Family Voices Adds Parent Consultants for Hearing project

Family Voices of Tennessee at the Tennessee Disability Coalition has hired three part-time parent consultants to inform and support parents of children with hearing loss. The three are working exclusively with the Newborn Hearing Screening project funded by the Tennessee Department of Health through a federal grant.

They are Wonda Houston of Memphis, Teresa Turnbo from the greater Nashville area, and Camille Keck of Knoxville. Each has a child with a hearing loss and a strong desire to assist other families to manage the needs of their children with a hearing loss or related condition. Wonda Houston has an extensive work background in disability services as a technician and speech assistant and as a special education classroom assistant. For several years Teresa Turnbo has served as the family outreach coordinator at the Vanderbilt Kennedy Center. Camille Keck is the cofounder of FLASH, a support group for families of children with hearing loss.

As parent consultants for Family Voices, the three are working to build and strengthen family networks and resources for families of children and youth who are deaf or have hearing related conditions. They also promote awareness of early detection, diagnosis and treatment of hearing conditions. They coordinate their outreach activities with service providers, hospitals, clinics, and other programs that serve or refer families dealing with hearing loss. The parent consultants work in concert with Family Voices’ three regional family resource specialists who serve families across the spectrum of disabilities and chronic illnesses of children and youth.

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