

The **Family Resources Workshop** will feature a parent panel where hearing and deaf adults share their experiences, from discovering their child was deaf to making educational choices, navigating obstacles, and celebrating successes. Our five panelists will each spend about 15 minutes sharing their journeys, followed by an open Q&A session with participants.

This virtual workshop is free for all family members of a deaf child in the state of Iowa, as well as for all educational professionals who work with deaf children in Iowa.

Meet The Panelists



Heather Dirks

Heather has a 15-year-old DeafBlind daughter, Lani. Lani grew up attending a local public school with an ASL interpreter and later enrolled at the Iowa School for the Deaf during her freshman year.



Rebecca Janni

Rebecca has five children, and her two youngest are both deaf. Joshua, 17, is a senior at Johnston High School and has an ASL interpreter. Elizabeth, 15, is in 8th grade in a deaf program through Des Moines Public Schools at Weeks Middle School.



Sydney Manchester

Sydney's 11-year-old deaf daughter, Haevynn, attends Norwalk Public Schools with an ASL interpreter. Haevynn also uses the Deaf Language Coach service through the Iowa School for the Deaf.



Shawna Claussen

Shawna's 18-year-old deaf son, Trey, is a senior at the Iowa School for the Deaf. Trey is from South Dakota and was in public school there until he was in 7th grade with an ASL interpreter (only having for 2 years) before transferring to ISD.



Melissa Dalton

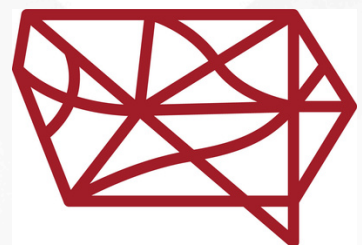
Melissa, a deaf mom, has two deaf sons, Neil and Luke, who are in 8th and 4th grades, respectively, at the Iowa School for the Deaf. They have been at ISD since preschool.

Date: March 13, 2025

Time: 6:00pm - 8:00pm

ASL Interpretation will be provided

Register Here to receive Zoom link for this workshop



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