

Useful Websites and Organisations for Parents of Young Deaf Children*

Below are a range of websites and organisations which have a variety of useful resources and information to support your deaf child's language and development.

The [National Deaf Children's Society](#) (NDCS) website has a wealth of resources and advice for deaf children and their families. They also have their own dedicated YouTube channel which has useful information and advice on a range of topics, including technology.

[Action Deaf Youth](#) is based in Belfast and has programmes for play in the early years as well as advice and activities for older deaf young people.

The [Cochlear Implanted Children's Support Group](#) is a voluntary group set up by parents of children who have had cochlear implants. Their purpose is to support other parents who are considering cochlear implantation for their child as well as parents of children who already have cochlear implants.

[Auditory Verbal UK](#) is an organisation that provides a specialist early intervention programme to support a deaf child's development of speech and language.

[Success from the start](#) is the new and revised version of the Early Support Monitoring Protocol for deaf babies and children. It is an invaluable resource for families of deaf children from birth to three years old and will support you in monitoring your child's progress.

[Information about Deafness and Hearing Loss](#) is a comprehensive document produced as part of the Early Support resource developed by the National Deaf Children's Society. The resource is for parents or carers of deaf children/young people and explains in detail what deafness is and the implications as well as advice as your child develops.

Developing your child's communication and language

The Elizabeth Foundation's '[Let's Listen and Talk](#)' website provides a range of online home lesson plans designed to support the development of the child's listening and communication skills.

The [University of Sheffield](#) in collaboration with the National Deaf Children's Society, have produced a series of short videos on how to support communication with deaf babies and toddlers (0-3).

The [Let's Listen and Talk programme](#) is for families who want to help their baby, toddler or pre-school child with hearing loss develop listening, spoken language and communication skills.

[Tiny Happy People](#) provides ideas about [Easy ways to boost language in the early years](#) and advice for [Children's Language Development](#)

[Advanced Bionics](#) has lots of ideas and resources, for example, how to check your child is listening well enough with his or her cochlear implant and understanding hearing loss.

[The Listening Room](#) provides free activities and resources to support the development of speech, language and communication skills.

The [Cochlear Sound Foundation for Babies and Toddlers](#) website provides guidance in developing children's spoken language through listening. It is a site for cochlear implant users but the activities are just as useful for children who wear hearing aids.

[Medel](#) have a range of ideas of how to support your child's development of listening skills and language. The resource can be used with both cochlear implant and hearing aid users.

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