"Just in Time" Hearing-Related **Resources for Families**

Brought to you by the National Center for Hearing Assessment and Management

Where do you get information for families when they have a concern about their child's hearing or are in need of resources? Here are essential sources of information that you can provide to meet families' needs – just in time!

First Responders: The Essential Resources



Communicate communicatewithyourchild.org

- Family-friendly information about what to do when their baby fails the hearing test, what to do if they're worried about their child's hearing
- Print materials available: Downloadable brochures and state-specific inserts
- **State-specific Contact Information Available**
- Multiple Languages: Available in English, Spanish, Chinese, Tagalog, Korean, and Vietnamese.



handsandvoices.org

- A nation-wide parent-driven, parent/professional collaborative group
- Provides unbiased information about communication modes and methods
- Print Materials available: Resources for communication, assistive devices, early intervention and special education rights
- State-specific Chapter Information available
- Multiple languages: Some state pages are in Spanish and English

My Baby's Hearing Version en español

babyhearing.org

- Developed by Boys Town National Research Hospital
- Answers questions about infant hearing screening and follow up testing, steps to take after diagnosis of hearing loss, hearing devices, language & speech, and parenting issues
- This site is currently being updated and expanded, so you will find a new look and new content in the near future
- Multiple languages: Available in Spanish and English

More Helpful Resources....



infanthearing.org

- Serves professionals within state Early Hearing Detection and Intervention systems
- Provides important information for families needing to connect with their state EHDI program and other professionals
- <u>Family Support</u> page provides links to family organizations that can help families of children with hearing loss
- Print materials available: "Learning about Hearing Loss: A Roadmap for Families"
- State-specific information: lists state contacts for EHDI programs and other contacts for families

CDC Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

cdc.gov

A Parent's Guide to Hearing Loss

- Features programs and services about understanding hearing loss & how hearing is tested; finding professionals with expertise in serving babies with hearing loss; fitting a baby with a hearing device, and family support groups
- ♦ Lists national organizations and state contacts
- Multiple languages: Available in Spanish and English



hearingloss.org

Financial Assistance: Programs & Foundations

- Information about how to pursue financing for hearing devices via private insurance, Medicaid, Medicare, and charities
- State Specific information: State regulations pertaining to laws covering hearing aids is provided

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listeningandspokenlanguage.org

- Offers information about options and considerations on how to select a communication approach for their child
- Especially useful for families using a listening and spoken language approach
- Provides information and resources to help families learn how to provide access to communication as early as possible



deafchildren.org

- Oldest national organization founded by and governed by parents of deaf and hard of hearing children
- Supports and educates families as well as advocates for high quality programs and services
- First Year Free membership available for families who have deaf or hard of hearing children
- "Deaf Autism America" strives to enhance the quality of life for Deaf and hard of hearing children with autism