

Getting Started...



Has your baby just been diagnosed with a bilateral, sensori-neural hearing loss?

Would you like to share this with a parent who has been in a similar situation?

Get connected now by contacting Deaf Children Australia or speak to your VIHSP Coordinator for a referral to the Beacon Program.

Who do I contact to ask for this service ?

Contact the Deaf Children Australia Helpline on 1800 645 916 or email info@deafchildren.org.au who will then refer your request to the most appropriate staff member.

For the visually impaired this brochure is available in large print format. Please contact the Helpline to request a copy.



For over 140 years, Deaf Children Australia has been enriching the lives of deaf and hard of hearing children and adults.

We provide information, advocacy, support services and educational resources.

As a not-for-profit organisation, our service is made possible with the support of volunteers, the community, business and government grants.

Deaf Children Australia's Services conform to the Disability Act 2006 (Vic), Information Privacy Act 2000 (Vic), the Privacy Act 1988 (Commonwealth) and the Freedom of Information Act 1982 (Commonwealth)

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Beacon Program



Share your journey
with
a parent who
has travelled
a
similar path



*A life
to be
lived*

Get Connected...

If your baby has just been diagnosed with a hearing loss the chances are you have a million questions running through your head.



For many families this isn't what you expected for your child. 90% of deaf and hard of hearing children are born to hearing families who have little or no experience of deafness. We understand that you may need information and support.

Early Intervention

Within Victoria there are a number of Early Intervention Programs. All offer services which only you and your family can assess as to how they will fit with your family's needs. We provide unbiased information about early intervention and we can support you in accessing these programs.



- Will my child get married?
- How will my child make friends?
- What school will my child go to?
- Will my child be able to drive?
- Will my child have their own children?

Connecting and talking to other parents who have asked themselves similar questions can be reassuring.



Parent to Parent Mentoring

Deaf Children Australia has trained a number of parent mentors who have a child with a hearing loss to be one of your supports. The mentors have been in a similar situation to you, and asked themselves similar questions and many more.

We can offer you a number of visits with one of our mentors to help you through the initial phase after diagnosis.



A service provided for families of deaf and hard of hearing children and young people by Deaf Children Australia