**DHH Websites Resources**

* **Ear Community** provides a supportive community for individual who were born with Microtia and Atresia, Hemifacial Microsomia, Treacher Collins Syndrome and Goldenhar Syndrome, including varying degress of hearing loss. <http://earcommunity.com/>
* **Let Them Hear Foundation Insurance Advocacy Program** provides assistance to families in appealing an insurance denial, free of charge. The specific services they provide appeal support for are: cochlear implants (single or bilateral), Bone-Anchored Hearing Appliance implantation for children with conductive losses only, atresia repair, and microtia reconstruction. <http://letthemhear.org>
* **Dogs for the Deaf** provides small to medium sized animals which are chosen from adoption shelters to provide services to persons who are deaf. <http://www.dogsforthedeaf.org/>
* **California Telephone Access Program (CTAP)** distributes telecommunications equipment and services to individuals having difficulty using the telephone due to a hearing impairment, visual impairment and/or disabled**.** [http://sfhomeless.wikia.com/wiki/California\_Telephone\_Access\_Program\_(CTAP)](http://sfhomeless.wikia.com/wiki/California_Telephone_Access_Program_%28CTAP%29)
* **Lions Hearing Foundation of Southern California and Hearing Aid Bank** provides support and assistance to low income deaf and hard of hearing persons for the purchase of hearing aids, assists deaf youth in recreational programs and support the Southern California Mobile Health Screening Unit with performs hearing screenings. [www.lionsclubs.org/EN/our-work/health-programs/hearing-programs/index.php](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/our-work/health-programs/hearing-programs/index.php)
* **About Deafness/Hard of Hear** is a large website that addresses numerous issues surrounding deafness. It provides links to Infant Hearing*,* Communication*,* Cochlear Implants*,* Deaf Studies*,* andParentingamong others*.* [www.deafness.about.com](http://www.deafness.about.com)
* **Alexander Graham Bell Association for Deaf and Hard of Hearing** helps families, health care providers and education professionals understand childhood hearing loss and the importance of early diagnosis and intervention. AG Bell currently has chapters in 31 states, each serving as an extension of AG Bell as well as being a local resource for information and support. [www.agbell.org](http://www.agbell.org)
* **American Society for Deaf Children** provides support, encouragement, and information to families raising children who are deaf or hard of hearing. Its website provides highlights of the latest legal developments concerning the ADA (American with Disabilities Act), educational issues, etc. [www.deafchildren.org](http://www.deafchildren.org)
* **ASL Access** provides ASL (American Sign Language) video resources for public libraries. It also provides video reviews and names of places to purchase ASL videos. [www.aslaccess.org](http://www.aslaccess.org)
* **ASL University** will take you through free lessons in American Sign Language. Just click on ***Course ASL1***, choose a lesson**,** and then scroll all the way down until you see ***Vocabulary,*** choose any ***highlighted word*** and click on it. This will take you to a video of a person signing the word you clicked on. [www.lifeprint.com](http://www.lifeprint.com)
* **Beginnings** is a non-profit organization dedicated to meeting the needs of families with children who are deaf or hard or hearing. The website hosts a broad range of services and resources. [www.beginningssvcs.com](http://www.beginningssvcs.com)
* **California Department of Education** provides technical assistance and monitoring of local educational agency (LEA) operated programs serving deaf and hard of hearing pupils. <http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/ss/dh>
* **Clerc’s Children** provides an innovative early intervention service targeting deaf and hard of hearing infants and toddlers, ages 0-5 and their parents. It is a web-based dual language curriculum filled with auditory and visual stimulation which plays an important role in developing age appropriate reading, writing and communication skills. [www.clercschildren.com](http://www.clercschildren.com)
* **Hand and Voices** is a parent driven, non-profit organization dedicated to providing unbiased support to families with children who are deaf and hard of hearing. They provide support, activities and information concerning deaf and hard of hearing issues to parents and professionals that may include outreach events, educational seminars, advocacy, lobbying efforts, parent to parent networking and a newsletter. www.handsandvoices.org
* **Hear My Dreams** provides parent support, helpful hints, news and parent testimonials. [www.hearmydreams.com](http://www.hearmydreams.com)
* **John Tracy Clinic** provides parent-centered education programs for newborns, toddlers and preschool children who are deaf and hard of hearing and reside in the Southern California area. All services are free of charge and include: comprehensive pediatric audiological testing; speech and language training; parent classes and support groups and counseling and evaluation that emphasizes early diagnosis and intervention. Children served in this program range from birth to five years of age. [www.johntracyclinic.org](http://www.johntracyclinic.org)
* **The Listen-Up Web** is a very large website dedicated to gathering information and developing products geared to the special needs of deaf/hard of hearing children and their families. [www.listen-up.org](http://www.listen-up.org)
* **My Baby’s Hearing** is a website developed by Boys Town National Research Hospital with support from National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders. It provides parents with information regarding hearing screenings and walks them through the process if their child has a diagnosed hearing loss. [www.babyhearing.org](http://www.babyhearing.org)
