



D/deaf & Hard of Hearing Guides

Family Voices of Tennessee (FVTN) PEARS D/deaf & Hard of Hearing Guide program is a statewide group of volunteers who provide families with children who are D/deaf or hard of hearing (D/HH) the opportunity to interact with and learn from a D/HH Guide. Guides are volunteers within the community who are D/deaf or hard of hearing and who provide guidance & role modeling under the advisement of Family Voices of TN PEARS. D/HH Guides are uniquely qualified to provide the child, parents and professionals with a positive and hopeful perspective from their lived experiences as a person who is D/deaf or hard of hearing. D/HH Guides provide one-to-one interaction with those who request it.

They share their personal experiences as a D/HH person, serve as role models for children, support effective communication and provide encouragement to families.

Not only are D/HH Guides able to share their perspective, but also connect parents with resources in the community that will help them reach the goals they have for their child. These could include, fostering language, communication, advocacy skills, etc.

After working with D/HH Guides, parents site that they are more optimistic about their child's future. Optimism is important because parent expectations can positively affect outcomes for D/HH children.

If you are interested in learning more about FVTN PEARS D/HH Guide program, please contact:

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