

Parents RoundTable Dialogue (March 18th 2017)

Pre Survey Figure:

** 9 parents attended the RoundTable Dialogue

** 7 children participated ChildCare <5 with hearing loss>

Post Survey Explanations:

** Only 5 out of 9 parents replied the survey <56% participant>

Q1: This was a parent focused roundtable dialogue that allow parents to express their concern and experiences with Deaf Education/Service in New Hampshire.

- ➔ 100% survey respondents **agreed** that this was a parent focused roundtable dialogue that gave them an environment to express their concern and experiences with Deaf Education/Service in New Hampshire.

Q2: RoundTable Satisfactory Overall

- ➔ 100% survey respondents **agreed** that the facilitators were professional and courteous.
- ➔ 100% survey respondents **agreed** that they had opportunity to express their concern(s).
- ➔ 100% survey respondents **agreed** that they had opportunity to express ideas/supports with other parents.
- ➔ 100% survey respondents **agreed** that they were acknowledged/validated by the facilitators.
- ➔ 100% survey respondents **agreed** that they made connections with the group.

Q3: After the roundtable dialogue, I left with more knowledge about New Hampshire Deaf and Hard of Hearing Education Initiative and how they can provide services/resources for my child's education/future.

- ➔ 100% survey respondents **agreed** that they left with more knowledge about New Hampshire Deaf and Hard of Hearing Education Initiative and the resources/services that they can receive for their child's education/future.

Q4: The Child Care service was:

- ➔ 60% survey respondents replied **OUTSTANDING**
- ➔ 20% survey respondents replied **ALL RIGHT**
- ➔ 20% survey respondents **DIDN'T BRING THEIR CHILD**

Q5: I was happy that this dialogue was just for parents

- ➔ 100% survey respondents were happy that this dialogue was just for parents.

Q6: I would like New Hampshire Deaf and Hard of Hearing Education Initiative to provide workshop and/or another roundtable dialogue.

- 100% survey respondents wanted to see **BOTH WORKSHOP AND ROUNDTABLE DIALOGUE** to be offered by New Hampshire Deaf and Hard of Hearing Education Initiative.

Q7: One of the comment that we received was that a lot of parents haven't had an opportunity to truly interact with different Deaf/Hard of Hearing adults. Would you be interested to have panel/dialogue with Deaf/Hard of Hearing adults to learn more about their experiences in the education system and what established them for their success <or what caused them to fail>

- 100% of survey respondents **are interested** to have a panel or dialogue with Deaf/Hard of Hearing adults to learn about their experience in the education system.

Q8: New Hampshire Deaf and Hard of Hearing Education Initiative is considering about developing a directory just for parents of Deaf/Hard of Hearing children so parents can contact each other easily for advice, ideas or to identify other famil(ies) that may live in the same town. Would this be something that you be interested to be part of and/or obtain.

- 100% of survey respondents **are interested** to participate and/or obtain a directory just for parents of Deaf/Hard of Hearing children.

Q9: We discussed about many different success and frustration that you as a parent had to go through from the time that you found out that your child has hearing loss-- please take few minutes to comment on what resources, service provider(s) or group(s) that truly support you or made you frustrated/lost.

- 100% survey respondents left comments:
- *This has been a game changer for us in regards to positive support.*
- *Glad to have Gateways for Early Intervention, Boston Children's, HEAR in NH, and your Family Sign Language program! Frustrated to loose services through MICE and our local audiology office (SouthernNH).*
- *I mentioned earlier that I felt that the deaf education initiative program are the EXPERT opposing to any other groups that tried to help our families. The quality and knowledge that Deb, Sue and Kevin was phenomenal-- I truly think that ESS, PIC, ATECH should receive training from them. I have never felt so comfortable and confident to raise my deaf son until this round table talk.*

- ➔ *The information is too wide spread. I was not made aware of NHDHH until a year or so after my child was born. My child was also born just as MICE was dissolved. This is a huge frustration because there was zero information given prior to the letter telling us our services would end. Our NH ESS providers had never worked with a deaf infant before only hard of hearing. We were told there was really nothing that could be done until she was older. Our Audiologist at Boston Children's was the most helpful! She followed up with us numerous times to ensure all of our questions were answered.*

- ➔ *This would take me forever to write and my sons journey to diagnosis was incredibly frustrating and far too long??. Not enough follow up after an inconclusive newborn screen no one explained to us that hearing loss is not deaf or hearing that there a broad range in between. Better follow up and tracking after the hospital would have likely changed my sons life! Early supports and services did not help enough. Beth cavalieri audiologist from somersworth was incredible first professional to listen to us!!!*

Q10 Overall rating of the Parents RoundTable Dialogue is:

➔ **5.0 out of 5.0 stars**