

“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



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.



**HANDS &
VOICES™**

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](http://mybabyshearing.org)

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
- ◆ [Family Support](#) 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



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