

Parent to Parent



“I cannot put into words how much it helped me to have another parent to talk to, someone who I knew had been where I was, and had gone through what I had yet to. She listened and she cared, and she understood how I felt. She shared some of her experiences and she encouraged me to find my own answers. Her support was just what I needed.”



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If you would like to speak to a Support Parent please call:

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Or fill out this form and give it to your Hearing Health Professional to refer:

I would like a Support Parent to contact me

I am interested in becoming a Support Parent

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Contact number(s):

Best times/day to call

After the diagnosis of a hearing loss in their child, many parents find it useful to talk with other parents who also have a child with a hearing loss. The Parent to Parent Program is a free service which connects families in the early days of diagnosis, with trained, paid Support Parents who are a bit further down the track and are available to share practical information, experiences, insights and/or emotional support.

Who are Support Parents?

Support Parents have older children who are deaf or hard of hearing and are keen to support families with newly diagnosed children. They have all personally experienced the joys, dilemmas, rewards and challenges of parenting a child with a hearing loss. They are available to share practical information, experiences, insights and emotional support.

What would we talk about?

Some parents have specific questions, some want to talk about challenges they may be facing, others find it useful to just talk and process things. It is up to you...



Who is the program for?

Any family in Queensland who has a child with a permanent hearing loss from birth to completion of grade one.

How does it work?

A Support Parent will contact you via email or phone to arrange a time to talk or meet up. You just need to tell a Hearing Health Professional, who can refer you, or contact the Parent to Parent Program directly. The coordinator will call you first to get some information for matching.

I give my permission to collect and store my contact details supplied above and I understand that Deaf Children Australia will use these details to provide information of interest to me. Deaf Children Australia's services conform to the Disability Act Qld, Information Privacy Act Vic (2000), Privacy Act 1988 (Commonwealth) and Freedom of Information Act 1982 (Commonwealth).