

# Deafness/Hearing Loss

## FACTS:

- **Hearing loss is often genetic. It may also be caused by the mother having an infection during pregnancy or the child having an illness with a very high fever. Frequent ear infections can also result in hearing loss.**
- **There is a range of hearing loss from mild hearing loss to total deafness.**
- **Most children with hearing loss have normal intelligence and can learn many things.**
- **Their learning of language will be delayed because they can't hear people talking.**
- **Children with hearing loss live normal, healthy lives. Deaf adults do many different jobs.**



**I use my other senses to explore my world!**



**Children with hearing loss are intelligent kids and can learn many things.**



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## TREATMENT:

- Most hearing loss cannot be improved or “cured” directly.
- Children with hearing loss can sometimes benefit from hearing aids or a surgical treatment called cochlear implants.
- Children who are deaf may communicate using sign language.
- Children with hearing loss learn using their other senses, especially their vision. Use pictures and gestures to help the child understand and communicate. Show them what you want them to do and allow them to watch other children.
- Get the child’s attention before speaking to him or her. Speak slowly and clearly. There is no need to shout.



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**Deaf children benefit from early adoption.**