Parents

You and your family are starting on what may be an unexpected, but exciting, journey with your deaf or hard of hearing child!

We believe that families who are involved and knowledgeable are the keys to a successful future for our deaf and hard of hearing children.

Parent Links is here to help you.

Parent Links Vision

Through the Mentor relationship we will support and inform families so that all children in California have the earliest possible access to language development and communication. These children given the right start will grow to become productive independent members of society.

Parent Links Mission

To empower parents of Deaf and Hard of Hearing infants and toddlers by providing them with comprehensive information and awareness through mentoring, networking, and resources, and by honoring the family's relationship with their child**.**

We Understand – When parents find out their precious child has a hearing loss, they may experience many emotions…

- "We didn't know what to do"…Redding parent
- "What if I don't make the right decisions?"…Fremont parent
- "We were relieved to finally know"…La Mesa parent
- "Our child was the first deaf person we ever met"…Van Nuys parent
- "Why does everyone think they know what's best for our child?"…Fresno parent

Parent Links provides information on:

- Parent-to-parent support
- *Getting started*
- Understanding the Education System
- Awareness of parents/child rights
- Deaf community
- Agencies and organizations
- Workshops, conferences
- Parent organizations like IMPACT and ASDC
- Deaf studies and research
- Individualized Family Service Plans

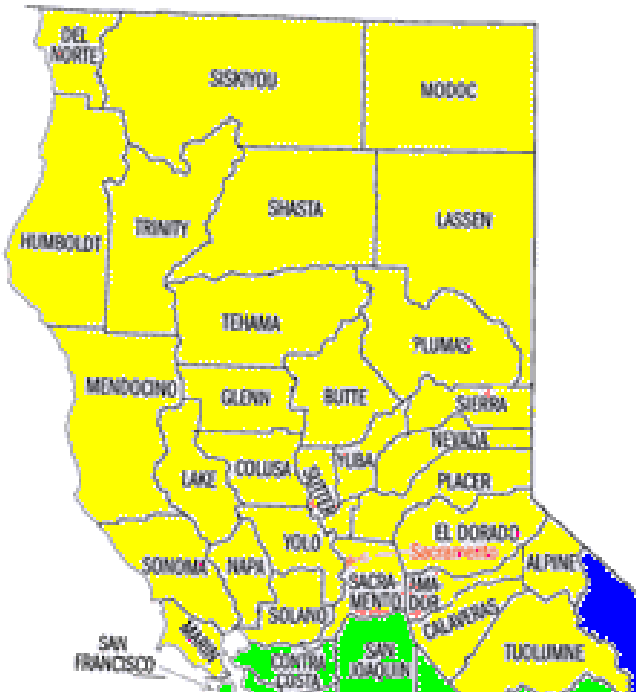
A representative in your area:

Kat Lowrance

Rowell Family Empowerment of Northern California

1-877-227-3471

Rowell Family Empowerment of Northern California, Inc.



Parent Links Area Map

Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children can have

Mild hearing levels
Moderate hearing levels
Severe to profound hearing levels
Unilateral hearing losses
Atresia
Microtia
Auditory Neuropathy

We support all families.

www.EmpowerYourFamily.org

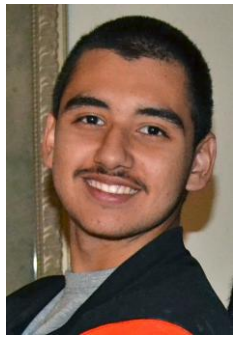
In Northern California

- We offer support for families via phone, email and face to face.
- We believe families should take advantage of all opportunities that encourage language development with their children.
- We provide a variety of resources and events including; playgroups for ages 1-5 and Family Fun Day events.
- We work with parents, teachers, administrators, and resource personnel in serving the deaf or hard of hearing.
- We support parents who have children with a variety of special needs in addition to being deaf or hard of hearing.
- We provide trainings on Individual Family Service Plans and Individual Education Programs.
- We empower parents to become advocates for their children.
- We connect parents with state and national organizations providing parents of deaf and hard of hearing children in California with a forum to communicate with each other.

Parent Links program sponsor
California Department of Education
1430 N Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Your Parent Mentors

Cindy Sandoval



Jordan, age 17

Mother of 2 boys, her oldest son, Jordan, is deaf. Cindy likes to assist and provide support to families of children who are deaf and hard of hearing.

Dylan, age 27

Kat Lowrance

…Mother of 3 grown children. Her youngest son, Dylan is deaf. Kat loves talking with new parents and is a strong advocate for all children with diverse abilities.

Parent Links

(Hope, Dream, Achieve!)

Addisyn, age 5 mos.

We Understand

The feeling of connection, may be one of life's sweetest moments – when someone understands you, really understands you, because they have "*been there*".

www.myparentlinks.com