

# Support & Outreach Services

## Prepared for success

### Parent Education & Support

At Child's Voice, we believe in empowering our students and their families. Parents are often the first and best teachers of a child. Our therapists and teachers work closely with each family to offer support and techniques to use at home.



Advocacy skills are not just for the child, but also the parent as they begin to navigate the world of special education. Parent education sessions with the expert staff at Child's Voice are offered for Early

Intervention and School Program families as well as our alumni.

When a child graduates, we want everyone involved, from the student and their family to the staff at their new school. That's why Child's Voice provides consulting services for students, families, and the home school districts.

## We're still here for you

### Mainstream Support

Child's Voice exists to give children who have hearing loss the opportunity to lead a joyful and successful life, to become productive citizens, capable of pursuing any chosen path. Our strong

Mainstream Support program ensures our graduates are prepared to excel in the classroom and engage with their peers.



The Mainstream Support program offers additional services to children in their neighborhood classrooms on an individual basis.

## Bridging the next step



### Auditory -Verbal & Speech Therapy

Child's Voice offers individual auditory-verbal therapy and speech-language therapy for children with hearing loss and their families from birth through 18 years. Therapy services may supplement what is offered at a child's mainstream school. Services are fee-based and include, but are not limited to: aural rehabilitation for children with a new cochlear implant, advanced listening and language skills, speech production skills, and speech-language evaluations. Speech therapy and auditory-verbal therapy are available at our Chicago and Wood Dale locations and provided by certified speech-language pathologists and listening and spoken language specialists.

### Social Work Services

Child's Voice offers social services and assistance to improve social and psychological function for children and their families to maximize the family's well-being.

## Meet a Child's Voice graduate...

**Dara Sanders**



**Age: 3 ... and 18**

**Years at Child's Voice: 4**

"When Dara was diagnosed with bilateral severe to profound hearing loss, we feared she would face several limitations in her life. We decided to have Dara learn spoken language at Child's Voice. The small class sizes and wonderfully dedicated, patient, loving, educated staff enabled Dara to be successful in learning spoken language. Child's Voice was a miracle for deaf children."

"After graduating Child's Voice, Dara was mainstreamed in a class of 34 students. She is very successful, holding a B average, loves math and science and wants to be a forensic scientist."

"Dara is able to talk with her hearing peers and hasn't been limited in any interests. She has played years of soccer, basketball, volleyball, and is the star pitcher on the highest level of fastpitch softball. She even played clarinet for two years."

"We are so grateful that Child's Voice was there to teach Dara spoken language. It has given her the ability to reach all her dreams in life."

Child's Voice is a listening and spoken language school for children who have hearing loss. We teach our students to listen, speak and communicate effectively without the use of sign language to give them lifelong opportunities in the mainstream world.

## Delighting in continued success

It makes us so happy when our graduates grow up to achieve what they set out to do. We keep tabs on all our graduates over the course of their lives. They are often guests and speakers at Child's Voice events, telling us how they have gone on to pursue joy in sports, music, art, science and social activities. We can see how their grades and activities compare to the average student. While we never consider any of our graduates to be average, the results consistently confirm the good news – they perform wonderfully in mainstream schools, colleges and beyond!

