

## Johnson, Harold

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**From:** Johnson, Harold  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 13, 2010 10:17 AM  
**To:** 'Ammerman, Sarah B'  
**Cc:** Carmey Yarger (ccollum@msdb.mt.gov); Blane Trautwein (trautwein@uthscsa.edu); Guardino, Caroline; Janet DesGeorges (janet@handsandvoices.org)  
**Subject:** RE: our CA/N work for ACE-D/HH - HJ's reply + update

Hello Sarah, thank you for your message. Thank you also for identifying the Deaf Ed Teacher Prep Pro that you will contact for our work. I just did the same and would encourage Carmey, Blane and Caroline to go to our wiki (<http://deafed-childabuse-neglect-col.wiki.educ.msu.edu/ACE-D+HH+Projects++Reports>) and note which Programs they will be calling as well.

Sarah, I look forward to learning more about the CASA work that you have begun. I unfortunately do not know much about the role of a “court appointed special advocate,” but I know that Jean Anderws/Lamar University (Jandrews47@aol.com) has done work in Texas in relation to children who are d/hh and in foster homes. If you do not know, Jean and would like to talk with her about this work, please let her know that I noted her research and suggested you call her.

Everyone....recently, at the suggestion of Janet DesGeorges/Director of Outreach Services for Hands & Voices (<http://www.handsandvoices.org/>), I began reading a text entitled “Switch: How to Change Things When Change is Hard” ([http://www.amazon.com/Switch-Change-Things-When-Hard/dp/0385528752/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1271167758&sr=1-1](http://www.amazon.com/Switch-Change-Things-When-Hard/dp/0385528752/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1271167758&sr=1-1)). In essence, the easy to read text provides some very specific ideas re. how to effectively cause change, such as we are doing in relation to CA/N.

As a result of my reading of the “Switch” text, I would like to suggest that as we call our Deaf Ed Teacher Prep Programs we focus upon not only informing and encouraging, but particularly identifying “bright spots.” That is, we pay particular attention to those faculty/programs that are currently and effectively incorporating knowledge and skills re. CA/N into their programs + local, state, and national resources that they know of and use.

That is it for now. I will work on nailing a couple of interviews this week. If we just do one or two a week, we will get this done! Hang in there, our students are worth it!

Take care

Harold

P.S. Please do not hesitate to call me, this is a tough thing we are doing and contacting/supporting one another is a critical

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**From:** Ammerman, Sarah B [mailto:Ammerman@uthscsa.edu]  
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**Subject:** RE: our CA/N work for ACE-D/HH

Hi, Harold

How are you? I apologize that I'm just getting started with this.

I wanted to let you know that I volunteered to be a CASA (court appointed special advocate). I bet that you're familiar with CASA, but just in case here is the national website:  
<http://www.casaforchildren.org/site/c.mtJSJ7MPIsE/b.5301295/k.BE9A/Home.htm>.

The next training isn't for awhile, so it will be the fall before I am associated with a case. But, I bet that the CASA organization could be a resource for this project.

I hope that you're well,  
Sarah

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**Subject:** our CA/N work for ACE-D/HH

Hello Sarah, Caroline, Blane and Carmey. Thank you so very much for joining me in an effort to do something positive in relation to the preparation of our deaf education majors to observe, understand, and respond to possible instances of child abuse and neglect (CA/N) as experienced by children who are d/hh.

The purpose of this message is to ask you to:

1. Accept the invitation you will very shortly receive to join the wiki I have created on this topic

2. Once you have established a logon and password, then look about the site a bit to get a feel for the depth of information that has thus far been gathered
3. Then, “click” on the “Participants” menu option, then the “Edit this page” button (upper right hand side) to add your contact information to the growing array of individuals who are collaborating on this topic. **Note:** if you need any help in using the wiki, try “clicking” on the “Help” button in the upper right hand corner of any page. If you need additional help, please email Sherry Ernsberger/Project Assistant ([sernsber@kent.edu](mailto:sernsber@kent.edu)) and she will give you a hand.
4. Then, “click” on the “ACE-D/HH” link in the menu and read the info and step-by-step directions I have provided. While I hope the info is clear, I would welcome the opt. to talk with you, so please do not hesitate to call me.
5. Then, simply follow the directions and begin making a difference!

That’s it. Please call me once you get started with this effort, I welcome your ideas and feedback. I would simply enjoy talking with you.

Take care and thank you for “stepping-up” .....TOGETHER WE WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Harold

P.S. I have ‘cc’ this message to Karen Stein/ACE-D/HH President, Karen Dilka/CED Executive Director, and Janet DesGeorges/Hands & Voices Director of Outreach + key Leader in this overall effort.

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