

# Family NEST



At **WISE** we understand how important it is for families to have a community of support. The **Family NEST** is a supportive network of families that reaches across the state and is dedicated to nurturing, empowering, supporting and training families of deaf and hard of hearing children.

The NEST welcomes families at any stage of their journey. Parents of older children who are successfully using Listening and Spoken Language mentor families who have recently learned that their child has a hearing loss. Parents connect through monthly NEST meetings, local social outings, family fun centered events, and meetings with their family mentors.



The role of parents and caregivers is the primary determining factor in a child's success. With NEST parents become comfortable with taking a prominent role in helping their child develop spoken language and listening skills. Parents and caregivers are then confident to become their child's best advocate. Adults who are deaf and hard of hearing and use spoken language as their primary communication mode serve as a resource for all families.

The NEST sponsors a toy and book lending library to ensure families have access to a variety of language and literacy building activities.

The NEST has a committed team of Certified LSL Professionals that connect families with the resources to ensure the best start for their child.

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