

The Similarities & Differences Between the LSS Deaf Mentor Family Program & the MNH&V DHH Guide Program



Deaf Mentor Family Services

DEAF MENTOR FAMILY PROGRAM:

- A language acquisition-based program using American Sign Language (ASL) and the SKI-HI curriculum, the sole evidence-based curriculum for Deaf Mentors and families.
- Deaf Mentors teach children ages 0-21 and their families: ASL, Deaf culture, early visual communications, advocacy, and normalcy which lead to thriving and connected families.
- The SKI-HI curriculum has been proven to increase language acquisition and bilingualism.
- Families are set up for two years in the program. Our sessions can be set to your own preference in terms of pace, availability, and location.
- The EMPOWER program is an additional mentorship program, offering unique social and self-advocacy skills for deaf and hard of hearing children.



Minnesota Hands & Voices

DHH GUIDE PROGRAM:

- A support-based program that models communication and technology being used (if applicable).
- DHH Guides visit with families who desire connection with a DHH individual who has lived experience they are interested in learning about. This is not a teaching program.
- The number of visits depends on the needs and desire of the family.
- DHH Guides use the Channeling Your Superpowers curriculum.
- Super Powers cards are given at visits and events as part of the curriculum. The Fostering Joy journal or a book with a DHH character is given at the first visit.



- Support families with a child who is deaf or hard of hearing (DHH).
- Share experiences with families related to being a DHH individual.
- Offer direct referrals to their programs through email.
- Provide families access to both programs at any point in their journey. Families are encouraged to enroll in both programs for maximized benefit.

◀ FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT ▶

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