



# COLORADO HANDS & VOICES™

March & April 2024 Newsletter

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# CONNECTION




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**Save the Date**

Level 1 and Level 2  
ASTra Training

JUNE 8th - JUNE 9th



## DAD'S DAY OUT

Dad, we see you! Come celebrate our FIRST Dad's Day Out. Save the date, April 20th. See page 2.

## EVENTS

Take a look at page 5 for a full list of events. COH&V events are in **ORANGE**, H&V HQ Events are in **BLUE**. Others are in **GREEN**

## ASTRA TRAINING

Level 1 and Level 2 In Person Astra Training June 8th-June 9th  
See page 2.

With spring comes many new changes. Our organization is no different, and we would like to welcome Kimberly Nadeau to our staff, as our new Transitions Parent Guide. When a child turns two, Kimberly will be reaching out to re-connect with our families, reminding you we are here until your child turns 18 years old, and to help prepare you to the upcoming changes when your child turns 3. Please feel free to welcome her at [Kim@co-hv.org](mailto:Kim@co-hv.org)

We would also like to say thank you to Brenda Elliott, for her many years spent with us at Colorado Hands & Voices. If you are in need of ASTra (Educational Advocacy) supports, please reach out to us at [ASTra@co-hv.org](mailto:ASTra@co-hv.org)

The Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) Conference is happening March 17-19 in Denver. For parents attending, please be sure to come to the Parent Place on Sunday night (page 3) to connect with other parents. We will also be hosting a Parent Panel during the lunch hour on Monday.

Have you ever wanted to learn more about educational advocacy for deaf/hard of hearing children? Or help families advocate for their children? This is for you! Please mark your calendars for our Level 1 & 2 ASTra training in June (page 2). We will be sending out more information soon.

Be sure to look at page 4 and 5 for a list of Summer Camp opportunities and events across the state. Looking for more information about the camps? Click on the links for email addresses and flyers for each line item.

As always, we are here for you. Please reach out if you need support, guidance, advocacy services, or just to say hi. You can reach us at [info@co-hv.org](mailto:info@co-hv.org).

*by Jami Fries, Executive Director*

Join us at Top Golf for an opportunity to connect with other dads/male caregivers of children who are deaf/hard of hearing. Play golf, eat snacks, and learn from D/HH adults.

\$ 20.00 for Members

\$30.00 for Non-Members (includes a membership)

\*Scholarships Available



**Saturday April 20th, 2024**

**1:30 pm - 4:00 pm**

**Centennial, Colorado**

**DAD'S  
DAY  
OUT**



**COLORADO  
HANDS & VOICES**

## DAD'S DAY OUT

We are very excited to announce that our registration for our FIRST Dad's Day Out is open!

Dad's this one is for you. Come connect, play golf, and learn from other deaf/hard of hearing adults. Snacks are provided!

We have a few spots left, but don't wait to register, spaces are limited. Visit <https://secure.ggiv.com/for/dadsdayout> to register today!

## EDUCATIONAL ADVOCACY

Parents and professionals, this is for you. Save the date for 2 ASTra Trainings to help you support our Deaf/Hard of Hearing children who are in school. Level 1, on June 8th, will cover educational rights for students who are D/HH. Level 2, on June 9th, will be for individuals who would like to join our team as ASTra Advocates to help support families across the state.

If you looking for more information please email us at [ASTra@co-hv.org](mailto:ASTra@co-hv.org).

## Save the Date

**Level 1 and Level 2  
ASTra Training**



ADVOCACY  
SUPPORT &  
TRAINING

**JUNE 8th - JUNE 9th**

## Journey Through Adolescence

Children's Hospital Colorado  
Bill Daniel's Center for Children's Hearing  
In Partnership with Ponzio Creative Arts Therapy

### Listening Fatigue... Beneath the Surface

Listening fatigue is a significant contributor to the overall health and well-being of children and adults who are deaf and hard of hearing. We will discuss strategies to decrease the impact of listening fatigue on academics and daily life. Ponzio Creative Arts will provide support and strategies for managing chronic stress and listening fatigue in adolescents.

#### Dates and Locations for 2024

We are offering the same presentation in Denver and virtually in Colorado Springs. Register for one of the below locations:

Saturday, April 6th, Aurora, Anschutz Campus

Join virtually from Colorado Springs, Briargate

Check-in begins at: 9:00 AM, conference time: 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

Interpretation for American Sign Language (ASL) and Spanish must be requested by March 22nd.

Questions? Contact

[Lynne.canales@childrenscolorado.org](mailto:Lynne.canales@childrenscolorado.org)

or 720-777-1926



## LISTENING FATIGUE

Join Children's Hospital Bill Daniels Center, for their session on Listening Fatigue. This event will be held in two formats. In person, for those who attend the Anschutz Campus on April 6th. And online for those who attend the Briargate location. Please be sure to register for this event by visiting <https://redcap.ucdenver.edu/surveys/?s=3RM3CJ4FH9LDC8TD>.

