



NJ Deaf Mentor Program

Are you a Deaf or hard of hearing adult willing to share your experiences?

SPAN's Early Hearing Detection & Intervention (EHDI) Mentoring & Family Engagement Project is looking for adults who would like to apply to be Deaf Mentors

What is a Deaf Mentor?

- An adult who is Deaf or hard of hearing who communicates via ASL, Total Communication, Listening and Spoken Language, and/or Cued Speech/Cued English
- Represents the full range of hearing levels, communication choices, technology use, and education
- Interacts with children with hearing loss and their families in their home, via technology or in person, and at social events
- Answers questions and shares first hand experiences
- Deaf Mentors who communicate via ASL are trained in ASL instruction, teach families about Deaf Culture and introduce them to the Deaf Community

Deaf Mentors will be required to complete a comprehensive SKI HI Mentor training program

The EHDI Deaf Mentor Program is a grant funded initiative developed by the SPAN Parent Advocacy Network in collaboration with the New Jersey Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program at the New Jersey Department of Health

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