



Earliest Interactions

Are you the **parent/caregiver of a deaf/hard of hearing child** who is **under age 5**, in **elementary school** or in **middle/high school** and do any of these options describe your child/your child's experience?

- ***Child with Unilateral hearing levels***
- ***Child with bone conduction hearing device***
- ***Child with cochlear implant***
- ***Child with hearing aid(s)***
- ***Child who uses American Sign Language***
- ***Child who uses Cued Speech***
- ***Child who uses Listening and spoken language***
- ***Child who is D/HH Plus***



If so, we want to hear from **YOU!** The Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing is establishing an **Advisory Council**, composed of **D/HH adults** and **parents of children who are D/HH**. Members of this **Advisory Council** will be asked to share perspectives from their life experiences as the **parent of a D/HH child** or as a **D/HH individual** to inform the development of programs and resources for children who are deaf/hard of hearing and their families. We strongly believe in the principle of **"Nothing about us without us,"** and want to ensure we incorporate this into our day-to-day work.

Responsibilities and compensation rates may include:

- **\$100** initial 4-hour in-person meeting (Food, Overnight stay for anyone living over 90 miles from location)
- **\$25** per review of short document review/discussion of specific topics (expectation of 1 hour)
- **\$50** per review of longer project (i.e., video, multiple page resource) (expectation of over 1 hour)
- **\$50** per meeting for development of a resource including 3 meetings (beginning, middle, and end of project)
- **\$75** annual 3-hour in-person meeting (Food, Overnight stay for anyone living over 90 miles from location)

An information session will be held via Zoom on **May 16 at 6:30 pm** and again on **May 17 at 3:30 pm**. Please contact Darlene Freeman at darlsfree13@gmail.com for Zoom details if you are interested in participating in this meeting.

