



## PATHS

PATHS is a support group for families with deaf/hard of hearing children in Kansas. PATHS mission is to foster connections among families of children who are deaf/hard of hearing through their shared journey. It is supported by the Kansas School for the Deaf and SoundBeginnings.

Through PATHS, there are several opportunities for families to connect with each other, such as:

- **PATHS Events:** Fun and/or educational events for families of children who are deaf/hard of hearing to attend and meet other families.
- **Deaf/Hard of Hearing Resources:** Kansas School for the Deaf Outreach is the resource center for all families of children who are deaf/hard of hearing in Kansas.

If you are interested in getting emails of PATHS Events and resources for children who are deaf/hard of hearing in Kansas, email the Parent-to-Parent Support Coordinator, Lorelee Plummer, at [lplummer@kssdb.org](mailto:lplummer@kssdb.org).

### Contact Information

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## SUPPORTING YOU A Peer Support Network

Supporting You: A Peer Support Network Program is a joint project with the Kansas Department of Health/Environment to provide individuals the opportunity to gain support from a peer who has experienced a similar situation and/or circumstance in life who can share ideas, resources, and provide a listening ear during a time of need.

If a parent/peer wants support from another trained parent/peer, he/she can register under "Become Connected with a Support Peer" in this link: [www.supportingyoukansas.org/](http://www.supportingyoukansas.org/).

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## KANSAS AG BELL CHAPTER

Kansas AG Bell Chapter is a resource and support group for families who have children with hearing loss, adults and teens with hearing loss, and the professionals who serve them. You can join the group on Face Book at [www.facebook.com/groups/56523066149](http://www.facebook.com/groups/56523066149) or join an email listserv by contacting Kristen Ivy at [kristen.ksagbell@att.net](mailto:kristen.ksagbell@att.net). The resource group is free to join with a great and helpful community of families and professionals.

### Contact Information

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## DEAF MENTOR PROGRAM

The Deaf Mentor Program provides weekly home visits by a deaf adult who is trained in using the Deaf Mentor Program curriculum. The goals of the program are to support families in learning American Sign Language (ASL) and Deaf Culture.

The role of the Deaf Mentor is to interact with the family and their child using ASL while providing fun and educational language modeling, guide family members in understanding and appreciating Deaf Culture, and serve as a connection for families to participate in the Deaf Community.

The program currently serves families with children who are deaf/hard of hearing, aged birth to three. The goal is to expand services to encompass families with children who are deaf/hard of hearing, aged birth to eight, statewide. Contact the Deaf Mentor Program coordinator, Twila Latini, if you have questions or want to sign up.

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