Questions? Please reach out to Lynne Canales with Children's Hospital at [Lynne.canales@childrenscolorado.org](mailto:Lynne.canales@childrenscolorado.org) or at 720-777-1926.



## Parent Gathering at EHDI

**Sunday Night  
7:00 pm- 9:00pm  
In Room Capital 4**

## PARENT GATHERING AT EHDI

For families who are attending the EHDI Conference in March, we know it's a whirlwind of a conference. Don't forget to come connect with other parents while you are there! Sunday night from 7:00-9:00 p.m. we will be holding space in Capital 4, for parents to connect and have some fun! Interpreters will be provided, fun for kids if families have them at the conference, and don't forget the PRIZES!

There will also be a Parent Panel during the lunchtime on Monday. Grab your lunch, and bring it with you to learn from parents who have lived experiences.

We will see you there!

## CAMP SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Shine Bright camp scholarship was instituted in the memory of Jennifer DeConde. Jennifer's summer camp experiences enabled her to explore her identity as a "sometimes deaf/sometimes hard of hearing" person in an accessible environment that focused on personal well-being. Her camp experiences reinforced the importance of empathy, resiliency, and self-determination as part of personal and social development. Now she offers a \$1,000 scholarship for others.

This scholarship is open to families, or a personal requests for school aged children who are D/HH, to attend camps at center on well being.

To submit a scholarship by April 15th, please visit <https://www.handsandvoices.org/services/shine-bright.html>



**Shine  
Bright  
Camp  
Scholarships**



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**What:** \$1000 scholarships to support individual or family camp experiences that are focused on well-being

**Who:** School-age children and youth who are deaf and hard of hearing

**How:** Scholarships are available spring of each year and are administered through Hands & Voices. Applications will be reviewed by the Shine Bright scholarship committee.

For more information or to apply visit

<https://www.handsandvoices.org/services/shine-bright.html>



Colorado School for the Deaf and the Blind  
Free Family Day

The Children's Museum of Denver at Marsico Campus invites families attending the Colorado School for the Deaf and the Blind (Birth to 8 years old) to come play and explore the Museum for FREE.

**Date and Time:**

Saturday, April 6, 2024

10:00 am — 1:00 pm

**Location:**

2121 Children's Museum Drive, Denver, CO 80211

**Questions:**

Contact CSDB Early Childhood ASL & Literacy Specialist Jennifer McLellan at

[jmclellan@csdb.org](mailto:jmclellan@csdb.org).

Free family memberships available to families of the Colorado School for the Deaf and the Blind

This offer is available only to families who attend the event on Saturday, April 6, 2024

## CHILDREN'S MUSEUM DAY WITH CSDB

Join Colorado School for the Deaf and the Blind (CSDB) at The Children's Museum of Denver to play and explore the museum on Saturday, April 6, 2024, 10:00am-1:00pm. This event is open to families that are raising a child who is D/HH, ages 0-8 years.

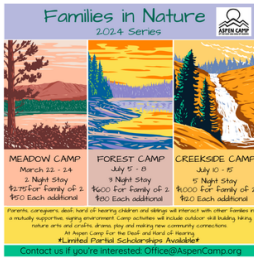
All families that attend in person will receive a free family membership to The Children's Museum of Denver. Be sure to RSVP [HERE](#)

For a full list of Early Literacy Events please visit the QR Code.

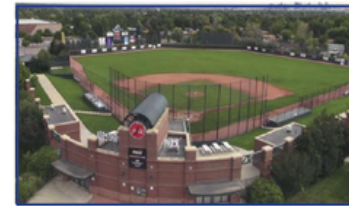


# SUMMER CAMPS

-IN COLORADO-



**Aspen Camp of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing**  
2024 Program List  
Contact: Jeb Willoughby



**Marion's Way Summer Preschool Camp**  
2024 Application (due 4/15/24)

Visit Marion's Way for more information. Or email at contact@mariondowns.org

**Colorado School for the Deaf and the Blind**  
Summer ASL Immersion for Families Summers at the Park (4 Regions)  
For more information contact: Ashley Renslow

**Rocky Mountain Deaf School**  
Camp Registration Form

Contact: Stephanie Carson or Heather Hapke

**Rosie's Ranch**

2024 Summer Riding Opportunities

For more information, contact Mary Mosher-Stathes

**Sertoma Field of Dreams Baseball Camp**

2024 Field of Dreams Camp Flyer

For more information, contact Coach Galen Graf

**Feel the Beat**

Summer schedule coming in April



# SUMMER CAMPS

-OUT OF STATE-

**AG Bell Youth Programs**

Learning Experience Adventure Program (LEAP)

