



Cora Shahid and her husband Naseer are proud parents to Christina, Zain, and Ibrahim. Both boys are deaf/hard of hearing; one was identified through the newborn screening process and one was later identified at the age of 13 months. A dedicated parent leader, Cora enjoys helping families recognize the joy in raising their children and walking by their side as they become advocates for them. She has been an ASL Interpreter, a Parent Mentor, and a founding board director of California Hands & Voices. Shahid received the 2014 *Lee Katz Award* from the American Society for Deaf Children, and 2017 *Parent of the Year Award* by the California Educators of the Deaf organization. Cora is the Executive Director for California Hands & Voices, a mentor for the Hands & Voices Leadership-to-Leadership program, and a member of the Fostering Joy core team.