

Your Child has a Hearing Loss



You are not Alone



INDEPENDENTLY MERGING
PARENTS ASSOCIATIONS
OF CALIFORNIA

Together for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children

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Parents

We believe that involved and knowledgeable parents are the key to the success of our children's future.

Regardless of communication modalities, we stand united in advocating for a quality education for all of our children. IMPACT is a statewide non-profit volunteer organization established in 1986 for parents raising children who are deaf or hard of hearing.



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IMPACT Goals

- Insure quality educational programs for our children, regardless of methodology.
- Provide a mechanism whereby parents can impact local, state and national legislative processes.
- Bridge the gap between parents and professionals in serving the deaf or hard-of-hearing child.
- Be supportive of agencies, groups and organizations with similar interests in providing a quality of life for deaf/hard-of-hearing individuals.
- Advocate for parent and student rights.
- Provide parents of deaf/hard-of-hearing children with a vehicle to communicate with each other.
- Provide parent education on an ongoing basis.

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Parent Links is a statewide program that links families of deaf and hard of hearing infants and toddlers (ages 0-3 years) to information, healthcare services, early intervention programs and parent-to-parent support.



Parent Links



The feeling of connection, or links, may be one of life's sweetest moments – when someone understands you, really understands you, because they have "been there".

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Parent Links is a program of the California Coalition of Agencies Serving the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Inc.

Professionals

Deaf and hard of hearing students benefit by receiving services from a variety of special education professionals. California Education Code requires that students with hearing loss receive services from a qualified teacher of the deaf and hard of hearing. These students may also receive services from audiologists, speech and language specialists, educational interpreters, and other service providers in the schools.

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Education

Deaf and hard of hearing students represent a low-incidence population with individual and varied needs. However, all deaf and hard of hearing children share the unique need for language development and communication access. To ensure an appropriate education for these students, the school's deaf and hard of hearing program must provide access to a full continuum of placement, program, service, and communication options.

If you have questions about appropriate services for your child, talk with your child's teacher. You may also contact the California Department of Education, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Unit, at (916) 327-3868.



The Deaf Community can offer you...

unlimited dreams, role models and life experiences.

Community service agencies promote independence, access and equality for Deaf and hard of hearing people. Direct services may include advocacy, communication assistance, information and referral, independent living skills instruction, employment assistance, counseling, and community education.

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Press option 3 for information about the closest deaf community agency

www.deafcoalition.org



Dr. Robert Davila, CEO, National Technical Institute for the Deaf with future...

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- Psychologists, Counselors
- City Council Members, Politicians
- Computer Specialists
- Inventors, Designers
- Accountants
- Teachers, School Superintendents
- And many other careers

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"The Deaf can do anything...except hear"

**Dr. I. King Jordan, President,
Gallaudet University**