



Leeanne Seaver, MA



Leeanne's oldest son Dane's deafness propelled her into roles of advocacy and leadership nationally and internationally. She is a founder of US-based Hands & Voices, serving as its Executive Director from 1997 to 2011 during which time it grew to become the largest family-support organization of its kind in the nation. Seaver is also a founder of the Global Coalition of Parents of Deaf/Hard of Hearing Children (GPODHH), and FCEI, the international conference on family-centered early intervention. She is the co-winner of the 2009 Antonia Brancia Maxon Award for contributions to the field of Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) in the US.

In 2010, Hands & Voices created The Seaver Vision Award "in recognition of Leeanne's extraordinary commitment to families with children who are Deaf and hard of hearing. Her visionary leadership and keen insight as a parent, co-founder, and first executive director of Hands & Voices helped set the standard for unwavering advocacy, unbiased parent support, effective parent involvement, and parent/professional collaboration."

Seaver is a board member of GPODHH (international), Hands & Voices (national), Bridge Multimedia (New York City), and Global Ties (in Michigan). Professionally, she holds an M.A. from the University of Denver, and worked in broadcasting for 25+ years in Virginia and Colorado before shifting to writing professionally full-time in 2012. Her book commissions have ranged from biography to business. See: www.seavercreative.com