

## International Resources

### **Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing**

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The Alexander Graham Bell Association for the 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. Through advocacy, education, research and financial aid, AG Bell helps to ensure that every child and adult with hearing loss has the opportunity to listen, talk and thrive in mainstream society. Its' mission is advancing listening and spoken language for individuals who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing.

### **American Society for Deaf Children (ASDC)**

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Washington, DC 20002-3695  
Phone: 1.800.942.2732  
Fax: 410.795.0865

<http://deafchildren.org/>

The American Society for Deaf Children (ASDC) is committed to empowering diverse families with Deaf children and youth by embracing full access to language-rich environments through mentoring, advocacy, resources, and collaborative networks.

## **American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA)**

ASHA National Office  
2200 Research Boulevard  
Rockville, MD 20850-3289  
Phone: 301.296.5700  
<http://www.asha.org/>

The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) is committed to ensuring that all people with speech, language, and hearing disorders receive services to help them communicate effectively. ASHA is the national professional, scientific, and credentialing association for audiologists and speech-language pathologists.

## **Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA)**

7910 Woodmont Avenue, Suite 1200  
Bethesda, MD 20814  
Phone: 301.657.2248  
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<http://www.hearingloss.org/>

The Hearing Loss Association of American (HLAA) provides assistance and resources for people with hearing loss and their families to learn how to adjust to living with hearing loss. HLAA is working to eradicate the stigma associated with hearing loss and raise public awareness about the need for prevention, treatment, and regular hearing screenings throughout life. HLAA also provides timely and reliable information about hearing loss through its website, Hearing Loss Magazine.

## **International Committee of Sports for the Deaf (ICSD)**

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<http://www.deaflympics.com>

## **International Federation of Hard of Hearing People (IFHOH)**

<http://www.ifhoh.org>

Members include the Canadian Hard of Hearing Association.

## **International Federation of Hard of Hearing Young People (IFHOHYP)**

<http://www.ifhohyp.org/>

IFHOHYP works on advocacy, awareness-raising, and educational levels providing personal and professional development opportunities for members. They strive for empowerment of Hard of Hearing young people, and for visibility and representation of youth with disabilities in European and international youth and disability rights work. They raise disability awareness on national and international levels through activities run by, with and for Hard of Hearing young people aged 18 to 35.

## **John Tracy Clinic (JTC)**

806 West Adams Blvd.  
Los Angeles, CA 90007-2505  
Phone: 213.748.5481  
<http://www.jtc.org/>

The John Tracy Clinic (JTC) is a leading diagnostic and education centre for young children with hearing loss. JTC provides worldwide, parent-centred services to young children (ages 0-5) with hearing loss, offering families hope, guidance and encouragement.

JTC also has correspondence/distance learning courses and on-site programs described below. Many Alberta families have travelled to California for the on-site summer sessions. Contact [info@albertahandsandvoices.com](mailto:info@albertahandsandvoices.com) if you would like members to discuss their experiences.

## **Correspondence/Distance Learning Courses (free):**

### *Mini Course:*

Designed for use by families in the first few years after identification of their child's hearing loss. This course summarizes initial information, provides considerations for

decision-making and gives suggestions on support. It has separate sections about hearing loss, communication and parent roles. Extended learning ideas help parents recognize what they know, consider how they feel and identify steps they wish to take.

*Baby Course:*

Geared toward infants and toddlers (i.e., birth to two years), this course discusses early hearing loss, infant-toddler development, parent-child communication and learning through play. Suggestions are given for emphasizing communication through natural routines. Parents can choose specific ideas to encourage early language and auditory learning.

*Preschool Course:*

Developed with preschoolers in mind (i.e., ages two to five), this course provides parents with tools to foster language growth and facilitate family interactions. Modules discuss communication, thinking and social development. Suggestions are given for activities to encourage language, listening and speech. Parents choose ideas that fit their child's developmental level and their family's current concerns.

## **On-Site Programs:**

Summer sessions run usually June/July for three weeks in Los Angeles, CA. The child with hearing loss must meet an age criterion. The family must use or want to begin implementing a spoken language approach. All sessions are conducted in English and parents should be able to participate using English. Includes a preschool for Deaf and Hard of Hearing children, a sibling program, daily parent classes, and twice weekly support groups. Find video clips with parents who participated in program at:

<http://www.jtc.org/parents/summer-session-info>

## **National Cued Speech Association (NSCA)**

1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW

Suite 190-713

Washington, DC 20007

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<http://www.cuedspeech.org/>

The National Cued Speech Association (NSCA) champions effective communication, language development and literacy through the use of Cued Speech. The NCSA is primarily an advocacy organization, and focuses on outreach, family and educator support, as well as community-based education in the form of Cue Camps and

sponsored workshops. The NCSA also provides instructor certification for teaching Cued Speech classes.

## **National Association of the Deaf (NAD)**

8630 Fenton Street, Suite 820  
Silver Spring, MD 20910  
<http://nad.org/>

The National Association of the Deaf (NAD) is the nation's premier civil rights organization of, by, and for Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals in the United States of America. The advocacy scope of the NAD is broad, covering a lifetime and impacting future generations in the areas of early intervention, education, employment, health care, technology, telecommunications, youth leadership, and more – improving the lives of millions of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Americans. The NAD also carries out its' federal advocacy work through coalition efforts with specialized national Deaf and Hard of Hearing organizations, as well as coalitions representing national cross-disability organizations.

## **Pan American Organization of Sports of the Deaf**

<http://panamdes.com/>

## **Supporting Success for Children with Hearing Loss**

<http://successforkidswithhearingloss.com/>

This is a well-developed site for professionals and family members seeking more information about the learning and social issues of children with hearing loss and what you can do to better support the future success of these children. Many resources are available at no cost, designed to be easy to understand quickly, and practical to use.

## **World Federation of the Deaf**

<http://wfdeaf.org/>