

# Hands & Voices Parent Training

June 28th 12:00-5:15 pm      Family Social 6:30 –8:30 pm

June 29th 8:00 am-12:30 pm

**Ramkota Hotel      800 N. Poplar Street, Casper**

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN: [WWW.WyHandsAndVoices.org](http://WWW.WyHandsAndVoices.org)

Registration is free for Parents and Professionals

**PARENT STIPEND** available to help cover travel costs for families!

*Stipend checks will be handed out at the conference.*

**HOTEL RESERVATIONS:** Call the Ramkota at 307-266-6000 to reserve a room.

Mention Hands & Voices for the discounted rate.

*Parent Training will include:*

**Day Care at the Hotel**

**Awesome Speakers**

**Friday Night Family Social**

**Opportunities to Meet Other Parents**

**Parent & Student Panels**

**PTSB & STARS Credits are in the works**

## **Keynote Speaker -Karen Putz, M.A.**

Karen Putz is a deaf mom of three deaf and hard of hearing children. Karen is the Co-Director of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Infusion at Hands & Voices Headquarters. For fun, she is currently on a quest to barefoot water ski in all 50 states. Wyoming is one of the few states she hasn't skied in—yet! Karen has been published in several books, including "On the Fence, The Hidden World of the Hard of Hearing". Karen was recently on the Today Show talking about her latest book, "Unwrapping Your Passion"!

Karen will be talking about "Twists and Turns on the Parenting Journey" and "The Gift of a Different Ability." She will touch on the topics of parenting challenges and human potential--both from the perspective of a deaf adult as well as a parent.



**For more information about other topics and the presenters visit our website—[www.WyHandsAndVoices.org](http://www.WyHandsAndVoices.org).**

# Schedule

Day	Time	Presenter	Topic and Description
<b>Friday,</b>	12:00-12:30 pm	Registration	<i>Wyoming Theatre Room</i>
<b>June 28th</b>	12:30-1:00 pm	WY H&V Directors	<i>Welcome, Group Introductions and Get to Know you Game</i>
	1:00-2:30 pm	Lori Cielinski and Dominique Maestas Wyoming Relay	<i>Apps and Technology. Learn about all of the different things technology can do to make life easier for our kids with hearing loss</i>
	2:30-2:45 pm	Refreshment Break	<i>Move to North Ballroom During Break</i>
	2:45-4:00 pm	Karen Putz, Hands & Voices Headquarters	<i>Gift of a Different Ability</i>
	4:00-4:15 pm	WY H&V Directors	<i>Ideas for hearing device retention</i>
	4:15-5:15 pm	Dad Panel	<i>A Dad's perspective on raising a child with a hearing loss.</i>
	6:30-8:30 pm	<b>Family Social @ D/HH Outreach Library 539 South Payne, Casper</b>	<i>D/HH Resource Librarian, Jo Otterholt will show us all the great things the library has to offer Wyoming Families. We will enjoy pizza and games for the kids. A great time to get to know other families .</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00 -8:15 am	WY H&V Directors	<i>Welcome Day 2—North Ballroom</i>
<b>June 29th</b>	8:15-9:45 am	Karen Putz, Hands & Voices Headquarters	<i>Twists and Turns on the Parenting Journey</i>
	9:45-10:00 am	Refreshment Break	
	10:00-10:30 am	Susan Fischer, SLP, WY Hands & Voices	<i>READ Plus Program</i>
	10:30-11:00 am	Christie Fritz, TOD; WDE D/HH Outreach Consultant	<i>Post Secondary Transition &amp; Our Students Who are Deaf/Hard of Hearing</i>
	11:00-12:00 pm	Academic Bowl Student Panel	<i>Students will share their stories of growing up with a hearing loss and experiences about being on the Academic Bowl Team</i>
	12:00-12:30 pm	Closing Session of Conference	<i>Naming Circle - Lead by Karen Putz &amp; WY H&amp;V Directors</i>