



HANDS &  
VOICES™

# FAMILY ENGAGEMENT & EMPOWERMENT

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IN HUMANITARIAN MISSIONS

# H&V MISSION AND VISION STATEMENT

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## **Mission Statement:**

Hands & Voices is a parent driven organization that supports families with children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing without a bias around communication modes or methodology.

## **Vision Statement:**

We envision a world where children who are deaf and hard of hearing have every opportunity to achieve their full potential.

## **Motto:**

*“What works for your child is what makes the choice right.”™*

I. What have you learned about the needs of families in your humanitarian efforts?



# WHY... FAMILY ENGAGEMENT & EMPOWERMENT?

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- How better to understand the day to day challenges and opportunities of families from a particular area or country

## **OUTCOMES of Family Engagement and Empowerment**

- Overcoming potential cultural stigma
- Reduce feelings of isolation
- Engagement and commitment from the families
- Ensuring that what your doing is meeting the needs of the families your serving
- Influence on the system
- Increase the possibility of on-going support once “you” are gone
- Empowered families are ready to face their responsibilities from a place of optimism

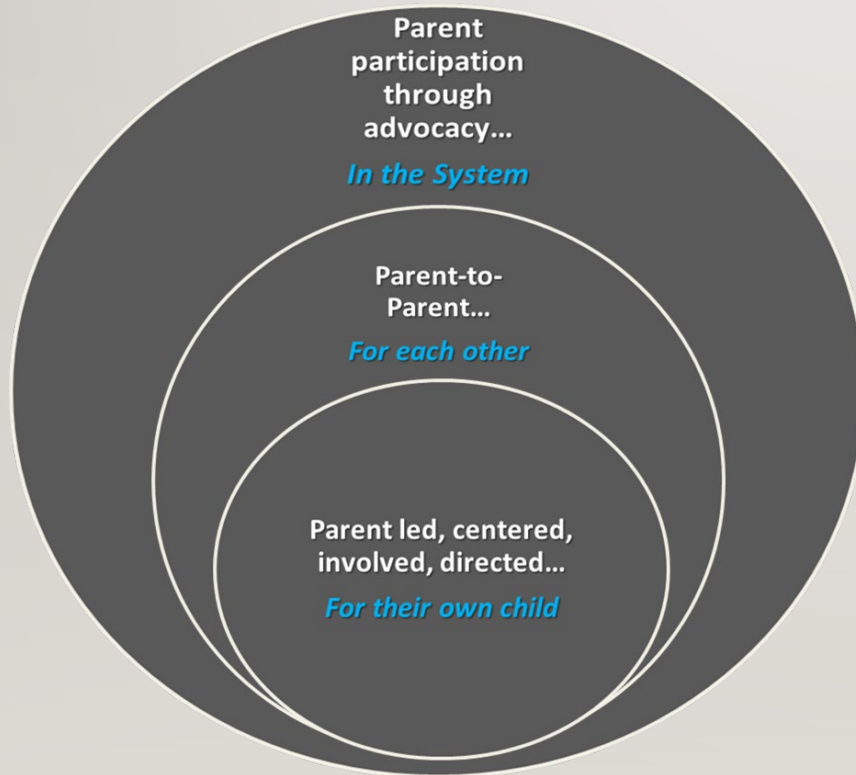
**Critical to ensure optimal outcomes**

**So the real question is... why not?**



# OUR WORK TO DATE AT HANDS & VOICES

# COALITION FOR GLOBAL HEARING HEALTH



# GLOBAL LOOK AT FAMILY ENGAGEMENT AND EMPOWERMENT

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Nothing  
in Place

Just  
Beginning

Good  
Progress

Established  
Practice

What are the challenges and barriers?

# GUIDE FOR PARENT-PROFESSIONAL PARTNERSHIPS IN THE HEARING HEALTHCARE SETTING

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Guide for parent-professional partnerships  
in the hearing healthcare setting



**PHONAK**  
life is on

# CONTENT OF THE GUIDE

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- The Importance of working together
- Consider the Family
- Practical Strategies
- Other Considerations
- Next Steps
- Resources





# SELF - ASSESSING YOUR PARTNERSHIP WITH FAMILIES

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- **Opportunity to reflect and score your personal and/or project/organization's ability to partner with families in the work you do.**
- **Celebrate where you are doing well!**
- **On the scale, note which areas are a priority for you to incorporate/improve upon.**
- **Make notes of what is missing on this list/doesn't apply in your situation to share with the group.**

