

# TRIPOD

A Support Service  
for  
Hearing Impaired Individuals and  
Their Families

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## **Why was TRIPOD formed?**

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## **How does TRIPOD work?**

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## What are TRIPOD'S goals?

TRIPOD will establish a national toll free HOTLINE during spring, 1983. Hot line staff will provide information on deafness and refer parents to resources in their local communities. TRIPOD will also attempt to assist interested educators and other professionals in making referrals to appropriate local resources. Until the toll-free number is established this spring, staff members will be happy to respond to calls at the Los Angeles telephone numbers listed in this brochure.

TRIPOD will publish a MAGAZINE for parents of hearing impaired individuals six times a year. The magazine will include articles, information on resources, and activities for parents and children.

TRIPOD will establish a LABORATORY SCHOOL for hearing impaired children in the Los Angeles area. The first laboratory school program will serve preschool hearing impaired children beginning the fall of 1983. This laboratory school will be an important element in parent education aimed at promoting early language acquisition and effective communication skills in hearing impaired children. The laboratory school will utilize "state of the art" educational technologies and methodologies which parents can transfer to the home learning environment.

TRIPOD will conduct WORKSHOPS on all aspects of hearing impairments. These workshops will involve contributions from members of the hearing impaired community. TRIPOD will video-tape the workshops for distribution across the United States and abroad.

TRIPOD has many other short and long term goals, all focused on enhancing the lives of families with hearing impaired members.

## How is TRIPOD supported?

TRIPOD is a nonprofit, charitable organization supported through tax-deductible contributions from individuals and organizations. Your participation is welcomed.

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