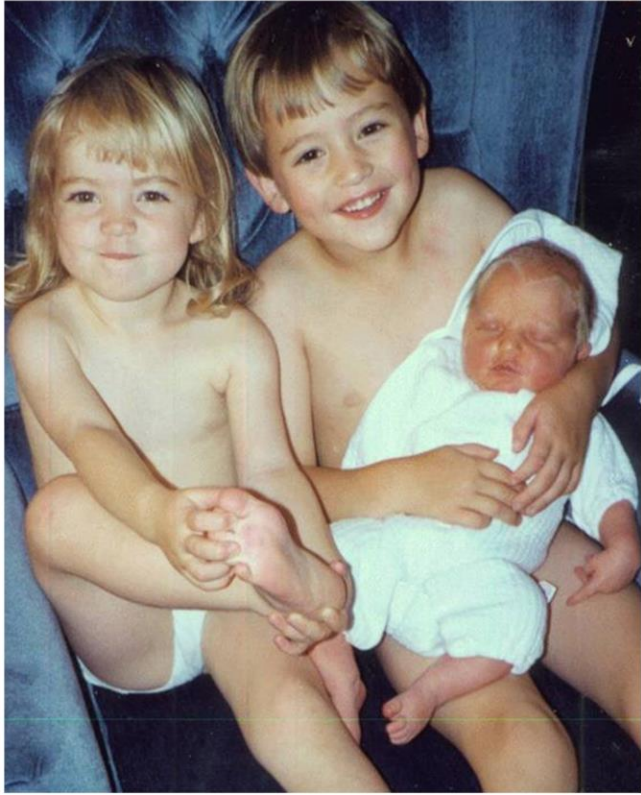


How I came to be here today:



But... how do I teach her about love, faith, tradition?

The Role of Parent to Parent Support

"Is my child going to be okay? Am I going to be okay?"

- for Parents of children birth to 18 who are Deaf/hard of hearing or Deaf/hh Plus...
- and the professional community who serves them



Colorado Resource Guide

For Families Raising Children
who are
Deaf or Hard of Hearing



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Parent Leadership Opportunities

An *EHDI* System created with parents for parents (What is EHDI?)

- Will be more successful
- More user-friendly
- Understandable to parents



How to get involved?

- Share your parent story
- Join a panel discussion
- Write an article for other parents
- Join a local or statewide task force
- Testify for a bill or a change in policy
- Apply for an *Ambassador. Guide. Board member or an ASTra advocate position*
 - Support other new families with occasional events – social and educational, visits, phone & social media



Educational Advocacy in Colorado

- Parent training on the educational process
- One-on-One coaching
- Attending meetings with parents
- About 50 requests a year/35 meetings
- Brenda@cohandsandvoices.org



Parents' Wishlist for Professionals

- If you do know, say so. If you don't know, say that.
- Reach for a month's progress in a month's time.
- Help us connect to other families and to a variety of deaf/hard of hearing adults.
- If the system needs tweaking that got us here, please help us speak up to the right people.
- If you know of something that may help our child, have courage to have that critical conversation with us.
- See our child's strengths and help us to develop talents.
- Remember the whole child. Where do Deaf/hh kids trip up in real life? Help us promote emotional health, social skills and pragmatics, safety, self-advocacy, identity, and remember the purpose of special education. (What are the three points?)



The 2 per 1000 babies identified at birth and
the 2 per 1000 toddlers and kids later identified in childhood
will be glad you did!

Many ways to connect:
Print, Social Media, E-news, Phone/Text/IM, Events

Moms' Time Out 2021



CONECTAR Y APRENDER

CON OTRAS FAMILIAS DE HABLA HISPANA

Nuestras metas:

- Información práctica
- Ideas para mejorar el desarrollo del lenguaje y la
- Los pequeños
- Qué son los audífonos y qué
- la tecnología de asistencia
- ocer otras familias
- iento hasta los cinco años.
- se será en español

Clases 2021
Sábados de 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Facilitado por Sheryl Schaller, MA, CCCSLP.
Terapeuta del habla y del lenguaje
enero 9, febrero 13, y marzo 6

facilitado por un líder de padres de manos y voz
enero 16, febrero 20, y marzo 13

Las clases se tomarán a través de Zoom.
Por favor reserve aquí:
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