

National Resources for Children and Teens with Hearing Loss

Family Support

Seattle Children’s Hospital Child Communication Center Social Support Group

<http://www.seattlechildrens.org/clinics-programs/childhood-communication-center/resources/#support>

❖ **Monthly Social Group for Kids and Teens**

- For kids and teens with hearing loss who use spoken English
- Contact Amy Melick at amy.melick@seattlechildrens.org or 206-987-1736

❖ **Deaf and Hard of Hearing Support Group for Middle and High School Students**

- For middle and high school students who are deaf and hard of hearing and use sign language as one of their ways of communicating.
- Contact Julia Petersen at Julia.petersen@seattlechildrens.org or 206-257-7199

❖ **Interactive Sign Language Class**

- For Spanish-speaking parents of deaf and hard of hearing children and teens
- Contact Julia Petersen at Julia.petersen@seattlechildrens.org or 206-257-7199

Family Support Organizations

➤ **Hands and Voices:** <http://www.handsandvoices.org/>

➤ **PAVE: Partnership for Action; Voices for Empowerment:** <https://wapave.org/>

➤ **The Arc of Washington State:** http://www.arcwa.org/parent_to_parent.htm

- “Parents have many questions and concerns in coping with their child’s needs and their own feelings. Personal support from another parent, who has a child with a similar need, can be helpful in coping with these challenging experiences and feelings.”

Online Resources

Online Chat Groups

Hearing Like Me

- <https://www.hearinglikeme.com/forum/>
- “HearingLikeMe.com is an online community for people whose lives are affected by hearing loss. We bring together people from all around the world to share stories that inspire hope in almost any hearing loss situation.”

HLAA

- <http://www.hear4life.org/>
- “A great way to give your opinions, or to just make new friends. This is the place to access current and archived questions and answers about anything to do with hearing loss and assistive technology.”

Listening Training Online

Sound Foundation from Cochlear Corporation:
<https://www.cochlear.com/in/home/support/rehabilitation-resources>

Listening Room from Phonak/Advanced Bionics:

<https://thelisteningroom.com/>

Soundscape from MED-EL:

<http://www.medel.com/us/soundscape/>

Angel Sounds:

<http://angelsound.tigerspeech.com/>

Listening Adventures App from Advanced Bionics



**SOUND FOR LIFE
RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN/TEENS WITH HEARING LOSS AND THEIR FAMILIES**

Camps and Retreats

Marion Down Center

Contact: CONTACT@MARIONDOWNS.ORG or 303-322-1871

CONNECT AND GROW TEEN PROGRAM - Supporting teens with hearing loss through Teen Day, an all-day event focused on preparing high school students who are deaf and hard of hearing for life after high school and Campus Connections, a 3-day conference at the University of Colorado Boulder Campus for college bound teenagers who are deaf and hard of hearing.

MARION'S WAY - The Marion Downs Center Summer Preschool Project is an intensive summer preschool program for children who are deaf or hard of hearing incorporating a language-rich environment and instruction with a focus on developing listening and spoken language skills.

RISE- READ, IMAGINE, SHARE, EXPLORE - Building and supporting community-wide literacy by equipping preschoolers and their families with fundamental tools used in the development of English vocabulary, the ability to read and write and the capacity to think creatively.

FAMILY EDUCATION AND SOCIAL EVENTS - Hearing loss impacts every member of the family. Providing opportunities for families to socialize and network with one another is an important component of our community outreach efforts. At our events, parents often find new resources and networks, children create new friendships, and everyone enjoys being a part of a special community.

AG Bell

Contact: LOFT@agbell.org

LOFT at AG Bell - Leadership Opportunities For Teens (LOFT) is a program dedicated to shaping and transforming the lives of deaf and hard of hearing teens by teaching them valuable skills. Among these skills are self-advocacy, self-confidence, leadership, and communication. They also learn to work closely with other people in a way they may not have been able to do before. Part of what makes AG Bell's LOFT program so important to these teens is the everlasting bond they establish with their peers. The teens come to the program for five days and make friends for life.

UT Dallas

*Contact: Dr. Linda Thibodeau at
thib@utdallas.edu or call 972-898-3463*

Camp CHAT - Camp CHAT is a weekend retreat for teens with hearing loss and their families. Campers will engage in communication activities using the latest digital wireless microphones and technology. Depending on the camp location, campers will also have the opportunity to participate in traditional camp activities such as low ropes course, swimming, fishing, archery and a campfire.

Hearing Technology Information

Phonak

Resources for Teens and Young Adults with Hearing Loss

- <https://www.phonak.com/us/en/support/children-and-parents/planning-guide-for-teens.html>

Oticon

Hearing Aid Support

- <https://www.oticon.com/support>
- peoplefirst@oticonusa.com

MedEl

Support for CI users

- <http://www.medel.com/us/user-support-us/>

Customer Support

- implants.us@medel.com
- 1-919-572-2222

Cochlear Corp

Self Support Guide

- <http://www.cochlear.com/wps/wcm/connect/us/recipients/nucleus-6/nucleus-6-support-and-community/self-support>

Customer Service

- 877.883.3101
- CamClinicServices@cochlear.com

Advanced Bionics

Troubleshooting Guide

- <https://www.advancedbionics.com/us/en/home/support/troubleshooting-guide.html>

Customer Service

- (877) 829-0026
- CustomerService@AdvancedBionics.com

