

TRIPOD

A Support Service
for
Hearing Impaired Individuals and
Their Families

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Why was TRIPOD formed?

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TRIPOD will establish a toll-free HOTLINE during the summer months. Hot line staff will provide information on deafness and refer parents to resources in their local community. Staff will also attempt to assist parents with referrals to appropriate resources. Until the toll-free number is established this spring, staff members will continue to respond to calls at the existing telephone numbers listed below.

TRIPOD will publish a newsletter for parents of hearing impaired children six times a year. The newsletter will include articles, information, and activities for parents.

TRIPOD will establish a LABORATORY SCHOOL for hearing impaired children in the Los Angeles area. This laboratory school program will provide hearing impaired children with a laboratory-based educational program starting in the fall of 1983. This laboratory school will be an important element in the implementation aimed at promoting language acquisition and effective learning skills in hearing impaired children. The laboratory school will utilize "laboratory" educational technologies which provide a laboratory-based home learning environment.

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