



# Earliest Interactions

Are you a **Deaf/hard of hearing adult**? Do any of these options describe you/your experiences?

- **Person with Unilateral hearing levels**
- **Person with a bone conduction hearing device**
- **Person with a cochlear implant**
- **Person with a hearing aid(s)**
- **Person who uses American Sign Language**
- **Person who uses Cued Speech**
- **Person who uses Listening and spoken language**
- **Person 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](mailto:darlsfree13@gmail.com) for Zoom details if you are interested in participating in this meeting.



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