Leadership Opportunities for Teens (LOFT)

Contact: Farrah Matlock

**CueSign Camp**

Camp Registration July 7-11th



**Gallaudet University: Summer Youth Camps**

2024 Summer Programs Flyer

Contact: Chanel Bonheyo

**National Technical Institute for the Deaf**  
Programs & Competitions

Contact: Erin Clegg

**NTID Regional Stem Center**

GenCyber Cybersecurity Summer Camp Flyer

Contact: Mark Sommer



# EVENTS

## March 11th -Virtual Early Literacy Event (In-Person)

Hosted By CSDB for children ages Birth to 3. Click [HERE](#) to RSVP.

## March 12th: O.U.R. Children's Safety Project, Advocating For and Supporting Deaf Survivors DOVE (Virtual)

Hosted by Hands & Voices HQ. 12:00 - 1:00 pm. Register [HERE](#)

## March 17-19: EHDI Conference in Denver, CO (In-Person)

For more information please visit [HERE](#)

## April 2nd: National Association of State Directors in Special Education (NASDSE) Guidelines Training (Virtual)

Hosted By Hands &Voices HQ. 10:00am-11:00am. RSVP [HERE](#)

## April 5th: RMDS Toddler Program at Fee The Beat (In-Person)

Hosted by RMDS. 10:00am-12:00 pm. RSVP [HERE](#)

## April 4th: Easter Egg Hunt (In-Person)

Hosted by CSDB. 9:30 am at CSDB.

## April 5th: PILGRIM ASL Interpreted Show at 7pm (In-Person)

Revive Church 8270 W 80th Ave, Arvada. Admission is free.

## April 6th: Children's Museum Free Family Day!

Hosted by CSDB. 10:00am-1:00 pm. RSVP [HERE](#)

## April 6th: Journey Though Adolescence (In-Person & Virtually)

Hosted by CHOC Bill Daniels Center. In-Person at the Arvada Anschutz Campus. Join Virtually from Briargate. 9:30 am- 12:00 pm. To register click [HERE](#).

## April 15: Shine Bright Camp Scholarships Due

To submit and application go [HERE](#).

## April 20th: Dad's Dad Out (In-Person)

Hosted by COH&V. Centennial Top Golf. See Page 2.

## April 19: Early Education Family Workshop (Virtual)

Hosted by CSDB. 9:30am- 11:30 AM To RSVP please click [HERE](#).

## May 8th: Goberis D/HH Track and Field Day (In-Person)

Hosted by Marion Downs Center. Please [email](#) us for questions or inquiries.

## May 18th: Western Slope Family Community Event (In-Person)

Hosted by CSDB. Event located in Glenwood Springs. For more info email [HERE](#) Register by April 1st <https://bit.ly/ELEGWS>

## June 8-9th: Level 1 and Level 2 ASTRA Training (See Page 2)

Hosted by COH&V. SAVE THE DATE!



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

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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 / 11 am CT / noon ET  
2nd Tuesdays each month **Oct 2023 thru June 2024**

➔ [Click Here To Register!](#)

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

- 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: HBV 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
- Jun 11: Flipped Classroom and This Summer I Will

### EARLY EDUCATION FAMILY WORKSHOP

Join us for our family presentation for families who have Deaf or Hard of Hearing children, from birth to age 3, and the professionals.

**Friday, April 19, 2024**  
9:30- 11:30 AM  
**ZOOM PLATFORM**  
(REGISTER TO RSVP)

**TOPIC:**  
"Strategies that WORK for Deaf/Hard of Hearing Kids: Coaching parents on language play."

Marissa Ramos, CCC-SLP is a speech-language pathologist who specializes in deaf, hard of hearing, deafblind, and neurodiverse children (autism, ADHD, etc.). She is the owner of Rise & Sign Therapies which provides early intervention speech services and parent coaching in Louisiana. She also makes video resources for parents and professionals through her social media page <https://www.instagram.com/riseandsigntherapies> on Instagram, Facebook, and Tik Tok with 400K followers across platforms. Marissa has experience working in early intervention, schools for the deaf, and mainstream programs with children 0-12 years old.

RSVP by Wednesday, April 17, 2024  
RSVP LINK: <https://bit.ly/EarllyFamilyWorkshop>  
Questions: Contact Jennifer McLellan at [jmclellan@csdb.org](mailto:jmclellan@csdb.org)

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- Colorado Chapter - Hands & Voices (general),
- COHV Unilateral Hearing Loss
- Manos Y Voces (Spanish)
- COHV Deaf+Autism
- cCMV Family Network
- Instagram and Twitter: Colorado Hands & Voices



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