

# Family Collaborative Workshop

## For Parents of Children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing



Presented By:

### Karen Putz

Karen is an ordinary gal living an extraordinary life. Karen was born with normal hearing and became hard of hearing after a bout of illness in elementary school. At the age of 19, she tripped over a wake while barefoot water skiing and cartwheeled into the water. She thought she merely had water in her ears, but being deaf was here to stay, thanks to a wacky gene in her family that had existed for five generations. At the age of 44, she started walking on water again, becoming the only deaf woman to compete in barefoot water ski competitions.

Karen is the author of numerous books including, "The Parenting Journey: Raising Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children" and, "The Passionate Lives of Deaf and Hard of Hearing People." She is a mom to three kids who are deaf or hard of hearing and an advocate for families with children who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Karen is the Director of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Infusion and serves on the board and Speaker's Bureau for Hands & Voices. She is the founder and a board member of Illinois Hands & Voices. Karen has been honored as a HearStrong Champion and a Top Twenty Deaf Pearl.

Karen is passionate about living life to the fullest, and this passion shines through in her presentations! Come treat yourself!

## Workshop Details

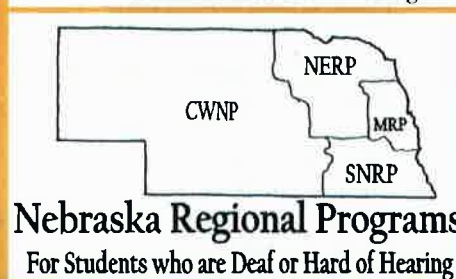
- Topic:** "The Parenting Journey: Raising Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children"
- Presenter:** Karen Putz ([www.karenputz.com](http://www.karenputz.com))
- Dates:** **Saturday, March 21, 2015 (Gretna)**  
**Sunday, March 22, 2015 (Kearney)**  
**Saturday, May 2, 2015 (Scottsbluff)**
- Time:** 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
- Locations:** Gretna Elementary School  
(801 South Street; Gretna, NE 68028)  
Kearney Holiday Inn  
(Kearney, NE)  
Educational Service Unit #13  
(4215 Avenue I; Scottsbluff, NE 69361)
- Cost:** Free! Lunch and childcare (children ages 12 and under) will be provided.
- Registration:** Pre-registration is required
- Questions?** Contact your regional coordinator (see registration)



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"The Parenting Journey: Raising Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children" presented by Karen Putz

Please check the following workshop you would like to register for:

- March 21, 2015 - Gretna (Pre-registration required by February 20, 2015)
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IS REQUIRED**

1st Adult Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ School District \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship to Child with Hearing Loss \_\_\_\_\_ Dietary Restrictions \_\_\_\_\_  
Communication Mode     Oral         Sign         Spanish         Other \_\_\_\_\_  
Interpreter Needed?     Yes         No

2nd Adult Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship to Child with Hearing Loss \_\_\_\_\_ Dietary Restrictions \_\_\_\_\_  
Communication Mode     Oral         Sign         Spanish         Other \_\_\_\_\_  
Interpreter Needed?     Yes         No

Childcare will be provided free of charge to children ages 12 and under. Please list below children for which you request childcare:

1st Child Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Hearing Loss     Yes         No  
Communication Mode     Oral         Sign         Spanish         Other \_\_\_\_\_  
Interpreter Needed?     Yes         No  
Medical/Other Needs \_\_\_\_\_  
Dietary Restrictions \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Child Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Hearing Loss     Yes         No  
Communication Mode     Oral         Sign         Spanish         Other \_\_\_\_\_  
Interpreter Needed?     Yes         No  
Medical/Other Needs \_\_\_\_\_  
Dietary Restrictions \_\_\_\_\_

3rd Child Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Hearing Loss     Yes         No  
Communication Mode     Oral         Sign         Spanish         Other \_\_\_\_\_  
Interpreter Needed?     Yes         No  
Medical/Other Needs \_\_\_\_\_  
Dietary Restrictions \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return your registration form to your regional coordinator**

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