Learning

Read this section to find out how you can help your child learn.

You are your child's first and most important teacher. Going to school is a big part of learning. But your child learns a lot outside of school, too. You can help your child learn to read and write. You can help him with science and math, too.

"I hadn't actually thought about how hard it would be to learn to read. And then I read all this stuff about how incredibly difficult it is for deaf children to realize their intellectual potential..."

Children who are deaf or hard of hearing may need extra help in learning to read and write. Here are some of the reasons why:

- Hearing children often learn to read by sounding out words or by having someone read to them. But this is harder when a child can't hear.
- Children learn through constant communication with family, teachers, and other children. Problems with communication can limit what a child learns.
- Some parents and teachers don't know how to teach a child with hearing loss.
- Some parents and teacher don't expect enough from children who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Read these sections to learn more about how to help your child:

**Communicating**  
([http://www.raisingdeafkids.org/communicating/](http://www.raisingdeafkids.org/communicating/))

Read this section to learn about the different ways of communicating. We also give you tips for communicating with your child better.

**School Choices**  

These pages will help you choose a school and get help in the school you choose.

**Help in School**  

Learn what help your child can get in school.
After High School
(http://www.raisingdeafkids.org/learning/transition/)
Read these pages to learn about what choices your child has after high school.

Your Child's School Rights
(http://www.raisingdeafkids.org/learning/rights/)
Read these pages to learn about the laws that were set up to make sure your child is treated right.

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