



## All Together Now- New Hampshire

# Deaf Education Stakeholder Meetings

We want to hear from you! Bring your thoughts and ideas about...

- What is working to educate deaf and hard of hearing children in New Hampshire?
- What services could be enhanced?
- What statewide systems would further help serve children and their families?

### Berlin

February 11, 2020

White Mtn Community College  
2020 Riverside Dr

4:00-5:00PM: TODs, related service providers, special education teachers, general education teachers

6-7PM: Parents/family members, middle and high school students, community members and advocates

### Keene

February 13, 2020

Keene Library, Heberton Hall  
60 Winter St.

4:30-5:30PM: TODs, related service providers, special education teachers, general education teachers

7-8PM: Parents/family members, middle and high school students, community members and advocates

## Background and Purpose

**All Together Now** is a two-year initiative funded through the New Hampshire Department of Education. The primary goal of **All Together Now-New Hampshire** is to develop a statewide sustainable model for serving students who are deaf or hard of hearing through implementation of NASDSE's *Optimizing Outcomes for Students who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing: Educational Service Guidelines*. To do so we plan to:

1. Provide statewide training and implementation planning on the Guidelines content, service review checklist, and implementation strategies.
2. Develop a team of coaches/mentors to guide and support implementation of the Guidelines throughout New Hampshire.
3. Develop a sustainable model for continuous leadership and support for deaf education in New Hampshire.

Before moving forward our team needs to hear from providers and consumers of services to deaf and hard of hearing children in New Hampshire. The meetings will be conducted as small facilitated focus groups for everyone to have an opportunity to provide input. If you are unable to attend a stakeholder meeting, you may also provide input online to a dedicated website: <https://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/5433594/All-Together-Now-Stakeholder-Survey>. Participants will also receive a copy of the *Optimizing Outcomes* Guidelines.

ASL interpreters will be provided. If you require a different accommodation please contact Karen Hopkins at [Karen.Hopkins@MECDHH.ORG](mailto:Karen.Hopkins@MECDHH.ORG) to make your request by February 5, 2020. Refreshments will be provided for the evening meeting. Please note that childcare will not be available.

## **The ATN Leadership Team**

**Karen Hopkins**, Director of Statewide Education and Family Services, Maine Education Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children

**Cheryl Johnson**, Consultant, The ADE-vantage consulting, and Adjunct Assistant Professor, University of Arizona

**Anna Paulson**, Coordinator of Educational Advancements and Partnerships with the MN Commission of the Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard of hearing

Our core management team consists of three specialists in deaf education who have a combined 100 years of experience serving children from birth to adulthood and their families. Our combined deaf education experiences include all levels of educational services from early intervention to adulthood, administration of school programs for deaf and hard of hearing students, state agency leadership, university teacher preparation, family engagement, and national deaf education leadership. All team members are parents of deaf or hard of hearing persons and Karen is deaf adding authentic experience to this project. Cheryl and Karen have worked with New Hampshire in previous efforts related to deaf education services. As we guide New Hampshire, we hope to utilize our collective successful experiences implementing state level and statewide system improvements for children who are deaf and hard of hearing.