pushed to succeed by so many individuals in our Colorado Hands & Voices community. Please take a moment to nominate someone in your life who has helped your family on the path to success. Even the smallest interaction can make a world of difference.

Providers, your nominations count too! If you see someone in the CO Hands & Voices community, or anywhere in the state of Colorado who has made a difference, please nominate them by going to <https://forms.gle/w6oB9cptyQXnvedS7> or scan the QR Code.



## DAD'S DAY OUT

We were proud to host our first ever Dad's Day Out, at Top Golf in Centennial on April 20th.. Thank you to all of our dads who took time out of their day to connect with one other and play some golf! A special thanks to Arron Rose, with Marion Downs Center, for sharing his lived experiences of being a D/HH adult. And to Kirk Neuroth for interpreting for us.



The random snow globe didn't damper anyone's spirits, and they all got to take home the Dad's Onboarding Checklist and a Fostering Joy Family Tip Sheet from Hands & Voices HQ, along with some other fun swag.

## SAVE THE DATE

We are proud to announce we will be hosting our 8th Annual Deaf/Hard of Hearing + Autism Day at Happy Dog Ranch, in collaboration with Colorado School for the Deaf and the Blind. More details will be coming soon, but please mark your calendars for Saturday, September 7th. Please note that Happy Dog Ranch has moved and are now located in Sedalia, CO.

If you are interested in helping sponsor this event, or volunteer, please email us at [info@co-hv.org](mailto:info@co-hv.org).



### SAVE THE DATE

**D/HH+ Autism Family Day**  
**Saturday, September 7th**

Happy Dog Ranch  
 \*Now located in Sedalia, CO






Questions or interested in sponsoring this event?  
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Pictured to the left is our amazing group of 2023 volunteers who made this day possible.

## SAVE THE DATE

Every year, we come together for our biggest fundraiser of the year. We love seeing everyone come together and have an amazing night! Be sure to save the date for Sunday, October 20th at Balistreri Vineyards in Denver.

The funds we raise from our Fall Gala go directly back to our families. Parent to parent support with our Guide By Your Side (GBYS) Program, events, educational handouts, educational advocacy support with our ASTra Program, and so much more are a direct result of fundraising efforts.

This past year we served 156 families all across the state with direct one on one support through our GBYS Program, and helped 14 families with their child's IEP/504 through the ASTra Program.



## OFF TO A GREAT START

Have you checked out the Hands & Voices interactive website, Off to a Great Start, for support with early intervention?

This new resource gives you complete control of where you want to go. Click the rocket for 8 Reasons to say YES to Early Intervention for your child who is Deaf/Hard of Hearing(D/HH). Or hover over the balloons for sections on child well being, knowledge, and child empowerment. But don't miss the toys on the shelf!

What a fun way to get more involved with your child's early intervention journey. Visit [HERE](#) or scan the QR code to interact today.

## THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS

Over the past few months we have felt the love. Thank you to all of our donors that have helped us reach more families, update some of our promotional items, and set up our organization for events in the coming months. You have made a difference and we greatly appreciate it. A special thanks to:

- Robert D Uoton
- Dr. Alen and Kristen McKnight
- The Peter Fund
- The Rainey Family
- Amber Mustain Floral Design
- Guild's Disability Action Community Employee Resource Group
- SECURA



# EVENTS

## June 8-9th: Level 1 and Level 2 ASTRA Training (In-Person)

Hosted by COH&V in Longmont. Visit [HERE](#) to register by 6/6/2024.

## June 11th: The O.U.R. Project's "This Summer I Will (Virtual)

Hosted by H&V HQ. 10:00-11:00 am. Register [HERE](#)

## June 25th: ASTra Webinar Series- Best Practices When Serving Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Families (Virtual)

Hosted by H&V HQ. 10:00 - 11:00 am. Register [HERE](#)

## July 13th: 2024 Ear Community Microtia & Atresia Picnic (In-Person)

Hosted by Ear Community. Broomfield, CO. Please [email](#) for more information.

## July 12th: Explore Nature: Wind, Trees and Soil (In-Person)

Hosted by CSDB and Rugged Research for ages 0-8. To register visit [HERE](#)

## July 18th-20th: Field of Dreams Baseball (In-Person)

Hosted by Austin Bluffs Sertoma Club. Please [email](#) for information by July 8th.

## May, June, July & August: CSDB Summers at the Parks (In-Person)

Hosted by CSDB. Locations, dates, times vary around the state. Please [email](#) for a full listing of dates/times.

## August 16th: Explore Nature: Birds on Land & Water (In-Person)

Hosted by CSDB and Rugged Research for ages 0-8. To register visit [HERE](#)

## August 21st: You Are Not Alone (Virtual)

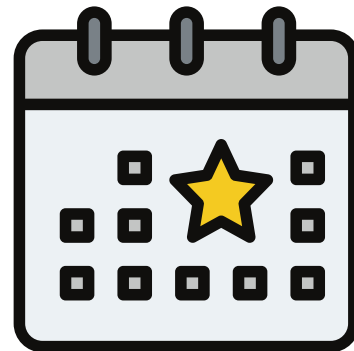
Co-Hosted by CO, NE, ND, MT Hands & Voices Chapters. More details coming soon.

## September 7th: D/HH + Autism Family Day (In-Person)

Hosted by COH&V and CSDB. SAVE THE DATE

## October 20th: COH&V Fall Gala (In-Person)

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Do you have an event that you would like us to share with our families? Please send us your information and a flyer at [info@co-hv.org](mailto:info@co-hv.org)



The O.U.R. Children's Safety Project:  
Monthly Learning Community for  
Parents, DHH Leaders and Professionals

## Bring the O.U.R. Project Home

Dates: am PT / 10am MT / 11am CT / noon ET  
2nd Tuesdays each month **Oct 2023 thru June 2024**

➔ [Click Here To Register!](#)

- Oct. 10:** Kickoff: Creating a Plug & Play Training
- Nov. 14:** Joy as a Tool for Protection & Safety
- Dec 12:** Gaining Knowledge about O.U.R. through Chat GPT
- Jan 9:** Bonding During 1-3-6, Hannah Lumby, UK
- Feb 13:** Keeping Our Students Safe at School: H&V Safety Attachment for IEP Development (ASTra Webinar)
- Mar 12:** Advocating for & Supporting Deaf Survivors: DOVE
- Apr 9:** Open Mic Session: You, Your Families, & Safety
- May 14:** Star Raft Circles of Connection & Safety y
- Jun 11:** Flipped Classroom and This Summer I Will

Ask  
O.U.R.  
questions  
to keep  
kids safe.

Presented by Rugged Research, in collaboration with CSDB

## EXPLORE NATURE

Discover nature both big and small through American Sign Language and Spoken English and learn about a variety of animals and insects. Spots are limited to six families. Please bring water and a snack.

These events are for families who have children who are deaf or hard-of-hearing, from birth to age 8.

**June 7 10-11am**  
**Lions Open Space**  
2425 N Overland Trail, Laporte, CO 80535  
Explore: Under rocks and logs for insects.

**July 12 10-11am**  
**Flagstaff Summit**  
Flagstaff Dr, Boulder, CO 80302  
Explore: Wind, trees, and soil.

**August 16 10-11am**  
**Rivers Edge Natural Area**  
960 W 1st St, Loveland, CO 80537  
Explore: Birds on land and water.

Sign up here:

Contact [kate@foothillsgateway.org](mailto:kate@foothillsgateway.org) for more info.

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- Manos Y Voces (Spanish)
- COHV Deaf+Autism
- cCMV Family Network
- Instagram and Twitter: Colorado Hands & Voices



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