* **National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders** is an excellent website with valuable information for parents. They include and unbiased look at communication options for children who are deaf or hard of hearing. [www.nidcd.nih.gov](http://www.nidcd.nih.gov)
* **The Hearing Exchange** is an online community for the exchange of ideas and information on hearing loss and related issues. [www.hearingexchange.com/blogs](http://www.hearingexchange.com/blogs)
* **Raising Deaf Kids** provides information ranging on how to read an audiogram to how to obtain services and choose modes of communication. [www.raisingdeafkids.org](http://www.raisingdeafkids.org)
* **SEE (Signing Exact English) Center for the Advancement of Deaf Children** was established in 1984 as a non-profit organization to work with parents and educators of hearing impaired children. [www.seecenter.org](http://www.seecenter.org)
* **Parent Links** provides parent to parent support in both English and Spanish to families of children with hearing loss. [www.myparentlinks.com](http://www.myparentlinks.com)
* **Cochlear Americas** provides information on the latest technology for individuals with hearing loss. Information regarding Cochlear Implants assistive hearing devices. Families can also join *Cochlear Community* where one can be connected to someone in their community and share similar stories and learn from personal experiences. [www.cochlearamericas.com](http://www.cochlearamericas.com)
* **Hear Now** is a national non-profit program committed to assisting deaf and hard of hearing persons with limited financial resources who permanently reside within the United States. <http://www.sotheworldmayhear.org/hearnow/>
* **The Foundation for Sight and Sound** through it’s **Help America Hear Program** provides hearing aids for men, women and children with limited financial resources. <http://www.foundationfor>sightandsound.org/help\_america\_hear\_program1.php
* **International Hearing Dogs, INC** has trained more than 1,000 hearing dogs for persons within the United States, who are deaf or hard of hearing. All of the dogs selected for this special training come from local shelters. This organization also trains dogs to assist individuals who are deaf-blind by training dogs to guide their owners slowly to the source of the sound. [www.ihdi.org](http://www.ihdi.org)
* **Early Start Program California Department of Developmental Services (DDS)** Infants and toddlers from birth to 36 months may be eligible for early intervention services if it is determined that they have a hearing loss. Evaluation services are available to all children who are eligible and anyone may make a referral. A parent may contact a local regional center or school district for evaluation and early intervention services and a service coordinator will be assigned to the family to develop an Individualized Family Service Plan which will include a team of support staff. Local education agencies are primarily responsible for provision of services and all services are at no charge to the families. [www.dds.ca.gov/earlystart](http://www.dds.ca.gov/earlystart)
* **Beginnings for Parents of Children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing** provides emotional support and access to information for families with children ages birth through 21 who are deaf or hard of hearing. In addition to providing information to parents of children who are deaf, Beginnings gives technical assistance to the professionals who work with these children. [www.ncbegin.org](http://www.ncbegin.org)
* **Innovations Working with Infants Who Have Multiple Disabilities** is for early intervention service providers, however, numerous resources are provided which would benefit the parents of a child with a hearing loss. [www.csun.edu/~hfedu009/innovations](http://www.csun.edu/~hfedu009/innovations)
* **Assistance Dog Special Allowance Program/California Department of Social Services** provides a monthly payment to eligible persons who use a guide, signal or service dog to help them with needs related to their physical disabilities (blind, deaf, hard of hearing or disabled). The allowance is to help pay the cost of food, grooming and health care for the dog. Check out website for eligibility. [www.dss.cahwnet.gov/CDSSWEB/PG82.htm](http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/CDSSWEB/PG82.htm)
* **Disabled Children’s Relief Fund** This charitable organization grants applications that may be used for modest awards for assistive devices such as hearing aids. Applications are available between April and September. [www.dcrf.com](http://www.dcrf.com)
* **Medi-Cal** if you currently are a recipient of Medi-Cal benefits, you may obtain hearing aids, cochlear implants through the program. [www.medi-cal.ca.gov](http://www.medi-cal.ca.gov)
* **Miracle-Ear Children’s Foundation** provides free hearing aids and services to children from low-income families. [www.miracleear.com/childrenrequest.aspx](http://www.miracleear.com/childrenrequest.aspx)
* **TPA Scholarship For The Deaf and Near Deaf (The Travelers Protective Association of America)** provides financial assistance to individuals of all ages who suffer deafness or hearing impairment. NOTE: Completed application must be returned by March 1st of each year. TPA Trustees review all applications on file in April, notifies recipients in May, and checks are mailed after August 1st. Recipients may receive additional aid and must complete a new application each time they seek additional help. [www.tpahq.org/scholarshiptrust.html](http://www.tpahq.org/scholarshiptrust.html)
* **Gift of Hearing Foundation** provides support to a select number of economically disadvantaged cochlear implant candidates. [www.giftofhearingfoundation.org](http://www.giftofhearingfoundation.org)
* **Hearing for Children** is a charitable organization dedicated to making cochlear implants available worldwide to as many needy and deserving deaf children and adults as possible. [www.h4c.org](http://www.h4c.org)