



# DeafHearie

Services for Deaf & Hard of Hearing People



## DeafHear Family Support Services for Parents of Deaf & Hard of Hearing Children

The Family Support Service is designed to provide you with the knowledge and skill to face life's challenges and to support you in ensuring your child develops to their full potential.

DeafHear's Family Support Service has a national team of people who are highly trained and have experience of working with families who have children with a hearing loss.

Non-judgemental

Expertise

Family Friendly

Support

Encouragement

"The staff at DeafHear are so friendly and welcoming... Thanking you for your support with my deaf children."



### Parents Corner



'My daughter attended the summer camp and really enjoyed it.'

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## Family Support Service

The service engages with you through your journey from diagnosis and through the various ages and stages of development. Parents share with other parents some of the added challenges they experience when raising a child with a hearing loss.

## We provide:

- **Individualised** support to assist you in enabling your child to achieve their social and emotional goals.
- **Information** to empower you to make informed decisions on behalf of your child.
- Occasions for you to meet other families raising children with a hearing loss at our 'Newly Diagnosed Weekends'; which are run twice a year. Also, through a variety of regional events e.g. recreational activities and summer camps.
- **Parent support groups** (coffee mornings, parent and toddler groups) where you can connect and share with other parents who are travelling a similar path. These are held regionally.
- **Skills development** and information workshops to equip you with the necessary knowledge and confidence to support your child.
- **Opportunities** to meet adults with Hearing Aids, Cochlear Implants and Bone Anchored Hearing Aids. Additionally, adults whose preferred method of communication is Irish Sign Language. They will share their experiences and answer any questions you may have.
- **Advocacy** and support for parents when liaising with other professionals and services.
- **Professional networking** between our Family Support Service and other professionals working with your family.



Visit Parents Corner for your local resource centre.  
[www.deafhear.ie](http://www.deafhear.ie)

'It was great to hear other people were having the same problems and you weren't alone'



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